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Communal
Project description

Communal was inspired by the giant spider web that blanketed Lake Tawakoni State Park in late Summer 2007. This web baffled researchers not only because of its enormous size, but also because many non-social spiders were exhibiting unusual behavior in building a communal web. These webs were supported by huge swarms of midges that flew out of the lakes and into the webs.

The astonishing number of midges was a phenomenon in and of itself; swarms would ascend from the lake like fog and envelop an observer. In *Communal*, I have attempted to visualize the movement of these midges, as well as other animals that behave as 'superorganisms'. By tracing the movement of these organisms, patterns and behavioral tendencies can be observed, revealing the mysterious organization of these large communities.