

CHECKLIST OF SPIDERS (ARACHNIDA: ARANEAE) OF MADHYA PRADESH AND CHHATTISGARH

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Abstract

A checklist of 186 species of spiders in 69 genera under 24 families distributed in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh has been given along with a complete bibliography.

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Araneae, checklist, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, spider

Introduction

Spiders are one of the most familiar and fascinating creatures. They are ubiquitous and diverse predators in terrestrial ecosystems and are found in diverse habitats. The erstwhile Central Indian State of Madhya Pradesh is now divided into two states, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Many species of spiders are known from these states but there is not a complete record of all species reported from this region. The checklist provided in Table 1 attempts to give a precise account of spiders known from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. This list is based on published records and identified specimens in the National Zoological Collection, Zoological Survey of India.

A review of the literature available on Indian spiders reveals that the earliest contributions were by Stoliczka (1869), Karsch (1873), Simon (1887), Thorell (1895), Pocock (1900), and in the twentieth century by Sherriffs (1919), Gravely (1921), Narayan (1925), Reimoser (1934) and Dyal (1935). The spiders of many families were practically unknown from Madhya Pradesh before Tikader (1980, 1982) and Tikader and Malhotra (1980) who described some species of the families Thomisidae, Philodromidae, Lycosidae, Araneidae and Gnaphosidae from Madhya Pradesh in 'Fauna of India, Araneae' volumes 1 and 2. Tikader and Gajbe (1976) described a few species of family Gnaphosidae from Madhya Pradesh. The spiders of Madhya Pradesh were studied in detail by Gajbe (1987-1999), who

described many new species from this region. Gajbe (1992a) described the family Mimetidae, and Platnick (1991) and Platnick and Gajbe (1994) recorded species of the family Cithaeronidae for the first time from Madhya Pradesh. Gajbe (1995a) recorded 13 species from Indravati Tiger Reserve, Chhattisgarh. Rane and Singh (1977) recorded five species and Gajbe (1995b) 14 species from Kanha Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh. In recent times, Gajbe and Gajbe (1999, 2000) have described 32 new species, Bhandari and Gajbe (2001) 10 new species, and Gajbe (2003) one new species of spider from Jabalpur District, Madhya Pradesh. Gajbe (1999) also recorded many lynx spiders of the genera *Oxyopes* and *Peucetia* (Family Oxyopidae) from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Gajbe (2001, 2003a,b) has recorded 102 species from Jabalpur District in Madhya Pradesh and further identified 25 new species from Madhya Pradesh, provisionally placed under the genera *Scytodes*, *Triaeris*, *Pholcus*, *Thomisus*, *Philodromus*, *Misumenoides*, *Runcinia*, *Tegenaria*, *Heteropoda*, *Phidippus*, *Rhene*, *Eucta*, *Tetragnatha*, and *Dolomedes*, which will be described in detail, separately. On the basis of these species and some other species identified from Seoni District in Madhya Pradesh, the families Oonopidae, Tetragnathidae, Heteropodidae, Pisauridae, Pholcidae and Dictynidae are also being reported from Madhya Pradesh.

In the checklist (Table 1), the species known only from Madhya Pradesh are unmarked; species known from both Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are marked with a single asterisk (*), while species known only from Chhattisgarh are marked with two asterisks (**). Of the reported 186 species in 69 genera under 24 families, a total of 170 species in 67 genera under 23 families are known from Madhya Pradesh, while 49 species in 27 genera under 10 families are known from Chhattisgarh. Totally, 34 species are distributed in both the states.

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Table 1. Checklist of spiders of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

Scientific name	Scientific name	Scientific name
Order Araneae	<i>Cyrtophora citricola</i> (Forskål, 1775)	<i>Oxyopes ketani</i> Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999
Suborder Labidognatha	<i>Cyrtophora jabalpurensis</i> Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999	<i>Oxyopes kusumae</i> Gajbe, 1999
Filistatidae	<i>Herennia ornatissima</i> (Doleschall, 1859)**	<i>Oxyopes naliniae</i> Gajbe, 1999*
<i>Filistata nicobarensis</i> (Tikader, 1977)**	<i>Larinia bhadatae</i> Bhandari & Gajbe, 2001	<i>Oxyopes pankaji</i> Gajbe & Gajbe, 2000
<i>Filistata poonaensis</i> (Tikader, 1963)*	<i>Larinia chloris</i> (Audouin, 1826)	<i>Oxyopes rukminiae</i> Gajbe, 1999**
Scytodidae	<i>Leucauge celebesiana</i> (Walckenaer, 1842)	<i>Peucetia ashae</i> Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999
<i>Scytodes kinsukus</i> Patel, 1975	<i>Leucauge decorata</i> (Blackwall, 1864)	<i>Peucetia choprai</i> Tikader, 1965
<i>Scytodes propinqua</i> Stoliczka, 1869	<i>Neoscona bengalensis</i> Tikader & Bal, 1981	<i>Peucetia jabalpurensis</i> Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999
<i>Scytodes thoracica</i> (Latreille, 1802)	<i>Neoscona biswasi</i> Bhandari & Gajbe, 2001	<i>Peucetia pawani</i> Gajbe, 1999**
Pholcidae	<i>Neoscona elliptica</i> Tikader & Bal, 1981	<i>Peucetia rajani</i> Gajbe, 1999*
<i>Artema atlenta</i> Walckenaer, 1837	<i>Neoscona laglaizei</i> (Simon, 1877)	<i>Peucetia viveki</i> Gajbe, 1999
<i>Pholcus</i> sp.	<i>Neoscona molemensis</i> Tikader & Bal, 1981**	<i>Peucetia yogeshi</i> Gajbe, 1999**
Oonopidae	<i>Neoscona mukerjei</i> Tikader, 1980*	Agelenidae
<i>Triarhis</i> sp.	<i>Neoscona nautica</i> (L. Koch, 1875)	<i>Tegenaria</i> sp.
Mimetidae	<i>Neoscona odites</i> (Simon, 1906)	Dictynidae
<i>Mimetus tikaderi</i> Gajbe, 1992**	<i>Neoscona pavidata</i> (Simon, 1906)	<i>Dictyna shiprai</i> Tikader, 1966
Eresidae	<i>Neoscona platnicki</i> Gajbe & Gajbe, 2000	Clubionidae
<i>Stegodyphus pacificus</i> Pocock, 1900	<i>Neoscona poonaensis</i> Tikader & Bal, 1981	<i>Castianeira adhartali</i> Gajbe, 2003
<i>Stegodyphus sarasinorum</i> Karsch, 1891*	<i>Neoscona rumpfi</i> (Thorell, 1878)	<i>Cheiracanthium trivialis</i> (Thorell, 1895)
<i>Stegodyphus socialis</i> Pocock, 1900	<i>Neoscona sinhadagensis</i> (Tikader, 1975)*	Cithaeronidae
Oecobiidae	<i>Neoscona theis</i> (Walckenaer, 1842)*	<i>Cithaeron indicus</i> Platnick & Gajbe, 1994*
<i>Oecobius putus</i> O. P. Cambridge, 1876	<i>Nephila kuhlii</i> Doleschall, 1859	<i>Inthaeron rossi</i> Platnick, 1991
Urocteidae	<i>Nephila maculata</i> (Fabricius, 1793)	Gnaphosidae
<i>Uroctea indica</i> Pocock, 1900	<i>Zygeilla indica</i> Tikader & Bal, 1980	<i>Callilepis chakanensis</i> Tikader, 1982
Hersilliidae	<i>Zygeilla melanocrania</i> (Thorell, 1887)	<i>Callilepis lambai</i> Tikader & Gajbe, 1977*
<i>Hersilia savignyi</i> Lucas, 1836*	Lycosidae	<i>Callilepis rukminiae</i> Tikader & Gajbe, 1977
Uloboridae	<i>Arctosa himalayensis</i> Tikader & Malhotra, 1980	<i>Drassodes himalayensis</i> Tikader & Gajbe, 1975*
<i>Uloborus danolius</i> Tikader, 1969	<i>Arctosa indicus</i> Tikader & Malhotra, 1980	<i>Drassodes meghalayaensis</i> Tikader & Gajbe, 1977
<i>Uloborus jabalpurensis</i> Bhandari & Gajbe, 2001	<i>Hippasa agelenoides</i> (Simon, 1884)*	<i>Drassodes oppenheimeri</i> Tikader, 1973*
<i>Uloborus khasiensis</i> Tikader, 1969	<i>Hippasa fabrae</i> Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999	<i>Drassodes pashanensis</i> Tikader & Gajbe, 1977*
Tetragnathidae	<i>Hippasa greenalliae</i> (Blackwall, 1867)*	<i>Drassodes sagarensis</i> Tikader, 1982
<i>Eucta</i> sp.	<i>Hippasa hansae</i> Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999	<i>Drassyllus khajuriai</i> Tikader & Gajbe, 1976
<i>Tetragnatha</i> sp.	<i>Hippasa olivacea</i> (Thorell, 1887)	<i>Drassyllus mahabalei</i> Tikader, 1982
Araneidae	<i>Hippasa partita</i> (O. P. Cambridge, 1876)*	<i>Geodrassus sirmourensis</i> (Tikader & Gajbe, 1977)
<i>Araneus mitifica</i> (Simon, 1886)*	<i>Hippasa pisaurina</i> Pocock, 1900	<i>Gnaphosa jodhpurensis</i> Tikader & Gajbe, 1977
<i>Araneus nympa</i> (Simon, 1889)	<i>Hippasa wigglesworthi</i> Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999	<i>Gnaphosa pauriensis</i> Tikader & Gajbe, 1977*
<i>Argiope aemula</i> (Walckenaer, 1842)*	<i>Lycosa bistrata</i> (Gravely, 1924)	<i>Gnaphosa poonaensis</i> Tikader, 1973
<i>Argiope anasuja</i> Thorell, 1887**	<i>Lycosa nigrotibialis</i> (Simon, 1884)	<i>Haplodrassus sataransis</i> Tikader & Gajbe, 1977*
<i>Argiope pradhani</i> Sinha, 1952**	<i>Lycosa poonaensis</i> Tikader & Malhotra, 1980**	<i>Herpyllus goansis</i> Tikader, 1982*
<i>Argiope pulchella</i> Thorell, 1881*	<i>Lycosa shaktae</i> Bhandari & Gajbe, 2001	<i>Liodrassus tikaderi</i> Gajbe, 1993
<i>Chorizopes tikaderi</i> Bhandari & Gajbe, 2001	<i>Pardosa amkhasensis</i> Tikader & Malhotra, 1976	<i>Megamyrmecon ashae</i> Tikader & Gajbe, 1977
<i>Cyclosa bifida</i> (Doleschall, 1859)	<i>Pardosa annandalei</i> (Gravely, 1924)	<i>Poecilochroa barmani</i> Tikader, 1982
<i>Cyclosa confragata</i> (Thorell, 1892)	<i>Pardosa birmannica</i> Simon, 1884*	<i>Scopodes maitraiae</i> Tikader & Gajbe, 1977*
<i>Cyclosa hexatuberculata</i> Tikader, 1982*	<i>Pardosa jabalpurensis</i> Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999	<i>Scopodes tikaderi</i> Gajbe, 1987**
<i>Cyclosa insulana</i> (Costa, 1834)	<i>Pardosa mukundi</i> Tikader & Malhotra, 1980	<i>Scotophaeus poonaensis</i> Tikader, 1982
<i>Cyclosa moonduensis</i> Tikader, 1963	<i>Pardosa sumatrana</i> (Thorell, 1890)*	<i>Sergiolus lamhetaghatensis</i> Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999
<i>Cyclosa spirifera</i> Simon, 1889*	Pisauridae	<i>Sergiolus poonaensis</i> Tikader & Gajbe, 1976*
<i>Cyrtophora bidentata</i> Tikader, 1970	<i>Dolomedes</i> sp.	<i>Sergiolus singhi</i> Tikader & Gajbe, 1976
<i>Cyrtophora cicutrosa</i> (Stoliczka, 1869)	Oxyopidae	<i>Sosticus dherikanalensis</i> Gajbe, 1979
	<i>Oxyopes ashae</i> Gajbe, 1999**	<i>Sosticus jabalpurensis</i> Bhandari & Gajbe, 2001
	<i>Oxyopes bhadatae</i> Gajbe, 1999	<i>Sosticus poonaensis</i> Tikader, 1982
	<i>Oxyopes jabalpurensis</i> Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999	<i>Zelotes ashae</i> Tikader & Gajbe, 1976
	<i>Oxyopes kamalae</i> Gajbe, 1999	

Scientific name

Zelotes jabalpurensis Tikader & Gajbe, 1976
Zelotes mandae Tikader & Gajbe, 1977
Zelotes mandlaensis Tikader & Gajbe, 1976
Zelotes nasikensis Tikader & Gajbe, 1976
Zelotes satarensensis Tikader & Gajbe, 1979*
Zelotes shantae Tikader, 1982

Heteropodidae

Heteropoda sp.

Philodromidae

Dieta elongata Tikader, 1980
Philodromus ashae Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999
Philodromus barmani Tikader, 1980
Philodromus betrabatai Tikader, 1966
Philodromus bhagirathai Tikader, 1966
Philodromus domesticus Tikader, 1962
Philodromus durvei Tikader, 1980
Philodromus jabalpurensis Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999
Philodromus pali Gajbe & Gajbe, 2000
Thanatus jabalpurensis Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999
Thanatus ketani Bhandari & Gajbe, 2001
Tibellus elongatus Tikader, 1960
Tibellus jabalpurensis Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999
Tibellus poonaensis Tikader, 1962

Thomisidae

Amyciaea forticeps (O. P. Cambridge, 1873)**
Misumenoides sp.
Monaeses jabalpurensis Gajbe & Rane, 1992
Oxyptila amkhasensis Tikader, 1980
Oxyptila jabalpurensis Bhandari & Gajbe, 2001

Scientific name

Runcinia escheri Reimoser, 1934
Runcinia yogeshi Gajbe & Gajbe, 2000
Synaema brunetti Tikader, 1962
Synaema decorata Tikader, 1960*
Synaema mysorensis Tikader, 1980
Thomisus cherapunjeus Tikader, 1966*
Thomisus elongatus Stoliczka, 1869**
Thomisus lobosus Tikader, 1965**
Thomisus katrajghatus Tikader, 1963
Thomisus projectus Tikader, 1960*
Thomisus pugilis Stoliczka, 1869
Thomisus rajani Bhandari & Gajbe, 2001
Thomisus sundari Gajbe & Gajbe, 2000
Tmarus jabalpurensis Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999
Tmarus pachpediensis Tikader, 1980
Xysticus bengalensis Tikader & Biswas, 1974
Xysticus bharaatae Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999
Xysticus jabalpurensis Gajbe & Gajbe, 1999
Xysticus joyantius Tikader, 1966*
Xysticus kali Tikader & Biswas, 1974
Xysticus minutus Tikader, 1960*
Xysticus shyamrupus Tikader, 1966
Xysticus tikaderi Bhandari & Gajbe, 2001

Salticidae

Marpissa dhakuriensis Tikader, 1974
Marpissa mandali Tikader, 1974
Phidippus sp.
Rhene sp.
Zygoballus narmadaensis Tikader

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