


New species of spiders for Armenia



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Spider fauna of Armenia

- The spider fauna of the Caucasus totals 1143 species (Otto, 2020)
- The spider fauna of the Armenia totals 163 species, while the fauna of neighboring Georgia and Azerbaijan contains 639 and 720 species, respectively

On the spiders (Arachnida: Aranei) from Armenia
О пауках (Arachnida: Aranei) Армении

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A total of 19 spider species from 9 families have been identified, including one, *Pellenes arciger* (Walckenaer, 1837), new to the Caucasus and 15 reported from Armenia for the first time. In addition, the genera *Nematogmus* Simon, 1884, *Trematocephalus* F. Dahl, 1886 (both in Linyphiidae), *Pellenes* Simon, 1876 (Salticidae), *Pisaura* Simon, 1885 (Pisauridae), and the family Pisauridae were new to the fauna of Armenia.



Pellenes arciger
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Current work and plans

- An article on the fauna of spiders of Armenia based on 2018 collections and museum (Zoological Museum, Moscow Lomonosov State University (ZMMU, Moscow, Russia)) collections (N.V. Nasonov Transcaucasian Expedition, 1885) is being prepared for publication
- Alcohol collection of 2018 will be partially donated to the CaBOL project for barcoding and addition to the museum collection of the Institute of Ecology, Tbilisi, Georgia
- This spring or summer a trip to Armenia is planned for collecting material

Thanks for attention!

