

Revision of the genus *Caracladus* with the description of *Caracladus zamoniensis* spec. nov. (Araneae, Linyphiidae, Erigoninae)

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Abstract

The genus *Caracladus* Simon, 1884 with two Asian and formerly two European species is revised and one new species, *Caracladus zamoniensis* **spec. nov.**, is described. The new species has been overlooked for over one hundred years.

All *Caracladus* species are diagnosed and described and data on their distribution, habitat and phenology are given. The phylogenetic placement of the genus *Caracladus* and the relationships between its species are discussed based on 49 morphological characters. *Caracladus* is deeply nested in the “distal erigonines” with closest relations to *Tapinocyba* Simon. Detailed illustrations are given for the type species *C. avicula* (L. Koch, 1869), *C. leberti* (Roewer, 1942), *C. tsurusakii* Saito, 1988 and *C. zamoniensis* **spec. nov.**

Erigone pauperula (Bösenberg & Strand, 1906) nov. comb. (formerly *Caracladus pauperulus*) is illustrated with some supplementary notes on its description.

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