

Notes on spiders of the genus *Scytodes* Latreille (Arachnida, Araneae, Scytodidae) from the Ferreira Penna Scientific Station, Pará, Brazil

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Abstract

Two new species of spiders of the genus *Scytodes*, *Scytodes piyampisi* and *S. cotopitoka* (Araneae, Scytodidae), are described from the Ferreira Penna Scientific Station, FLONA Caxiuanã, Melgaço, Pará, Brazil. The majority of the specimens were collected during structured inventories and natural history remarks on both new species are presented.

Key words. Brazil, Caxiuanã, Neotropical region, Scytodidae, *Scytodes*

Introduction

Spiders of the genus *Scytodes* Latreille are relatively well known in Brazil. According to Platnick (2004), 18 species were described from the country and at least 5 present distribution ranges including the Brazilian territory. However, the scytodid fauna is still very poorly known in the state of Pará. To date only one species, *Scytodes altamira* Rheims & Brescovit, has been described and three other species are recorded from Pará: *Scytodes fusca* Walckenaer, *S. itapevi* Brescovit & Rheims, and *S. longipes* Lucas (Mello-Leitão 1944; Brescovit & Rheims 2000). *Scytodes lineatipes* Taczanowski was recorded from Rio Xingú, in Pará, by Mello-Leitão (1940). Nevertheless, this specimen was re-examined and identified as *S. fusca* (Brescovit & Rheims 2000: 323, see “material examined”). Thus, with the exception of *S. altamira*, the present knowledge of the scytodid fauna of Pará is