

***Pertica* Simon 1903, a junior synonym of *Segestrioides* Keyserling, 1883 (Araneae, Diguetidae)**

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Abstract

The monotypic spider genus *Pertica* Simon is herein considered a junior synonym of *Segestrioides* Keyserling and *P. badia* Simon transferred to this genus. In addition, the female of *S. badia* (Simon) comb. n. is redescribed and illustrated and the male is described for the first time. The distribution range of this species is extended to include Nova Friburgo, in the state of Rio de Janeiro.

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Introduction

The family Diguetidae is represented in South America by only three genera: *Segestrioides*, proposed by Keyserling (1883) and recently revised by Platnick (1989), *Diguetia*, proposed by Simon (1895) for Mexican and North American species, and later confirmed by Gerschman de Pikelin & Schiapelli (1962) for Argentina, and *Pertica*, proposed by Simon (1903) from Brazil.

The monotypic genus *Pertica* was proposed to include *P. badia* Simon from Colonia Alpina (in the Serra dos Orgãos), in the state of Rio de Janeiro, known solely from the female holotype. This species was redescribed by Brignoli (1974), who drew attention to the fact that despite being extremely similar this genus is not a synonym of *Diguetia*. Nevertheless, further considerations would only be possible with the discovery of the male and further female material, since the holotype is probably a juvenile specimen (Brignoli 1974: 257).