

A new species of the genus *Zora* from China (Araneae: Zoridae)

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Abstract

A new species, *Zora acuminata* **spec. nov.** is described in both sexes from Mt. Baihua, Beijing City, China. The genital organs suggest its close relationship with *Z. lyriformis* Song, Zhu & Gao, 1993.

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Introduction

The family Zoridae is a small group containing 73 known species of 13 genera distributed mainly in the Palearctic, Australian and Neotropic realm (Levy 2003; Platnick 2006). Formerly, it has been included in the family Ctenidae on account of the spinal leg armature. Most genera were transferred to the Zoridae from the Ctenidae by Lehtinen (1967). Only the genus *Zora* has been found in China.

The genus *Zora* was erected by Koch in 1847. It has been placed in the Clubionidae (Kaston 1948), most often in the Ctenidae (Homann 1950) and currently in the Zoridae (Dahl & Dahl 1927; Lehtinen 1967; Lockett *et al.* 1974; Corey & Mott 1991). Up to the present, 16 species of the genus *Zora* are recorded, and most of them are reported from Europe (Platnick 2006). Only three species, *Z. spinimana* (Sundevall, 1833), *Z. nemoralis* (Blackwall, 1861) and *Z. lyriformis* Song, Zhu & Gao, 1993 are reported from China (Song *et al.* 1993; Song *et al.* 1999).

While examining specimens collected from the Baihua Mountain, Beijing City, China, a new species, *Zora acuminata* **spec. nov.** was recognized and is described below.