

Heliophanus apiatus Simon, 1868, new to Portugal

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The spider fauna of Portugal has received renewed attention during the last two decades (Alderweireldt & Bosmans, 2001; Bosmans, 1993; Cardoso, 2010; Ferrández, 1985, 1990; Telfer *et al.*, 2003). And this after a long stand-still since the well-known pioneer contributions of Bacelar (1927a, 1927b, 1928, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1940) and Machado (1937, 1941, 1949).

The latest checklist of Iberian spiders lists 1335 species of which 236 are Iberian endemics (Cardoso & Morano, 2010). The Portuguese checklist contains 768 species. In comparison to the high variation in habitats in Portugal, this number is certainly still an underestimation of the reality.

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Some collecting in Lisbon centre, surprisingly revealed this new species for Portugal. One male was collected near one of the major central parks of the capital: Parque Edouarde VII, more precisely near Marques de Pombal square at the Rua Braancamp. The collecting date is March 22nd, 2012. The specimen is kept in the private collection of the first author.

The species can be identified with certainty thanks to the illustrations of Simon (1937) and Wesolowska (1986).

This attractive jumping spider is known from Spain, France and Italy (including Sicily) (Platnick, 2012; van Helsdingen, 2010). It is no surprise that Portugal can now be added to this apparently western Mediterranean distribution. The species does not occur in the eastern Mediterranean.

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