

Oophagy by the jumping spider *Thyene coccineovittata* (Araneae: Salticidae: Plexippina) in Brazil

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The African jumping spider *Thyene coccineovittata* (Simon 1886) was only recently reported from the State of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil (Mariante & Hill 2019). I recently observed an adult female *T. coccineovittata* feeding on the eggs of a pentatomid bug, on a *Ficus* tree in Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil (22°55'21.5"S, 43°10'25.9"W, 22 JUL 2020, 15:40) (Figure 1). Oophagy, including filial oophagy, has previously been documented for a number of salticid species (Ahmed et al. 2018; Banerjee et al. 2019).



Figure 1. Female *Thyene coccineovittata* near a cluster of 14 pentatomid eggs on the underside of a *Ficus* leaf (1), and feeding on one of those eggs (2). Most of the eggs were eaten. This event was also documented in a brief video clip that shows this spider stepping over several eggs that had already been eaten to reach this uneaten egg (2).

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