

First record for *Asemonea tenuipes* in Vietnam (Araneae: Salticidae: Asemoneinae)

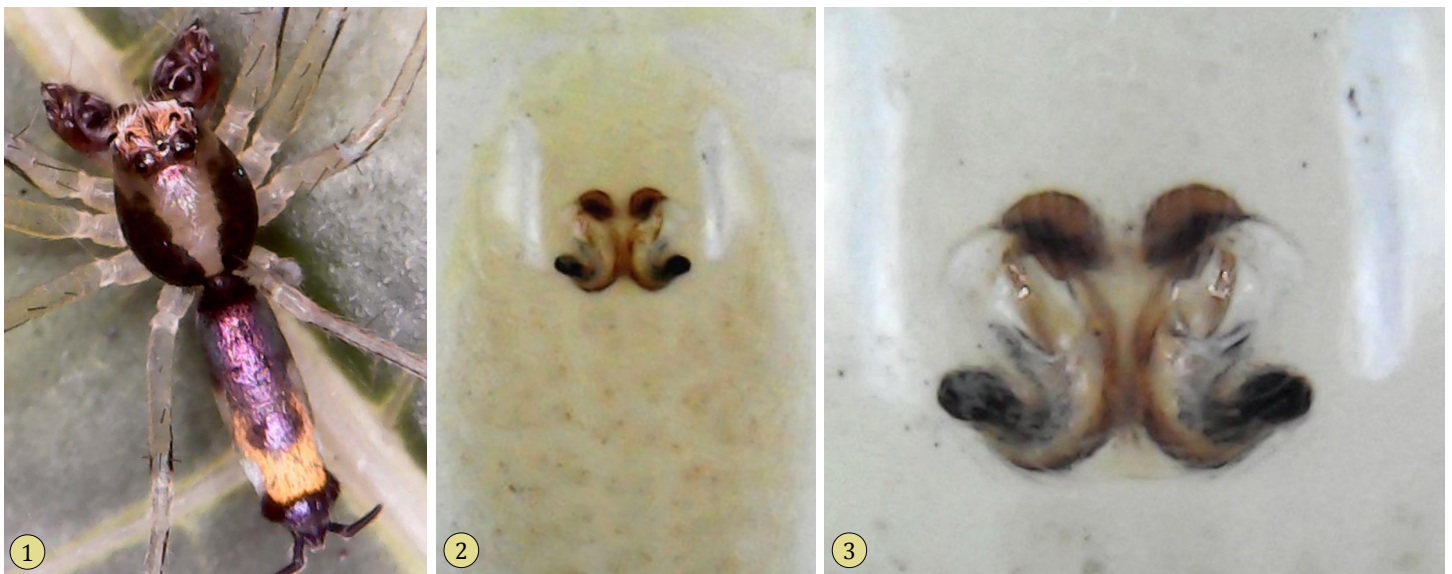
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Abstract. *Asemonea tenuipes* is reported from Ben Tre Province in southern Vietnam. This is the first record of the genus *Asemonea* in Vietnam.

We report the collection of three specimens (2♂, 1♀) of the jumping spider *Asemonea tenuipes* O. Pickard-Cambridge 1869 in Ben Tre Province, southern Vietnam (Figures 1-3).



Figures 1-3. Male and female *Asemonea tenuipes* collected in Ben Tre Province, Vietnam. **1**, Dorsal view of male. **2**, Ventral view of anterior female opisthosoma preserved in alcohol. **3**, Detail of epigynum, from (2).

Our identification of *Asemonea tenuipes* is based on posted photographs and illustrations (Abhijith & Hill 2018; Metzner 2020). This species was described more than a century ago (O. Pickard-Cambridge 1869) and has a primarily South Asian distribution to include the Andaman Islands, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and Thailand (Metzner 2020; World Spider Catalog 2020). This observation represents a significant eastward extension of its known range, and appears to be the first record of the genus *Asemonea* O. Pickard-Cambridge 1869 in Vietnam.

More than 116 salticid species are known from Vietnam (Žabka 1985; Ono et al. 2012; Logunov & Jäger 2015), representing much of the diversity of the salticid fauna of tropical Asia. Arachnid discoveries are not infrequent in Vietnam (Logunov & Jäger 2015) and some focused attention should greatly expand this national salticid inventory.

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