

## First record for *Brettus cingulatus* in Vietnam (Araneae: Salticidae: Spartaeini)

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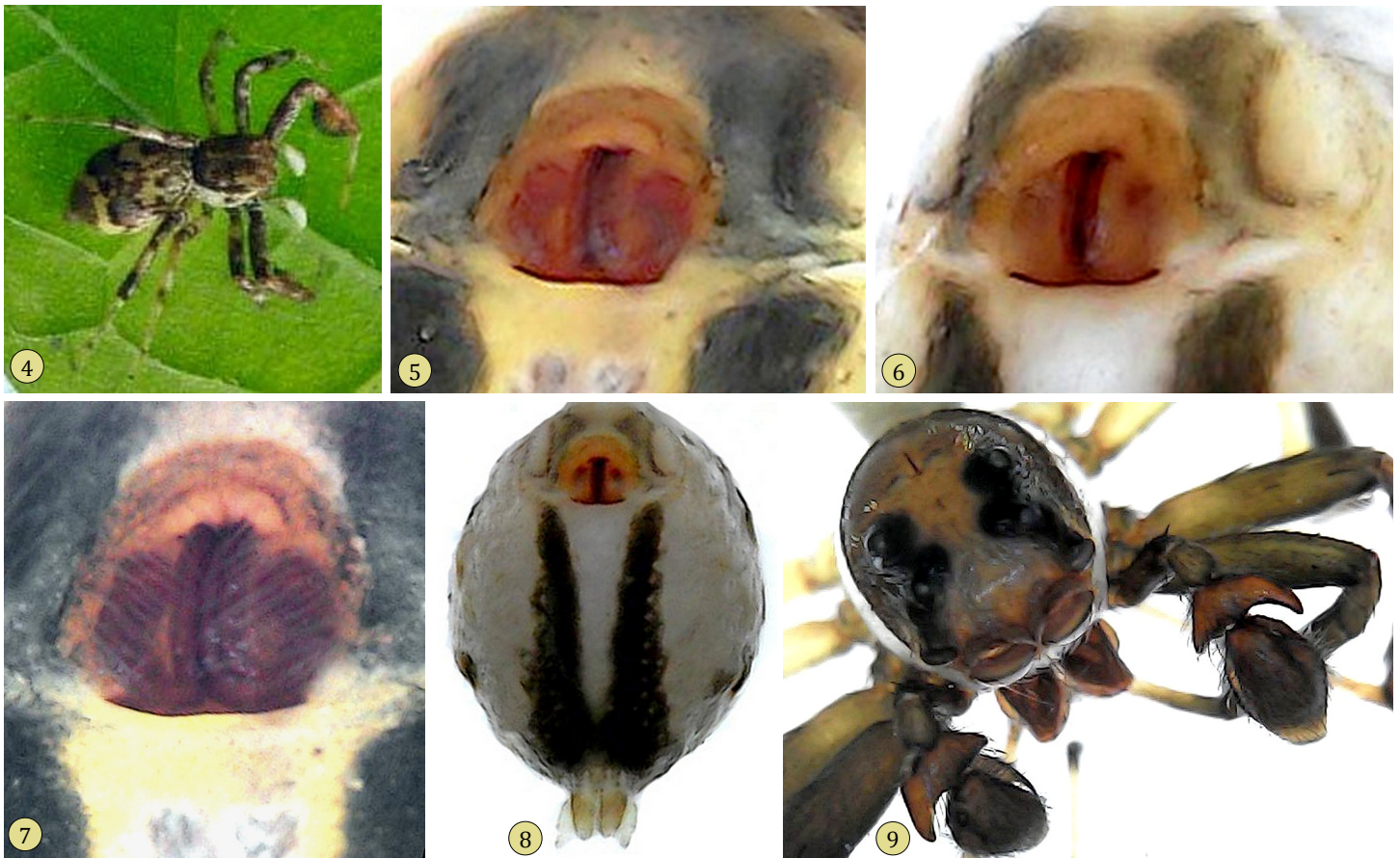
**Abstract.** *Brettus cingulatus* is reported from Ben Tre Province in southern Vietnam. This is the first record of the genus *Brettus* in Vietnam.

The lead author (TVT) first observed a male *Brettus cingulatus* Thorell 1895 in 2017, not knowing what it was. A video of this spider was posted on YouTube (Tam 2017). In 2019 two of the authors (LNQH, NTP) collected a female of this species, and more recently two of the authors (VHN, LVK) collected males. Many more males and females were found in the 2020-2021 time frame, all living on various trees (to include *Artocarpus altilis*, *Cocos nucifera*, and *Nephelium lappaceum*) in Ben Tre Province, Vietnam (Figures 1-9).

Our identification of *Brettus cingulatus* is based on posted or published photographs and illustrations (Ahmed et al. 2017; Abhijith & Hill 2019; Pai & Hill 2020; Harshith & Hill 2020; Metzner 2021). This species has a primarily south to southeast Asian distribution to include Bangladesh, China, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Sumatra, and Thailand (Ahmed et al. 2017; Metzner 2020; World Spider Catalog 2021). This observation represents the first record of the genus *Brettus* Thorell 1895 in Vietnam.



**Figures 1-3.** Adult female *Brettus cingulatus* in Ben Tre Province, Vietnam.



**Figures 4-9.** *Brettus cingulatus* from Ben Tre Province, Vietnam. **4**, Adult female. **5-8**, Ventral view of the opisthosoma of several different females, showing the epigynum. **9**, Dorsal view of prosoma and pedipalps of an adult male specimen.

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