

## First record for the jumping spider *Thorelliola ensifera* in Vietnam (Araneae: Salticidae: Euophryini: Australphryni)

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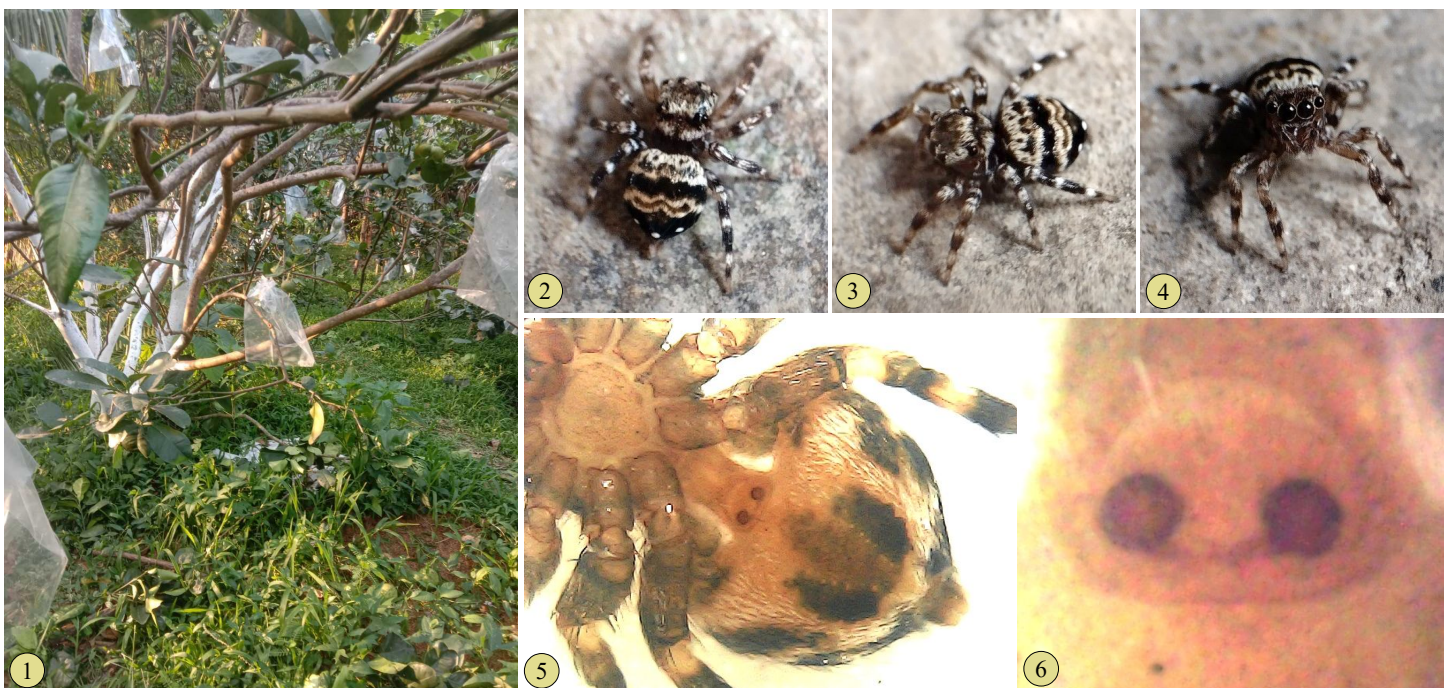
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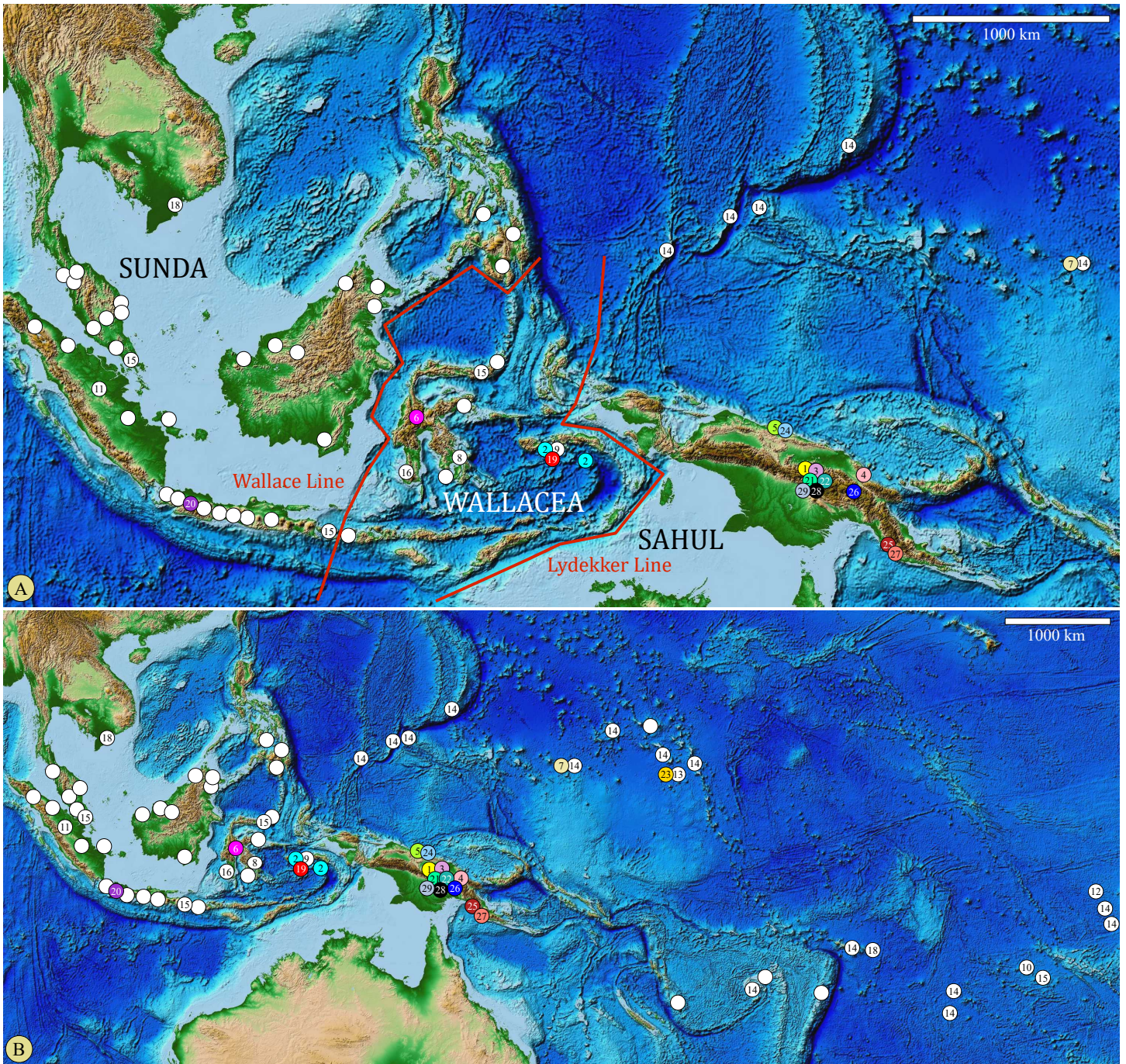
We report the collection of two female specimens of the jumping spider *Thorelliola ensifera* (Thorell 1887) in Ben Tre Province, southern Vietnam (Figure 1), extending the known range of that species in southeastern Asia (Figure 2, Table 1). In Vietnam this species is rarely seen and collected in dry leaf beds in perennial orchards. This is also the first record of the genus *Thorelliola* Strand 1942 in Vietnam.

Most known *Thorelliola* species are endemic to tropical Australasia, and only *T. ensifera* is widely distributed from southeast Asia to southern Pacific islands or atolls, apparently the result of human activity (Figure 2, Table 1). It is not known whether this distribution is the result of synanthropism, or the tendency to inhabit plants that have been transported by human activity. Males in this genus have relatively long and stout setae (*horns*) projecting to the front from the medial clypeus, and these are known to play a role in male-male combat or agonistic behavior (Jackson & Whitehouse 1989).



**Figure 1.** Female *Thorelliola ensifera* in Ben Tre Province, Vietnam. **1**, Orchard habitat. **2-4**, Views of living female. **5**, Ventral view of female. **6**, Detailed ventral view of epigynum.





**Figure 2.** Known distribution of *Thorelliola* species in tropical southeast Asia and islands of the southwestern Pacific (detail in A). Numbered localities are referenced in Table 1; locality (18) represents our new discovery of this species in Ben Tre Province, Vietnam. Unnumbered localities (white circles) correspond to confirmed records for *T. ensifera* posted on *iNaturalist*. With the exception of the widely distributed *T. ensifera*, each species in this genus appears to be subject to *narrow endemism*, with the greatest diversity in tropical Australasia (Sahul) or New Guinea (Papua). The lack of records from most of New Guinea suggests that many more species remain to be found in that place. Four species are known from the transition zone of Wallacea. *Thorelliola* is presently placed in the Australphryni, a predominantly Australasian clade within the Euophryini with a number of genera that have successfully crossed the islands of Wallacea; this clade also includes the well-know peacock spiders (*Maratus*), endemic to Australia (Hill 2010, 2022).



**Table 1.** Published descriptions and distribution records for *Thorelliola* species. Reference numbers at left correspond to numbered localities in Figure 2.

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|----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----|---|
| 1  | <i>Thorelliola aliena</i>      | Zhang & Maddison 2012           | ♂♀ | Umgé, Papua, 5.304°S, 142.512°E   |
| 2  | <i>Thorelliola biapophysis</i> | Gardzińska & Patoleta 1997      | ♂  | Ambon; Lonthoir, Namulu, Banda Island   |
| 3  | <i>Thorelliola crebra</i>      | Zhang & Maddison 2012           | ♂♀ | Porgera, Papua, 5.4833°S, 143.1337°E  |
| 4  | <i>Thorelliola cyrano</i>      | Szűts & De Bakker 2004          | ♂  | Baitea forest, Madang, New Guinea   |
| 5  | <i>Thorelliola dissimilis</i>  | Gardzińska 2009                 | ♀  | Lake Sentani, New Guinea, 2.5333°S, 140.7°E   |
| 6  | <i>Plexippus doryphorus</i>    | Thorell 1881                    | ♂  | ins. Sorong a Cel.  |
| 7  | <i>Thorelliola dumicola</i>    | Berry, Beatty & Prószyński 1997 | ♂  | Ponape (Pohnpei), Caroline Islands  |
| 8  | <i>Plexippus ensifer</i>       | Thorell 1877                    | ♂  | Kendari, Sulawesi   |
| 9  | <i>Plexippus ensifer</i>       | Thorell 1878                    | ♀  | Amboina (Teluk Ambon)   |
| 10 | <i>Thorellia ensifer</i>       | Keyserling 1882                 | ♂♀ | Huahine, Upolu  |
| 11 | <i>Hasarius ensifer</i>        | Thorell 1892                    | ♂  | Kendari, Sualwesi; Sungei Bulu, Sumatra   |
| 12 | <i>Thorelliola ensifera</i>    | Berland 1935                    | ♂♀ | Ua-pou, Marquesas Islands; Tahuata; Fatuuku (Fatu Huku); Uhuku (Ua Huka)  |
| 13 | <i>Thorelliola ensifera</i>    | Zabka 1988                      | ♂  | Jaluit, Polynesia   |
| 14 | <i>Thorelliola ensifera</i>    | Berry, Beatty & Prószyński 1997 | ♂♀ | Guam; Palau; Yap; Ulithi; Ponape; Eniwetok; Kwajalein; Majuro; Viti Levu; Tutuila; Aitutaki; Rarotonga; Moorea; Fatu Hiva; Hiva Oa; Nuku Hiva |
| 15 | <i>Thorelliola ensifera</i>    | Gardzińska & Patoleta 1997      | ♂♀ | Sanur, Bali; Dumoga Bone NP, North Sulawesi; Tahiti; Singapore  |
| 16 | <i>Thorellia ensifera</i>      | Merian 2011                     | ♂  | Makassar, Celebes   |
| 17 | <i>Thorelliola ensifera</i>    | Peck et al. 2014                |    | Rose Atoll, American Samoa  |
| 18 | <i>Thorelliola ensifera</i>    | (this paper)                    | ♀  | Ben Tre Province, Vietnam   |
| 19 | <i>Thorelliola glabra</i>      | Gardzińska & Patoleta 1997      | ♂  | Neira, Banda Islands  |
| 20 | <i>Thorelliola javaensis</i>   | Gardzińska & Patoleta 1997      | ♂♀ | Cibodas NP, Java  |
| 21 | <i>Thorelliola joannae</i>     | Zhang & Maddison 2012           | ♀  | Tualapa, Papua, 5.283°S, 142.498°E; Putuwé, Papua, 5.231°S, 142.532°E; Umgé, Papua, 5.304°S, 142.512°E  |
| 22 | <i>Thorelliola manhunkai</i>   | Szűts 2002                      | ♂  | Giluwe Mt., Wau, Madang, Papua  |
| 23 | <i>Ictidops monocerus</i>      | Karsch 1881                     | ♂  | Jaluit Atoll, Marshall Islands  |
| 24 | <i>Thorelliola pallidula</i>   | Gardzińska 2009                 | ♀  | Lake Sentani, New Guinea, 2.5333°S, 140.7°E   |
| 25 | <i>Thorelliola squamosa</i>    | Zhang & Maddison 2012           | ♀  | Vairirata NP, Papua, 9.436°S, 147.364°E   |
| 26 | <i>Thorelliola tamasi</i>      | Zhang & Maddison 2012           | ♂  | Mt. Gahavisuka PP, Papua, 6.016°S, 145.417°E  |
| 27 | <i>Thorelliola trucilonga</i>  | Gardzińska & Patoleta 1997      | ♂♀ | National Capital District, Papua; Port Moresby, Papua   |
| 28 | <i>Thorelliola tualapa</i>     | Zhang & Maddison 2012           | ♂♀ | Tualapa, Papua, 5.283°S, 142.498°E  |
| 29 | <i>Thorelliola zabkai</i>      | Zhang & Maddison 2012           | ♂♀ | Umgé, Papua, 5.304°S, 142.512°E   |

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