

Caught in the web: three new crawly records for the Romanian Arachnofauna found at South-Eastern part of Romania

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In the present work, three new spider (Aranea) records are presented as new faunistic elements for Romania: *Maimuna vestita* (C. L. Koch, 1841), *Leptodrassus albidus* Simon, 1914, and *Saitis tauricus* Kulczyński, 1904, from three families: Agelenidae, Gnaphosidae, Salticidae. This is also the first time when these three new genera are recorded in our country.

We want to highlight the need of more arachnological field work in different regions in Romania, pointing out the opportunity to discover new species for the country and to have a more complete data about the Romanian spiders, working towards an up-to-date Catalogue of Spiders from Romania, the last one being updated in 2000 containing 972 species, but since then numerous works attest the presence of new genera and species on the territory of Romania. Also, based on the distribution, many species, including the species mentioned here *S. tauricus*, should also be present in the Republic of Moldova, which leads to a second role of our work, namely the necessity of arachnological studies in the Republic, which was deprived of a particular faunistic study and which can be full of surprises.

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