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**FIRST RECORD OF THE GENUS *FOLIABITUS* ZHANG ET MADDISON,
2012 (ARANEAE: SALTICIDAE) FROM INDIA**

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Summary. The jumping spider *Foliabitus weihangi* Lin et Li, 2020 is new for Assam State and the genus *Foliabitus* Zhang et Maddison, 2012 is recorded from India for the first time.

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Резюме. Паук-скакун *Foliabitus weihangi* Lin et Li, 2020 является новым для штата Ассам, а род *Foliabitus* Zhang et Maddison, 2012 впервые указывается из Индии.

INTRODUCTION

The jumping spider genus *Foliabitus* Zhang et Maddison, 2012, was established with *Foliabitus longzhou* Zhang et Maddison, 2012, as its type species (Zhang & Maddison, 2012). Currently, this genus comprises three species: two from China and one from Vietnam (World Spider Catalog, 2024). Recent field surveys conducted in Assam between 2018 and 2019 (Ismavel, 2018) have led to the discovery of a member of this genus in India.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The specimens were hand-collected and preserved in 70% ethanol. Live specimens were photographed using a Nikon D800 DSLR with a Micro-Nikkor 105mm lens. Detailed morphological examination and photography were conducted using a Leica M205A stereomicroscope, equipped with a Leica DFC500 HD camera and managed with Leica Application Suite (LAS) version 3.8. The male left palp was removed, examined and photographed in detail. The specimens are currently held in the author's private collection. Identification was based on illustrations provided by Lin & Li (2020).

NEW RECORD

Family Salticidae Blackwall, 1841

Genus *Foliabitus* Zhang et Maddison, 2012

Foliabitus weihangi Lin et Li, 2020

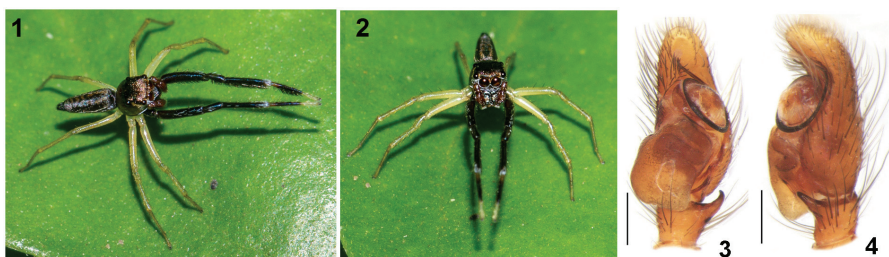
Figs 1–4

MATERIAL EXAMINED. India: Assam, Karimganj District, Forest Track, 24.4742 N, 92.2890 E, h=44 m, 23.IX 2018, 3 ♂, coll. Vijay Anand Ismavel.

DIAGNOSIS. The species can be recognized by the long and coiled embolus, the inwardly curved retrolateral tibial apophysis in ventral view and the absence of small cusp distally on the retrolateral tibial apophysis (Figs 3, 4).

DISTRIBUTION. China (Yunnan) (World Spider Catalog, 2024), India (new record).

REMARKS. The genus *Foliabitus* is recorded from India for the first time. Previous report of *Euophrys omnisuperstes* Wanless, 1975 from northern West Bengal (Dhali *et al.*, 2014) has been misidentified (Prószyński, 2016; Caleb, 2019) and is likely to refer to *Foliabitus weihangi* or another member of the genus *Foliabitus*.



Figs 1–4. Male of *Foliabitus weihangi*. 1, 2: 1 – habitus, dorsal view; 2 – the same, frontal view; 3, 4 – left palp: 3 – ventral view; 4 – retrolateral view. Scale bars: 0.2 mm.

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