



New records of water mites of the genus *Atractides* Koch, 1837 (Acari: Hydrachnidia, Hygrobatidae) from South Africa, with descriptions of five new species

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Abstract

New records of water mites of the genus *Atractides* Koch, 1837 (Acari: Hydrachnidia, Hygrobatidae) from South Africa are presented. Five species new to science, *Atractides cooki*, *A. dracomontanus*, *A. meridianus*, *A. capensis* and *A. neoscutifer* are described; a first description of the male is given for *A. pulcher* K. Viets, 1956 and *A. assimilis* K.O. Viets, 1964. A key to the species of *Atractides* from South Africa is presented.

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