

A taxonomic revision of the afrotropical species of *Selenops* Latreille, 1819 (Araneae, Selenopidae)¹

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Abstract

The Afrotropical species of the genus *Selenops* (Araneae, Selenopidae) are revised. Twenty-eight species are recognized and figured. The female of *Selenops lumbo* Corronca is described for the first time and eleven new species are described: *Selenops angolaensis* sp. nov. (female only) from Moçâdemes, Angola; *S. ansieae* sp. nov. (female only) from the Waterberg District, South Africa; *S. cristis* sp. nov. from Acara, S.W. Coast Africa (Namibia?); *S. dilamen* sp. nov. (female only) from Tabora, Zaïre; *S. dilon* sp. nov. (female only) from Nelspruit, South Africa; *S. feron* sp. nov. (female only) from Bavianaanspoort, South Africa; *S. florenciae* sp. nov. (female only) from Vilha Salazar, Angola; *S. ilcuria* sp. nov. (female only) from Marken, South Africa; *S. lucibel* sp. nov. from Kalahari; *S. saldali* sp. nov. (female only) from Achimota, Ghana and *S. viron* sp. nov. (female only) from Turkana, Kenya. Three species are listed as *species inquirendae*: *S. fugitivus* Walckenaer, 1837, *S. modestellus* Strand, 1907 and *S. nanus* Strand, 1907. *S. ovambicus* Lawrence, 1940 is here considered as a valid species. Lectotype and paralectotypes are designated for *S. tenebrosus* Lawrence, 1940 and *S. krugeri* Lawrence, 1940. Distribution data are given for all species and new data extend the ranges of some previously known species. A key to all recognized species is provided.

Key words: Araneae, Afrotropical region, distribution, key to species, new species, Selenopidae, *Selenops*, spiders

Introduction

The spider family Selenopidae Simon 1897, also known as the “flatties”, is a small family with a cosmotropical distribution represented by three genera and approximately 160 spe-

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