



## Long-legged cave spiders (Araneae, Telemidae) from Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau, southwestern China

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### Abstract

Ten new species of the genus *Telema*, occurring in caves of Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau of southwestern China, are described and illustrated. Nine of these, *T. bifida* **sp. nov.**, *T. strentarsi* **sp. nov.**, *T. spirae* **sp. nov.**, *T. tortutheca* **sp. nov.**, *T. spinafemora* **sp. nov.**, *T. pedati* **sp. nov.**, *T. conglobare* **sp. nov.**, *T. guihua* **sp. nov.** and *T. vesiculata* **sp. nov.**, have the typical troglobiotic characters, i.e., no eyes, long legs and setae, pale somatic coloration, and without pigment pattern. Another species, *T. auricoma* **sp. nov.**, found in several caves, may be a troglomorphic species, has relatively short legs, six eyes, and brightly pigmented body. Nine known *Telema* species occurring in caves of this region are also briefly reported. The key to species was provided. Diversity of cave-dwelling telemid spiders in this region was discussed.

**Key words:** Taxonomy, *Telema*, new species, troglobiotic, China