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ADDENDUM

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In Sewlal and Cutler (2003) on the spider families of Trinidad and Tobago, one family was inadvertently omitted.

Synotaxidae – Small to medium, pale green (in life), elongate spiders with long, thin, spineless legs. They resemble some Pholcidae and Theridiidae. Found in forests, they spin a very characteristic “chicken wire fence” web with rectangular mesh work. Webs are built in vegetation at least a half meter above the ground, and are built at night and taken down during the day.

See Anarsson (2003) for the latest reference.

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