Additional Spider Family for Trinidad and Tobago, Filistatidae

Currently 53 families of spiders of the infraorders Araneomorphae and Mygalomorphae are confirmed to be found in Trinidad and Tobago (Sewlal and Cutler 2003, Cutler 2005, Sewlal and Alayón 2007, Sewlal 2009, Sewlal 2010, Sewlal 2013). Magalhaes and Ramírez (2019) gives the latest reference and characteristics of the family Filistatidae (Araneomorphae), bringing the total number of families recorded from Trinidad and Tobago to 54.

The record for this family consists of a single adult female Kukulcania hibernalis (Hentz, 1842) collected by C. Seiderman in the Arima Valley: [N10.61719°, W61.27437°], in June 1983. An immature specimen was also collected by N. Nieves on 16 February 1959 during a team drive to Diego Martín [N10.37572°, W61.23356°]. Both specimens are housed at the American Museum of Natural History.

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