

A new species of *Xysticus* C.L. Koch, 1835 (Aranei: Thomisidae) from South Siberia

Новый вид пауков *Xysticus* C.L. Koch, 1835 (Aranei: Thomisidae) из Южной Сибири

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ABSTRACT. A new species, *Xysticus lehtineni* sp.n., is described from South Siberia on the basis of both sexes. It is closely related to *X. baltistanus* (Caporiacco, 1935) known from northern Pakistan to northeastern Asia. The two species clearly differ in size, abdominal pattern, spination and in the shape of the copulatory organs (male palp and female epigyne). Most of the records of *X. baltistanus* from Tuva refer to this new species.

РЕЗЮМЕ. Из Южной Сибири по обоим полам описан *Xysticus lehtineni* sp.n. Новый вид близок к *X. baltistanus* (Сарориакко, 1935), известному от Северного Пакистана до Чукотки. Виды различаются размером, шипованием, окраской брюшка и формой сокоупительных органов. Большинство указаний *X. baltistanus* из Тувы относятся к новому виду.

Introduction

Thomisidae is one of the best studied families of spiders in Siberia as a whole, and particularly in the Altai Mountains and adjacent Tuva, Mongolia and Xinjiang. Crab spiders have been surveyed in several taxonomic papers: Logunov [1995], Logunov & Marusik [1994, 1998], Marusik & Logunov [1990, 1995, 2002], Marusik *et al.* [2007] and in many faunistic publications.

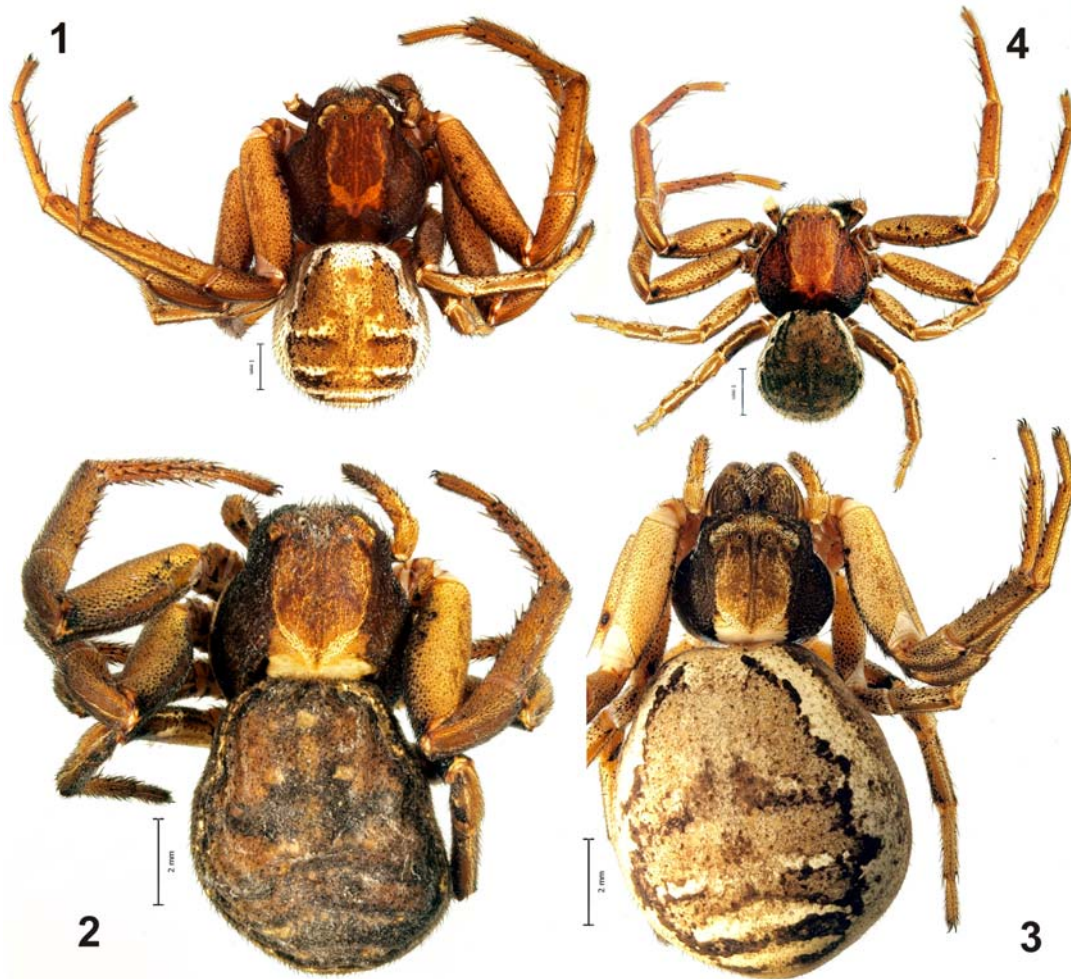
Altogether about 45 species of crab spiders have been reported from the Altai. Most of them (25) belong to *Xysticus* C.L. Koch, 1835 (personal data). While studying spiders in the Altai, the senior author found numerous females thought to belong to *X. bal-*

tistanus (Caporiacco, 1935), a species known from northern Pakistan to Chukotka (northeastern Asia) [Marusik *et al.*, 2000]. However, the discovery of the conspecific male from the Altai revealed that it represents an undescribed species, which differs from *X. baltistanus* by its larger size, abdominal pattern in males and females, and also by the shape of the male palp. The goal of this paper is to provide a detailed description of the new species and to compare it with *X. baltistanus*.

Material and methods

Photographs were taken using an Olympus E-520 camera attached to an Olympus SZX16 stereomicroscope, and prepared using CombineZP image stacking software. Epigynes were cleared in a KOH/water solution. Photographs were taken with the specimens secured in dishes with paraffin on bottom. Lengths of leg segments were measured on the dorsal side. All measurements are given in millimetres.

While describing spination, the apical spines on the metatarsi were not counted. In cases of variation, the alternative spination is given in brackets. The following abbreviations are used in the text: Leg segments: Fe — femur, Pa — patella, Mt — metatarsus, Ta — tarsus, Ti — tibia. Spination: d — dorsal, p — prolateral, r — retrolateral, v — ventral. Abbreviations for museums: HUB — Hebei University, Baoding; ISEA — Institute for Ecology and Systematic of Animals, Novosibirsk; MMUM — Manchester Museum, the University of Manchester; ZMUT — Zoological Museum, University of Turku, Finland.



Figs 1–4. Habitus of *Xysticus lehtineni* sp.n. (1–3, holotype and allotype) and *X. baltistanus* (4, Xinjiang): 1, 4 — male, dorsal; 2–3 — female, dorsal, showing variations of the abdominal pattern.

Рис. 1–4. Габитус *Xysticus lehtineni* sp.n. (1–3, голотип и аллотип) и *X. baltistanus* (4, Синьцзян): 1, 4 — самец, сверху; 2–3 — самка, сверху, показаны разные варианты окраски брюшка.

Description

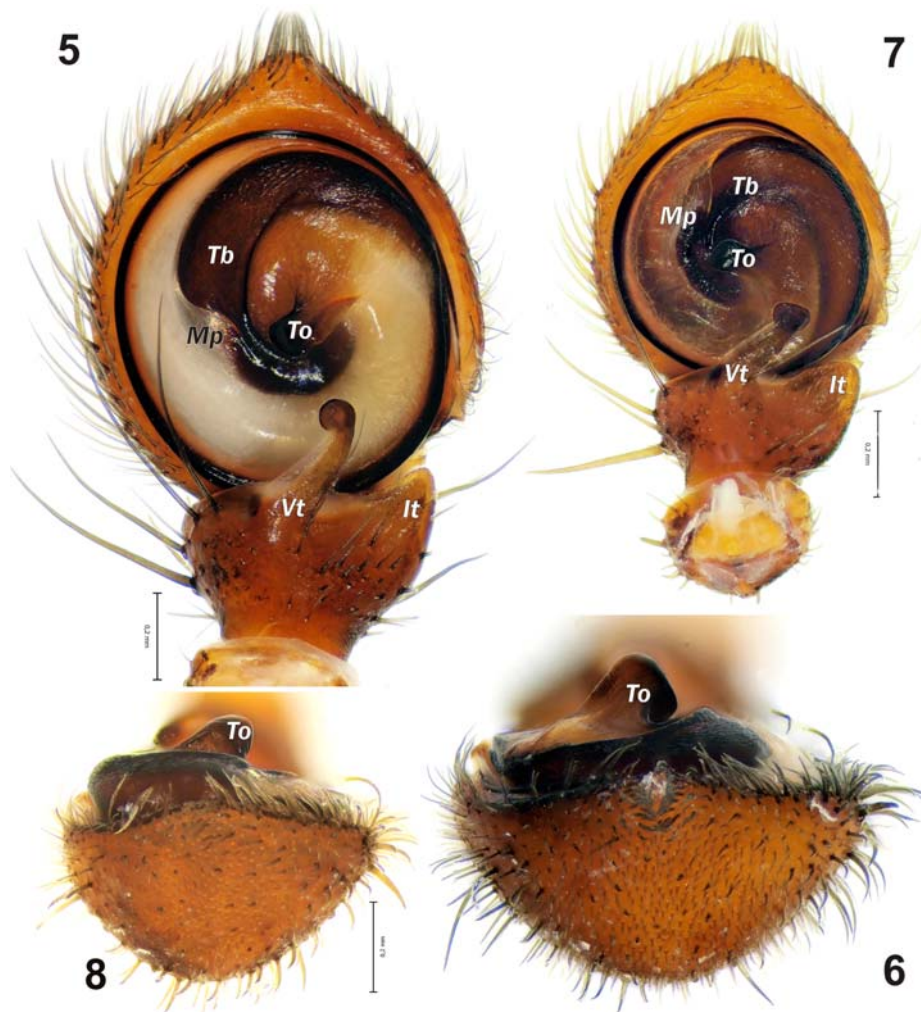
Xysticus lehtineni sp.n.

Figs 1–3, 5–6, 9–11, 15–18, 21–24, Map 1.

X. baltistanus: Logunov & Marusik, 1994: 182 (in part); Logunov *et al.*, 1998: 143 (in part); Marusik *et al.*, 2000: 115 (in part); Azarkina & Trilikauskas, 2013: 250.

TYPES. Holotype ♂ (ISEA), **Russia, Altai Republic**, Kosh-Agach District, Chikhacheva Mt. Range, Talduair Massive, Sailyugem Mt. (50°01'N; 89°14'E), 2250–2500 m, 20–23.06.2013 (S.I. Mishenin). Paratypes: 6 ♀♀ (ISEA, MMUM), together with holotype; 3 ♀♀ (ISEA), same locality, 2250 m, mountain stony steppe, 2–5.07.2013 (A.A. Fomichev); 2 ♀♀ (ISEA), Sailyugem Mt. Range, 10 km WSW Tashanta Vil., Bol'shie Shibety valley (49°40'N; 89°04'E), 2300 m, mountain stony steppe with rocky outcrops, 16.07.2009 (A.A. Fomichev); 7 ♀♀ (ISEA), Chuiskaya Steppe, Krasnaya Gorka Mt., 4 km SE from Chagan-Uzun Vil. (50°04'N; 88°24'E), 1800–1900 m, stony semi-desert steppe with rocks, 1900–2100 m, mountain stony steppe, 23–24.07.2012 (A.A. Fomichev); 1 ♀ (ISEA), same locality, 11.07.2013 (A.A. Fomichev); 1 ♀ (SZM 001.2537), left riverside of Edigan River, 4 km upstream of the

confluence with Katun' River, ca. 1100 m, dry steppe, 6.07.1998 (A.Li). **Tuva**: 1 ♂ (ZMUT), NE shore of Ubsu-Nur Lake, 750 m, 50°40'N 92°58'E, 100 m from shore, *Caragana spinosa*, 14.06.1995 (M. Uusitalo); 1 ♀ (SZM 001.2554), Kyzyl Dist., ca. 65 km W of Kyzyl in direction to Shagonar, Otukh-Dash, 10.05.1990 (D.V. Logunov); 3 ♀♀ (SZM 001.2538), environs of Kyzyl, Yenisei River Right bank, 700–800 m, p/t and hand picking, 5–7.06.1989 (D.V. Logunov); 1 ♀ (SZM 001.2549), same locality, 20.05.1989 (D.V. Logunov); 3 ♀♀ (SZM 001.2559), 3–5 km N of Kyzyl, 700–850 m, *Nanophyton erinaceus* (dry steppe), 28.05.–2.06.1993 (D.V. Logunov, A.V. Gromov); 1 ♀ (SZM 001.2546), 3 km N of Kyzyl, Yenisei River Right bank, 700–800 m under stones, 22.07.1989 (D.V. Logunov); 1 ♂ (SZM 001.2553) Tuva, near Kyzyl, right bank of Enisei River, 700–800 m, p/t, 9–20.06.1989 (D.V. Logunov); 1 ♂ 1 ♀ (SZM 001.2550), Erzin District, ca. 3–5 km E of Erzin, 1000–1100 m, 23–25.05.1990 (D.V. Logunov); 1 ♀ (SZM 001.2551), Erzin District, ca. 3 km E of Erzin, butte, 1000–1100 m, among stones, 23.05.1990 (D.V. Logunov, V.V. Dubatolov); 2 ♀♀ (SZM 001.2543), Erzin District, 20 km W of Erzin, Ontchalaan Mt. Range, 1100–1300 m, on the *Stipa* spp., 11–12.08.1988 (D.V. Logunov); 1 ♂ 1 ♀ (SZM 001.2542), Erzin District, 30 km W of Erzin, Yamaalygh Mt. Range, 1200–1300 m, under stones, 9–10.06.1989 (D.V. Logunov); 1 ♀ (SZM 001.2539), Ovyur Dist., 13–15 km N of Khandagaity Vil., stony steppe on slope, 25.07.1993



Figs 5–8. Male palps of *Xysticus lehtineni* sp.n. (5–6, holotype) and *X. baltistanus* (7–8, Xinjiang). Both to the same scale: 5, 7 — ventral; 6, 8 — from above, showing differences in the shape of the tegular outgrowth.

Abbreviations: *It* — intermediate tibial apophysis; *Mp* — membranous part of the embolus; *Tb* — tegular base; *To* — tegular outgrowth; *Vt* — ventral tibial apophysis.

Рис. 5–8. Пальпы самца *Xysticus lehtineni* sp.n. (5–6, голотип) и *X. baltistanus* (7–8, Синьцзян) в одном масштабе: 5, 7 — снизу; 6, 8 — сверху, показано различие формы выроста тегулюма.

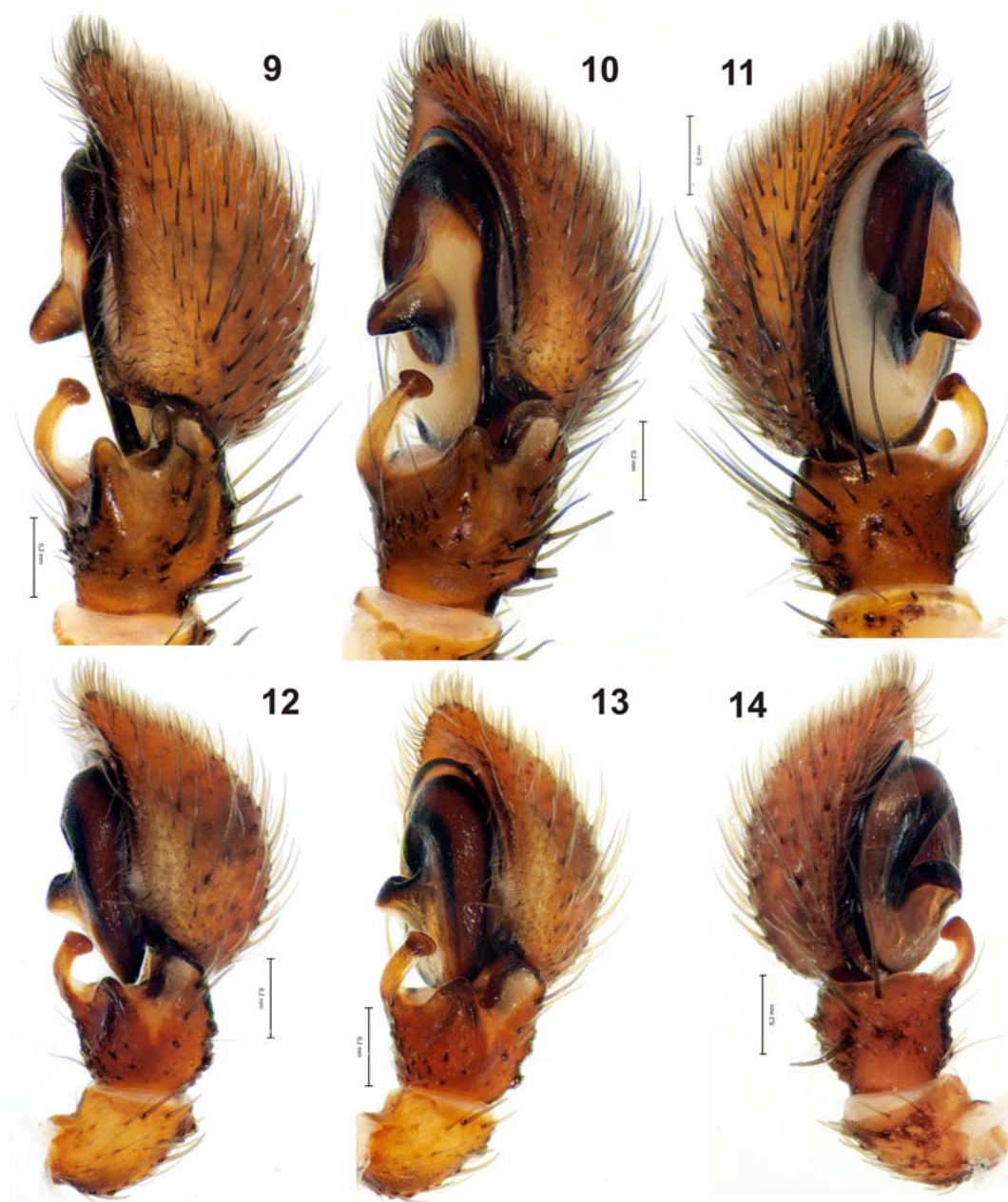
Сокращения: *It* — средний отросток голени; *Mp* — мембранизированная часть эмболюса; *Tb* — основание тегулюма; *To* — вырост тегулюма; *Vt* — ventральный отросток голени.

(D.V. Logunov); 1 ♂ (SZM 001.2552), SE Tuva, East Tannu-Ola Mt. Range, Aryskaanyg-Khem Riv. Canyon, 1250–1350 m, 16–18.06.1995 (Yu.M. Marusik); 1 ♀ (SZM 001.2545), Ulug-Khem Dist., 5–7 km E of Shagonar, Khayirkan Mt., under stones, 10.05.1990 (D.V. Logunov); 1 ♀ (SZM 001.2555), Tes-Khem Dist., 10 km NW of Khol'-Oozhu, Belengish, 1700–1800 m, steppe, under stones, 9–11.07.1989 (D.V. Logunov).

ETYMOLOGY. The species is named after Pekka T. Lehtinen, honouring his great contribution to arachnology and to the taxonomy of Thomisidae in particular, and on occasion of his 80th birthday.

DIAGNOSIS. The new species is very similar to *X. baltistanus* from which it can be separated by having the typical *Xysticus* abdominal pattern (Figs 1–3, 21–24) in all males and most females (in *X. baltistanus* males have white marginal stripes (Fig. 4) and very

seldom, a poorly developed pattern, females have no pattern) and by leg spination. Males of *Xysticus lehtineni* sp.n. clearly differ from *X. baltistanus* by having 10–11 ventral tibial spines on leg I and 7–10 ventral tibial spines on metatarsus I (*X. baltistanus* has 7–8 ventral tibial spines and 5–6 on the metatarsus). Females of the new species have 12–17 ventral tibial spines and 9–15 ventral spines on the metatarsus (*X. baltistanus* has 10–12 ventral tibial spines and 9–10 ventral metatarsal spines). Males of the new species are larger in body size and carapace (3.55–4.0) in particular (2.7–3.3 in *X. baltistanus*). Males of the two species differ also by the size of the palp (Figs 5–14), the different shape of the membranous part of the embolus (*Mp*, Figs 5 & 7), shape and direction of the tegular outgrowth (*To*, Figs 5–14),



Figs 9–14. Male palps of *Xysticus lehtineni* sp.n. (9–11, holotype) and *X. baltistanus* (12–14, Xinjiang). Both to the same scale: 9, 12 — retrolateral; 10, 13 — ventro-retrolateral; 11, 14 — ventro-prolateral.

Рис. 9–14. Пальпа самца *Xysticus lehtineni* sp.n. (9–11, голотип) и *X. baltistanus* (12–14, Синьцзян) в одном масштабе: 9, 12 — ретролатерально; 10, 13 — снизу-ретролатерально; 11, 14 — снизу-провентрально.

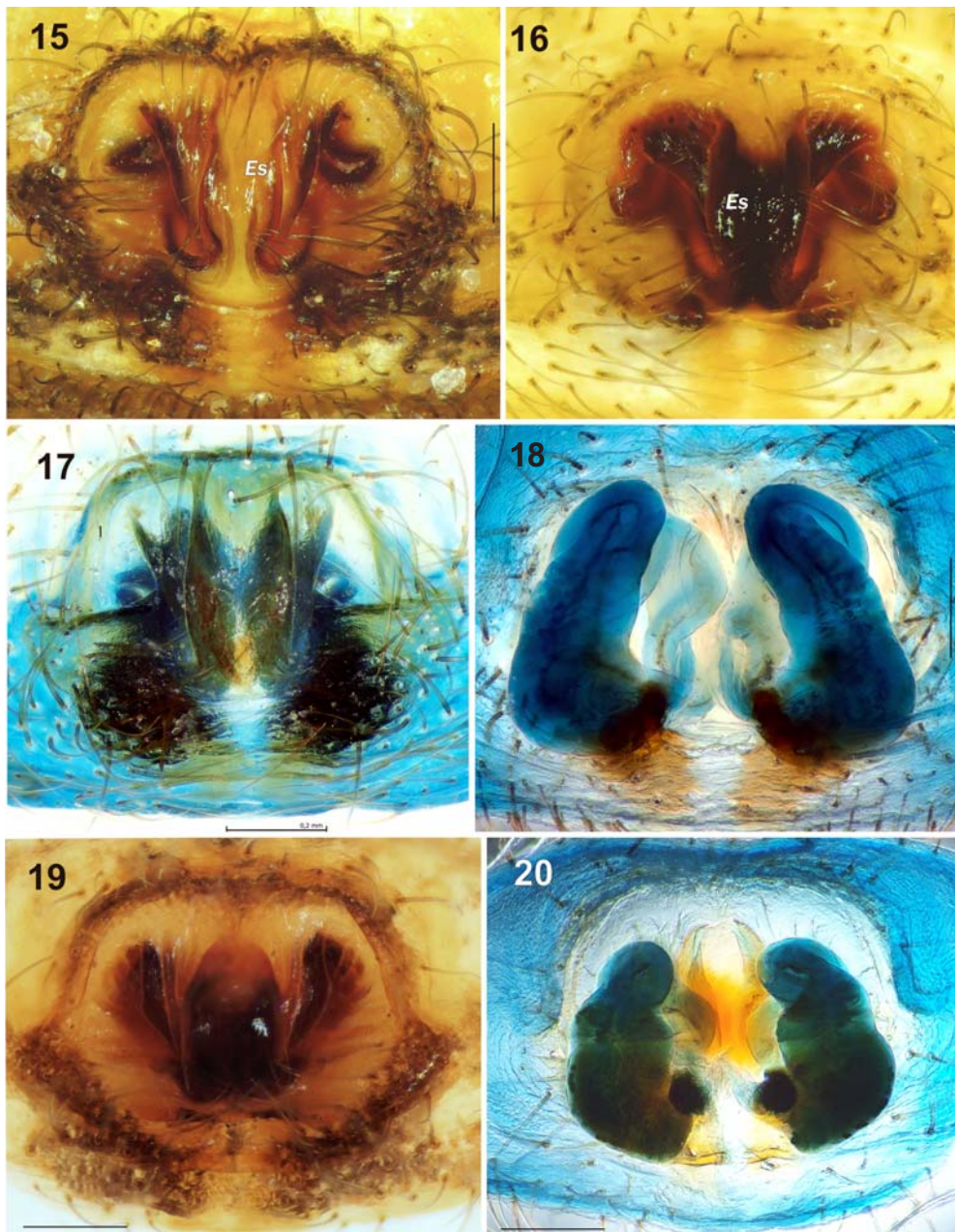
as well as in the shape of the intermediate tibial (*It*) and ventral (*Vt*) apophyses, shape of the tegular base (*Tb*), etc. (Figs 5–14). Females of the two species differ by the shape of the epigynal receptacles: longer and thinner in the new species; shorter and wider in *X. baltistanus* (cf. Figs 18 & 20)

DESCRIPTION. Male (holotype). Total length 7.1. Carapace: 3.55 long, 3.4 wide, with dark brown sides, V-shaped light brown figure and brown median band (Fig. 1); posterior declivity dark brown. Abdomen

brown, with distinct pattern of white transverse and marginal longitudinal stripes, and blackish stripes as in Fig. 1. Legs light brown, with dark dorsal surfaces and with dark dots at the bases of the setae.

Leg segment lengths: I: 3.95 + 1.85 + 3.05 + 3.15 + 1.3. II: 3.95 + 1.8 + 2.95 + 3.0 + 1.25. III: 2.7 + 1.25 + 1.7 + 1.65 + 0.85. IV: 2.75 + 1.15 + 1.85 + 1.9 + 0.9.

Spination: I: Fe d0-2-0, p3(4)-0-1(0); Ti p1(0)-1-1, r1-1-1(0), pv5, rv5(6); Mt p2(3)-1-0, r1(2)-0(1)-1(0),



Figs 15–20. Epigyne of *Xysticus lehtineni* sp.n. (15–18, “allotypes”) and *X. baltistanus* (19–20, Mongolia): 5–16, 19 — intact, ventral; 17 — after maceration, ventral; 18, 20 — dorsal. Scale 0.2 mm. Abbreviation: *Es* — septum.

Рис. 15–20. Эпигина *Xysticus lehtineni* sp.n. (15–18, “аллотипы”) и *X. baltistanus* (19–20, Монголия): 15–16, 19 — интактная, снизу; 17 — после мацерации, снизу; 18, 20 — сверху. Масштаб 0,2 мм. Сокращение: *Es* — септум.

pv3(5), rv4. II: Fe d0-3-1; Ti p1-1-1, r1-1-1, pv5, rv4; Mt p2-1-0, r1-0-1, pv4, rv4. III: Fe d0-3-1; Ti p1-1-0, r1-0-1, pv3, rv3; Mt p1-1-1, r1-1-1, pv2, rv2. IV: Fe d1-2-1; Pt r1; Ti d1-1-0, p1-0-1, r1-0-1, pv3, rv3; Mt p1-0-1, r1-0-1, pv1, rv1.

Palp as in Figs 5–6, 9–11, with three tibial apophyses, tegulum with central outgrowth (*To*) directed proximal-prolateral, membranous part of embolus sharply tapering near *To*.

Female. Total length 12.3. Carapace 4.7 long, 4.25 wide, coloration as in male, but median part wide and posterior declivity yellow. Legs coloured as in male.

Leg segment lengths: I: 4.1 + 2.3 + 3.15 + 2.85 + 1.2; II: 4.1 + 2.15 + 3.0 + 2.8 + 1.15; III: 2.9 + 1.5 + 1.85 + 1.6 + 0.85; IV: 3.2 + 1.5 + 2.05 + 2.05 + 0.95.

Spination: I: Fe p3(2)-0-0; Ti p0(2)-1-1(2), r0-0(1)-1(2), pv7(10), rv8(7); Mt p3-2(1)-1, r2(3)-1-2(1), pv7, rv6. II: Fe d0-1-0; Ti p0-1-2, pv7, rv7; Mt p3-0-1, r3-



Figs 21–24. Photographs of *Xysticus lehtineni* sp.n. in nature: 21 — male; 22–24 — female; 22 — eating specimen of *Mustelicosia* sp. (Lycosidae); 23 — guarding egg-cocoon; 24 — eating a *Curtonotus* (Carabidae) beetle.

Рис. 21–24. Фотографии *Xysticus lehtineni* sp.n. в природе: 21 — самец; 22–24 — самка; 22 — поедает паука-волка из рода *Mustelicosia*; 23 — охраняет кокон; 24 — поедает жужелицу *Curtonotus* (Carabidae).

0-1, pv7, rv7. III: Fe d0-1-0; Ti p0-1-1, pv5, rv4; Mt p2-2-2, r2-1-2, pv5, rv2. IV: Fe d0-1-0; Ti d1-1-0, p0-1-0, pv3, Mt p2-1-1, pv3, rv1.

Epigyne as in Figs 15–18, with well developed septum, elongate receptacles and long insemination ducts.

Variation. Paratype male: total length 7.9, carapace 4.0 long and 3.9 wide. Females vary from 10.6 to 12.3 in body length, carapace 4.0–5.2 long and 3.8–5.0 wide.

BIOLOGY. In the Altai, the new species occurs in mountain stony steppe at elevations of 1100–2500 m. Females are very common and can easily be found under stones. All females seen in July were with egg-cocoons (Fig. 23). A single male (the holotype) was found in the Altai at the end of June. It seems that males are short-lived (summer comes to the mountain not earlier than May). Males from Tuva were found at low elevations, from May 23 to June 20. Interestingly, in sibling species the males are much more common than the females, with a ratio of approximately 30:1. Such a ratio was observed in the upper flow of the

Kolyma River [Marusik, unpublished data] and in Mongolia — 21:1 [Marusik & Logunov, 2006]. As shown in Figs 22, 24 *X. lehtineni* sp.n. can catch and consume prey (ground beetles and spiders) comparable to their own size.

DISTRIBUTION. The species is currently known from Altai and from various parts of Tuva. It is very likely that some records from Mongolia [Marusik & Logunov, 2006] refer to this species. One of the records from Mongolia lies in Uvs Aimag, midway between the localities in Altai and Ubsunur Lake.

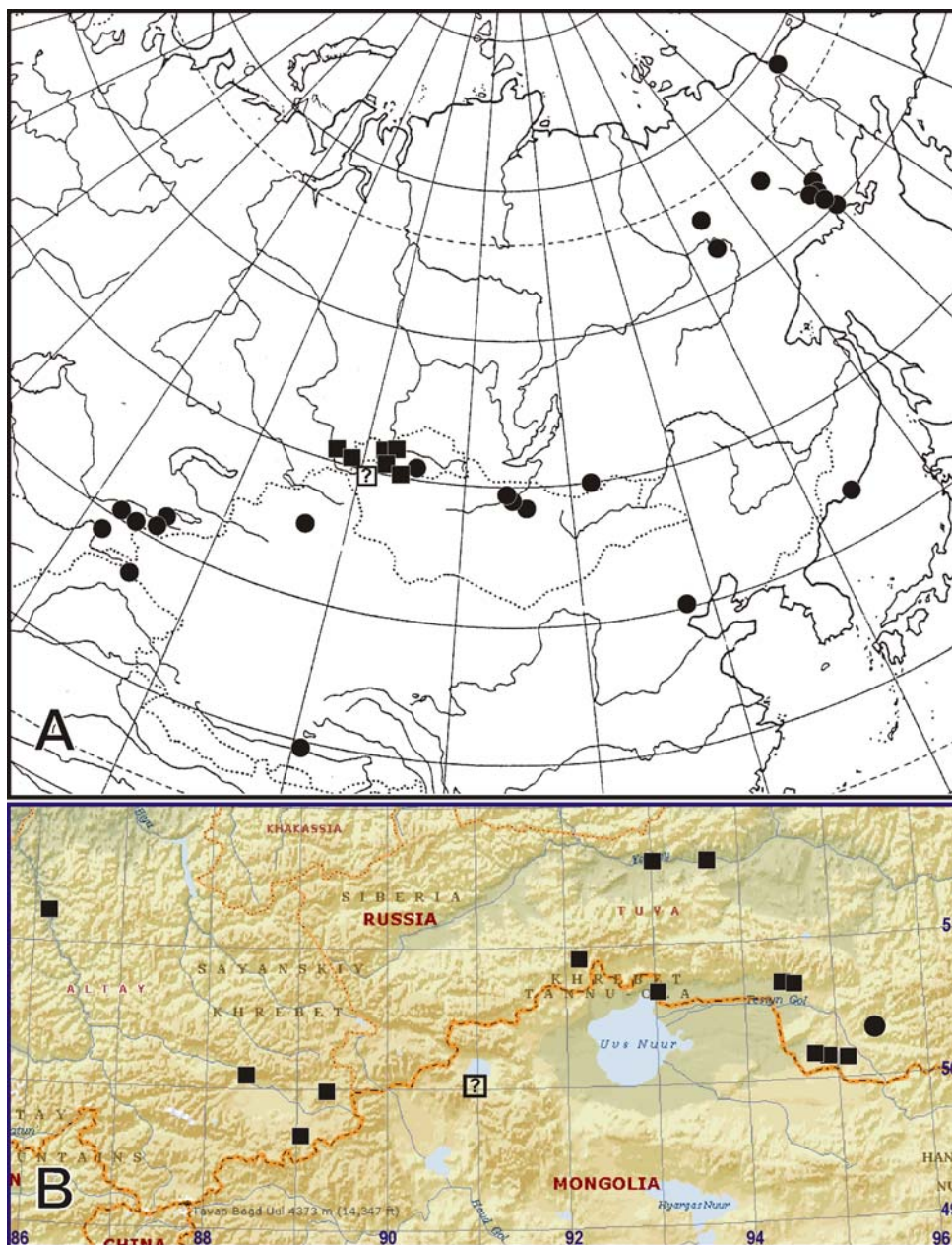
Xysticus baltistanus (Caporiacco, 1935)
Figs 4, 7–8, 12–14, Map 1.

X. dondalei Marusik, 1988: 1480, f. 7.1–7 (♂♀).

X. b.: Marusik *et al.*, 2007: 273, f. 59–60 (♂).

For a complete list of references see Platnick [2014].

MATERIAL EXAMINED: CHINA, *Xinjiang*: 1 ♂ (ZMUT), 70 km SW of Urumqi, Nantaizi, ca 43.400°N 87.230°E, June 2004 (N. Fritzen); *Hebei Province*: 1 ♂ (HUB), Xinglong County, Wuling Mountain, July 16, 1998 (Wanglu Lie). MONGOLIA, *Tov Aimag*: 21 ♂♂ 1 ♀ (ZMMU), Baha-Mukhar, 48°22'N 106°18'E, 1100 m, 18–23.06.1997 (Y.M. Marusik). RUSSIA: *Tuva*: 1 ♂



Map 1. Distribution records of *Xysticus baltistanus* (circle) and *X. lehtineni* sp.n. (square) in Asia (A) and Altai & Tuva (B).
Карта 1. Находки *Xysticus baltistanus* (circle) и *X. lehtineni* sp.n. (square) в Азии (A), Алтае и Туве (B).

(MMUM, G7253.456), Tuva, Sangelen Mt. Range, Dzhen-Aryk (Ck), upper flow, 50°28.50'N, 95°24.74'E, 1750 m, 14–18.07.1996 (Yu.M. Marusik). **Chita Area:** 1 ♂ (SZM 001.2557), Kyra Dist., Sokhondo Reserve, confluence of Yernichny Creek and Bukukun River, 1400–1500 m, steppe slope, 28.06.1991 (B.P. Zakharov); 1 ♀ (SZM 001.2547), Kyra Dist., 3–5 km E of Kyra Vil., 900–950 m, stony steppe, 30.05.1991 (D.V. Logunov). **Maritime Province:** 1 ♂ (SZM 001.2541), Lazo Distr., Kiyevka Vil., mixed forest, 4.06.1976 (T.I. Oliger).

DESCRIPTION. Well described in Marusik [1988]. Here we provide data on spination that was missing in the original description, and size, both characters suitable for species separation.

Male/female. Total length 4.8–6.7, 8.7–10.7. Carapace 2.65–3.3/4.1–4.7 long, 2.5–3.0/3.8–4.4 wide. Spination: Male: I: Fe d0-2(3)-0, p3-1(3)-0; Ti p1-1-1, r1-1-1, pv4, rv4(3); Mt p2-0-1, r1-0-1, pv3, rv3 (from Xinjiang). I: Fe d0-2-0, p3-0-0(1); Ti pv4, rv4; Mt p0-1-0, r0-1-0, pv3, rv2 (from Mongolia). Female (from Mongolia): I: Fe p2-0-0; Ti p0-0-1, pv8(6), rv4; Mt p2-1-0, r0-1-1, pv6(5), rv4.

Male palp as in Figs 7–8, 12–14; tegular outgrowth slightly variable and its posterior margin (in ventral view) can be straight, as in Fig. 7, or rounded. Epigyne variable in shape.

HABITATS. In the upper Kolyma River flow it is one of the most common crab spiders in the study area. Most of the specimens were collected in pitfall traps. Only a few specimens were taken by sweeping and hand picking. Males occur from mid-June. Their peak density was observed in the first week of July. Females can be found from mid-June to late autumn. It inhabits almost all biotopes in the forest belt. The biology of this species is somewhat unclear. While it is a very common species, only a few females (around one dozen) have been collected in the upper Kolyma, whereas the number of males collected was more than 300. In Mongolia, where spiders were collected by hand picking, the sex ratio was 21 males to 1 female.

DISTRIBUTION: East Palaearctic polyzonal range [Marusik et al., 2000]: from Karakoram Mt Range northeast to the Kolyma River mouth in northeastern Asia (Map 1).

Discussion

The new species and *Xysticus baltistanus* belong to the *X. nigromaculatus*-group. This group includes three species in North America: *X. durus* (Soerensen, 1898) (from Yukon Territory to Greenland and south to Colorado); *X. keyserlingi* Bryant, 1930 (from Yukon Territory to Mt. Washington and south to New Mexico) and *X. nigromaculatus* Keyserling, 1884 (from Alberta to Manitoba and south to New Mexico), and two species in Asia. The ranges of the Nearctic species overlap, whereas in Asia the two sibling species have allopatric ranges.

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