Pholcus kindia Huber, 2011

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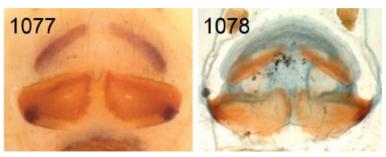
19. Pholcus kindia, web, about 60 cm diameter, Koumbaya, Guinea.

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1045. Ph. kindia, male, dorsal view.

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1077, 1078. Ph. kindia.

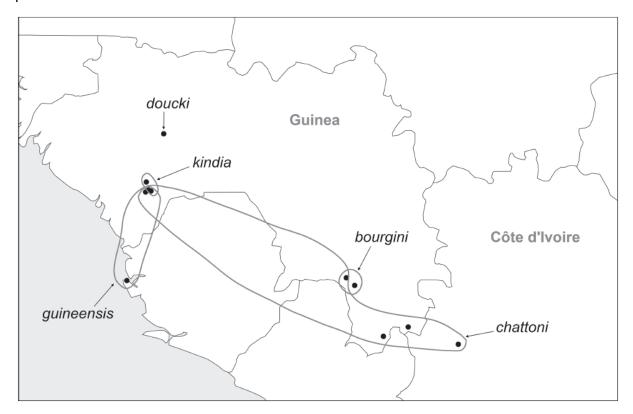


FIG. 1099. Known distribution of the *Pholcus guineensis* species group.

Pholcus kindia n. sp.

Figs. 1045, 1077, 1078, 1107-1109

"Pholcus guineensis" (misidentification): Millot 1941: figs. 2J, 2bis (only the specimens from Kindia).

Type. Male holotype from Guinea, Kindia Region, near Kindia (10°00.8'N, 12°48.6'W), along brook in plantation forest, 540 m a.s.l., 5.xii.2008 (B.A. Huber), in ZFMK.

Etymology. The specific name is a noun in apposition, derived from the type locality.

Diagnosis. Easily distinguished from most congeners by absence of uncus (Fig. 1107) and ventral abdominal pattern (similar to *Ph. guineensis*; cf. Fig. 1044); from similar species (*Ph. guineensis*, *Ph. doucki*) by shape of appendix (Fig. 1107) and female genitalia with median light area (Figs. 1077, 1108). *Male* (holotype). Total body length 6.7, carapace

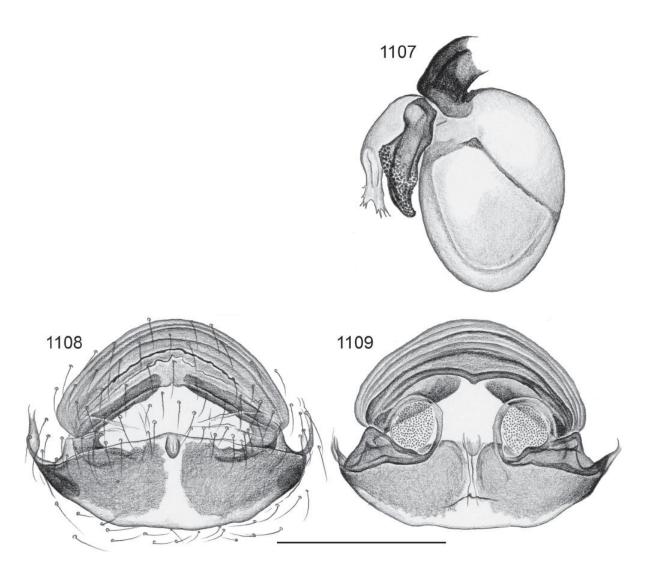


FIG. 1106-1109. *Ph. kindia* (1107-1109). 1106, 1107. Left genital bulbs, prolateral views, at same scale. 1108, 1109. Cleared female genitalia, ventral and dorsal views. Scale lines: 0.5 (1108, 1109), 0.3 (1106, 1107).

width 1.65. Leg 1: 48.4 (11.9 + 0.7 + 11.8 + 20.9 + 3.1), tibia 2: 7.8, tibia 3: 5.4, tibia 4: 7.5, tibia 1L/d: 63. Habitus as in Fig. 1045. Carapace pale ochre with brown median mark divided medially by light area, ocular area and clypeus slightly darkened, sternum red-brown, legs ochre-yellow with darker rings on femora and tibiae subdistally and in patella area, tips of femora and tibiae whitish, abdomen ochre-gray, dorsally and laterally with many internal spots visible through cuticle, ventrally with distinct cuticular pattern. Distance PME-PME 335 µm, diameter PME 175 μm, distance PME-ALE 45 μm, distance AME-AME 35 μm, diameter AME 70 μm. Ocular area elevated, each triad on short hump directed laterally, with some stronger hairs posteriorly on ocular area. No thoracic furrow; clypeus unmodified. Chelicerae as in Ph. guineensis (cf. Fig. 1103). Sternum wider than long (1.0/0.8), unmodified. Palps in general very similar to Ph. doucki (cf. Figs. 1110, 1111), procursus rather like in Ph. guineensis (without dorsal protrusion) but smaller, bulb more globular and appendix clearly different in shape (Fig. 1107). Legs without spines and curved hairs, few vertical hairs. Retrolateral trichobothrium on tibia 1 at 3%; prolateral trichobothrium absent on tibia 1, present on other tibiae; tarsal pseudosegments indistinct, only distally ~10 fairly distinct.

Variation. Tibia 1 in 44 other males 9.4-12.9 (mean 11.6). Some males also with cuticular pattern dorsally on abdomen like *Ph. guineensis*.

Female. In general similar to male but triads closer together (distance PME-PME 220 μ m). Tibia 1 in 34 females: 8.6-11.5 (mean 9.8). Epigynum similar to *Ph. guineensis* and *Ph. doucki*, but genital plate narrower and clearly divided into two halves by median light area (Figs. 1077, 1108); pair of internal sclerites visible through cuticle anteriorly; internal genitalia as in Figs. 1078 and 1109.

Distribution. Known from Kindia Region, Guinea, only (Fig. 1099).

Material examined. GUINEA: Kindia Region: near Kindia: ♂ holotype above; same data, 22♂15♀ in ZFMK; near Koumbaya (10°10.3'N, 12°53.3'W), forest, 220 m a.s.l., 19.xi.2008 (B.A. Huber), 24♂22♀ in ZFMK; Kindia, vii.1937 (J. Millot), 1♂4♀ 1 juv. in MNHN (AR 10193, male separated from AR 10192, see Note below).

Note. Millot's (1941) male from Kindia was found in a vial together with (and separated from) the male paratype of *Ph. chattoni* from Man, Côte d'Ivoire. Since it is morphologically indistinguishable from the

newly collected males from near Kindia, and since Millot reported on no other male *Pholcus* from Man except the single *Ph. chattoni* male, it seems a save assumption that this male erroneously got into the *Ph. chattoni* vial.