

***Pholcus taibeli* Caporiacco, 1949**

Caporiacco, L. di 1949. Aracnidi della Colonia del Kenya raccolti da Toschi e Meneghetti negli anni 1944-1946. Pont. Acad. Sci., Commentationes 13(6): 309-492.

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(¹) Ho pure sott'occhio un *Pholcus* di Bellettà (Gimma) raccolto dal Dr. Taibel, e che, appartenendo certo a specie nuova, dedico allo scopritore

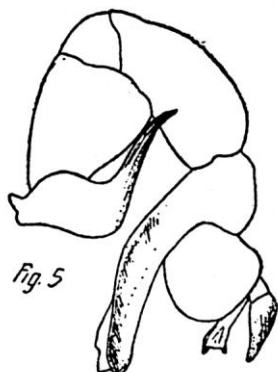
Pholcus taibeli sp. n.

♂ Cephal. long. mm. 1, latitudo 0,83; femoris I long. 8,61, femoris III long. 6,25, patellae III 0,5, tibiae III 5, metatarsi III 4,02; femoris IV 7, patellae IV 0,45, tibiae IV 3,33 (coeteri articuli desunt), palporum 2,4.

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Corpus (quoad visibile) colore flavido; abdomen omnino defectum.

Oculi medii antiqui inter se eorum diametro, a laterilibus anticis eorum duplo



diametro remoti; diametrum mediorum anticorum radio oculorum caeterorum inter se aequorum aequo. Palpi valde complicati (fig. 5); in primis palpis *Ph. vatovae* di Cap. (1940, «Atti R. Acc. It. Mem.», XI, p. 780) similes sunt, sed apophysa tarsi subrecta, non geniculata, distinguuntur.

Invenit speciei huius ♂ singulum in Bellettà (in Gimma, Aethyopia) dom. Taibel, cui species est dicata.

Huber, B. A. 2011. Revision and cladistic analysis of *Pholcus* and closely related taxa (Araneae, Pholcidae). Bonner zool. Monographien 58: 1-510.

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Three species are assigned tentatively based on a similar trochanter apophysis (*Ph. taibeli*, *Ph. vatovae*), and apparently similar color patterns (*Ph. hieroglyphicus*). The types of these species could not be located (in particular, they could not be found in MZF: L. Bartolozzi, pers. comm. Feb. 2007), and no new material is available.

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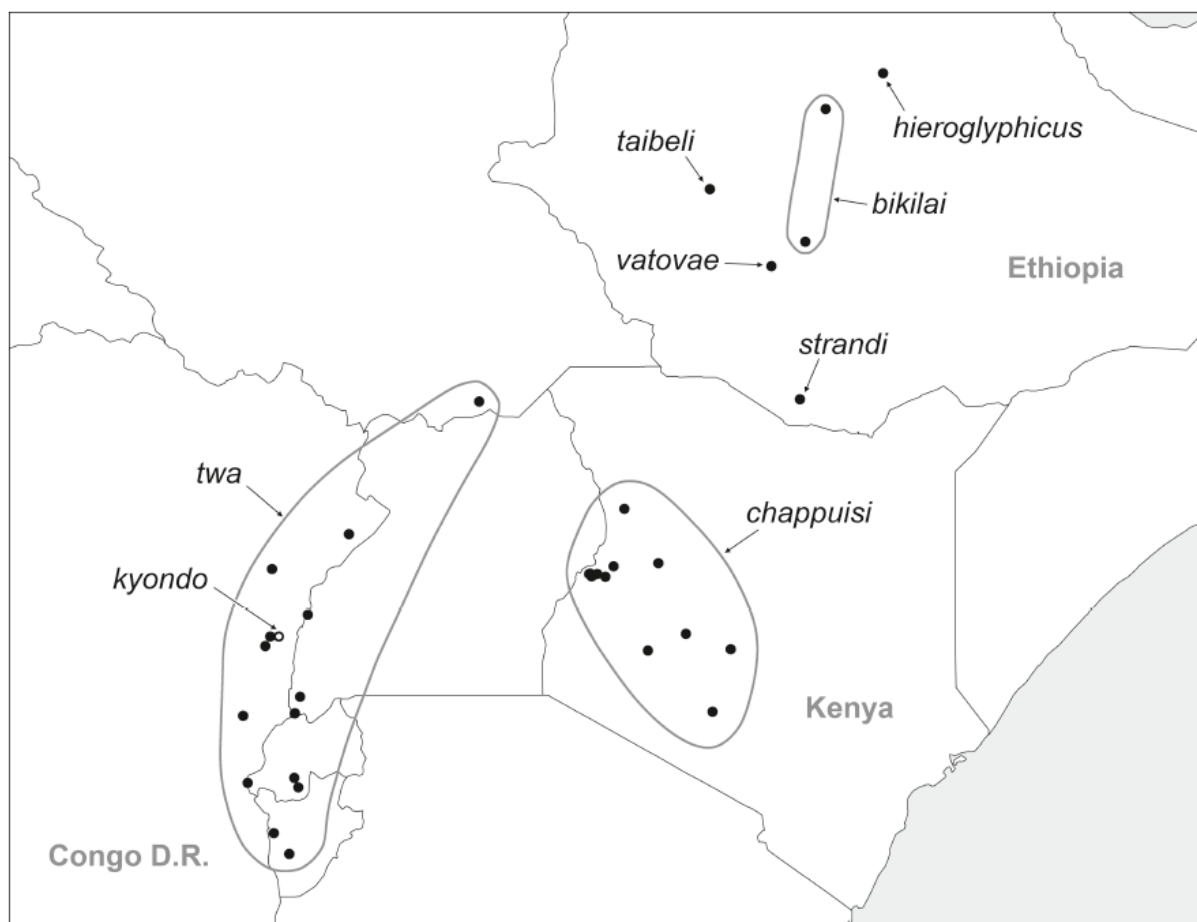


FIG. 846. Known distribution of the *Pholcus chappuisi* species group.

Composition. The *Ph. chappuisi* group includes eight species; of these, three are newly described below, two are redescribed. Core group: *Ph. chappuisi* Fage, 1936; *Ph. twa* n. sp.; *Ph. kyondo* n. sp.; *Ph. strandi* Caporiacco, 1941; *Ph. bikilai* n. sp.; assigned tentatively: *Ph. taibeli* Caporiacco, 1949; *Ph. hieroglyphicus* Pavesi, 1883; *Ph. vatovae* Caporiacco, 1940.