

Pholcus vesculus

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15. *PHOLCUS VESCULUS*, sp. nov.

♀. Long. 4.5 mm.—Cephalothorax fere orbiculatus, pallide luteus, parte thoracica macula fusca media magna postice ampliata et subtriquetra, linea media pallida divisa, notata, parte cephalica thoracica vix altiore, clypeo leviter infuscato sed linea media pallida notato. Oculi ordinarii, quatuor antici apicibus in lineam rectam, medii parvi, nigri, a sese contigui a lateralibus spatio oculo laterali non majore distantes. Oculi laterales utrinque a sese contigui, anticus reliquis paulo major. Abdomen sat longe ovatum, supra convexum, postice longe declive, nec truncatum nec angulosum, albidum, supra in dimidio basali, linea longitudinali fusca angusta et leviter lanceolata notatum, subtus vittis binis obscurioribus parum expressis, postice valde divaricatis et leviter ampliatis ornatum. Chelae, partes oris, sternum pedesque lutea, patellis fuscis, tibiis annulo apicali fusco parvo notatis. Tuberculum genitale magnum, altum et subglobosum, albidum sed postice, in declivitate, rima transversa fusco-rufula coriacea notatum.

Perak : Gunong Inas.

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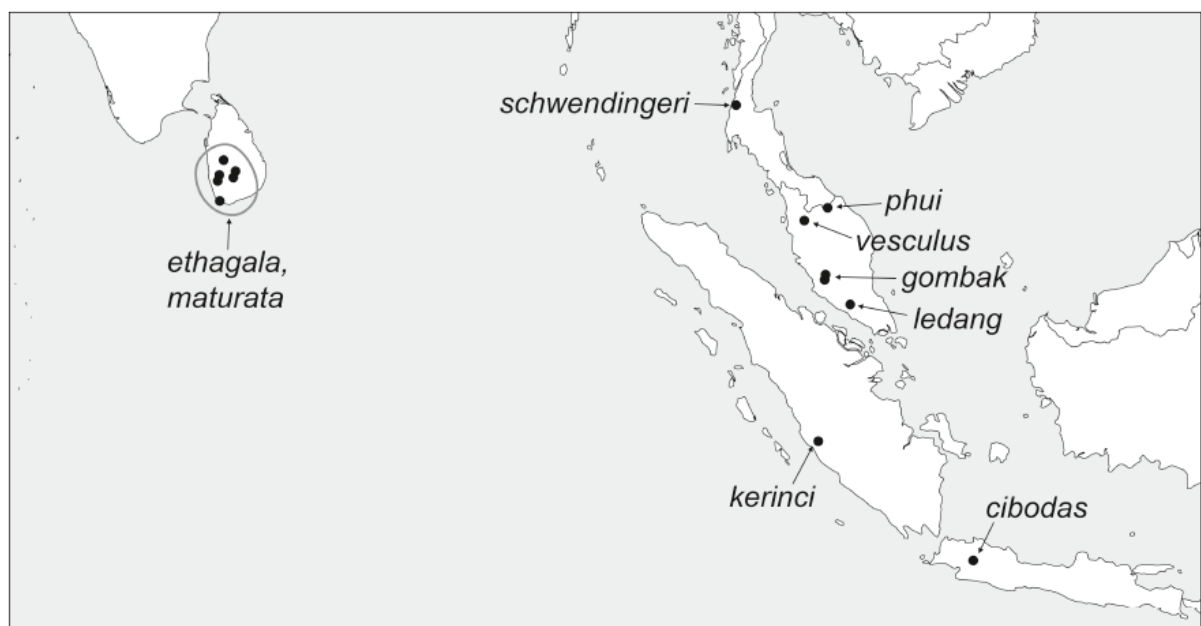


FIG. 718. Known distributions of the *Pholcus kerinci* and *Ph. ethagala* species groups.

Pholcus vesculus is only known from the female type specimen from Malaysia, Perak, Gunong Inas [$-5^{\circ}20'N$, $101^{\circ}00'E$] (in MNHN, examined). The species is assigned to this group because the epigynum strongly reminds of *Ph. ledang*, but *Ph. vesculus* has eight eyes and there seems to be no epigynal 'knob'.

Composition. The *Ph. ethagala* group includes seven species; of these, six are newly described below. *Pholcus vesculus* Simon, 1901 cannot be redescribed and placed properly without the availability of male specimens. Core group: *Ph. ethagala* n. sp.; *Ph. maturata* n. sp.; *Ph. phui* n. sp.; *Ph. ledang* n. sp.; *Ph. gombak* n. sp.; assigned tentatively: *Ph. schwendingeri* n. sp.; *Ph. vesculus* Simon, 1901.