

## Ground spiders of the genus *Taieria* FORSTER, 1979 in New Zealand: taxonomy and distribution (Araneae: Gnaphosidae)

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**Abstract:** The genus *Taieria* FORSTER, 1979 includes six species: *T. erebus* (L. KOCH, 1873); *T. elongata*, *T. kaituna*, *T. obtusa* and *T. miranda* - found in New Zealand and described by FORSTER (1979); and *T. titirangia*, a new species from the South Island, New Zealand. For the first time *T. erebus* has been found on the South Island (recorded previously only on the North Island), and for the first time *T. elongata* has been recorded on the North Island (known before only on the South Island). Maps with the distribution of six species of *Taieria* on the South and North Islands are included.

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