

## New spider species records for the Isle of Mull, UK (Araneae)

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Abstract: Thirty-eight spider species were collected in pitfall traps from the Isle of Mull, UK. The following 24 species are new records for Mull: *Clubiona compta* (Clubionidae); *Drassodes cupreus* (Gnaphosidae); *Pardosa nigriceps*, *Pirata hygrophilus* (Lycosidae); *Xysticus erraticus* (Thomisidae); *Agyneta ramosa*, *Ceratinella brevipes*, *C. brevis*, *Dicymbium nigrum*, *D. tibiale*, *Evansia merens*, *Gongylidiellum vivum*, *Hypselistes jacksoni*, *Micrargus herbigradus*, *Monocephalus fuscipes*, *Palliduphantes ericaeus*, *Peponocranium ludicrum*, *Pocadicnemis pumila*, *Tenuiphantes alacris*, *T. cristatus*, *Walckenaeria cuspidata*, *W. nudipalpis*, *W. unicornis* (Linyphiidae); *Zora spinimana* (Zoridae). Thirteen genera and two families (Gnaphosidae and Zoridae) are new records. More than 60% of the species collected were new records making a new total of 72, an increase of 50%. Such a large number of new records from a small sample size demonstrates the island's araneofauna is poorly known and warrants further investigation.

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