

The Arachnofauna (Araneae) of Wetland Kerkini (Macedonia-Northern Central Greece)

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Abstract: This paper presents a faunistic study of the spiders of Wetland Kerkini, a Greek National Park situated in Northern Central Greece, in the Serres Prefecture (province of Macedonia). Altogether 379 species belonging to 35 families were collected. 73 species and 1 family (Mysmenidae) are new records to the Greek fauna, 170 species are recorded for the first time in Macedonia. The most interesting faunistic records are *Mysmenella jobi* (KRAUS, 1967); *Lepthyphantes christodeltshev* VAN HELSDINGEN, 2009; *Walckenaeria extraterrestris* BOSMANS, 1993; *Zodarion blagoevi* BOSMANS, 2009; *Cryptodrassus hungaricus* (BALOGH, 1935); *Haplodrassus bohemicus* MILLER and BUCAR, 1977; *Zelotes eugenei* KOVBLYUK, 2009; *Dipoena galilaea* LEVY and AMITAI, 1982 and *Ozyptila danubiana* WEISS, 1998. *Haplodrassus isaei* PONOMAREV and TSVETKOV, 2006 is new to Europe.

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