

DESCRIPTION OF THE MALE OF
ULOBORUS DANOLIUS TIKADER
(ARANEAE : ULOBORIDAE)

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INTRODUCTION

A male spider of *Uloborus danolius* Tikader (Family : Uloboridae) is described for the first time.

Tikader (1969) described *Uloborus danolius* on the basis of female specimens collected from Danoli village, Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra. So far the male of this species has remained unknown. Therefore a description of male of *Uloborus danolius* is furnished here.

***Uloborus danolius* Tikader**

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Specimens examined : 16 ♀♀, 10 ♂♂, Kachari Sawanga village, Katol Tahsil, Nagpur district, Maharashtra. Coll. U.A. Gajbe, 8. IV. 1986.

General : Cephalothorax and legs light yellowish green. Abdomen yellowish green. Total length 4.80 mm. Carapace 2.40 mm. long, 2.10 mm. wide ; abdomen 3.60 mm. long, 2.30 mm. wide.

Cephalothorax : Slightly longer than wide, narrow in front, with two conspicuous longitudinal deep brown broad patches on cephalothorax (Fig. 1.). Eyes black, in two rows with anterior row slightly longer than posterior row, anterior row slightly recurved, with anterior medians larger than laterals and closer to each other than to adjacent laterals ; posterior row with eyes almost equal in size, and with posterior medians slightly closer

to adjacent laterals than to each other ; median ocular quadrangle longer than wide and wider behind than in front. Clypeus narrow, its length little smaller than diameter of anterior median eyes. Sternum heart-shaped, pointed behind and rebordered at coxae of all legs, deep brown in colour. Legs long and strong, clothed with hairs and conspicuously banded with transverse black patches ; Legs I and IV longer than II and III. Male palp as in fig. 3.

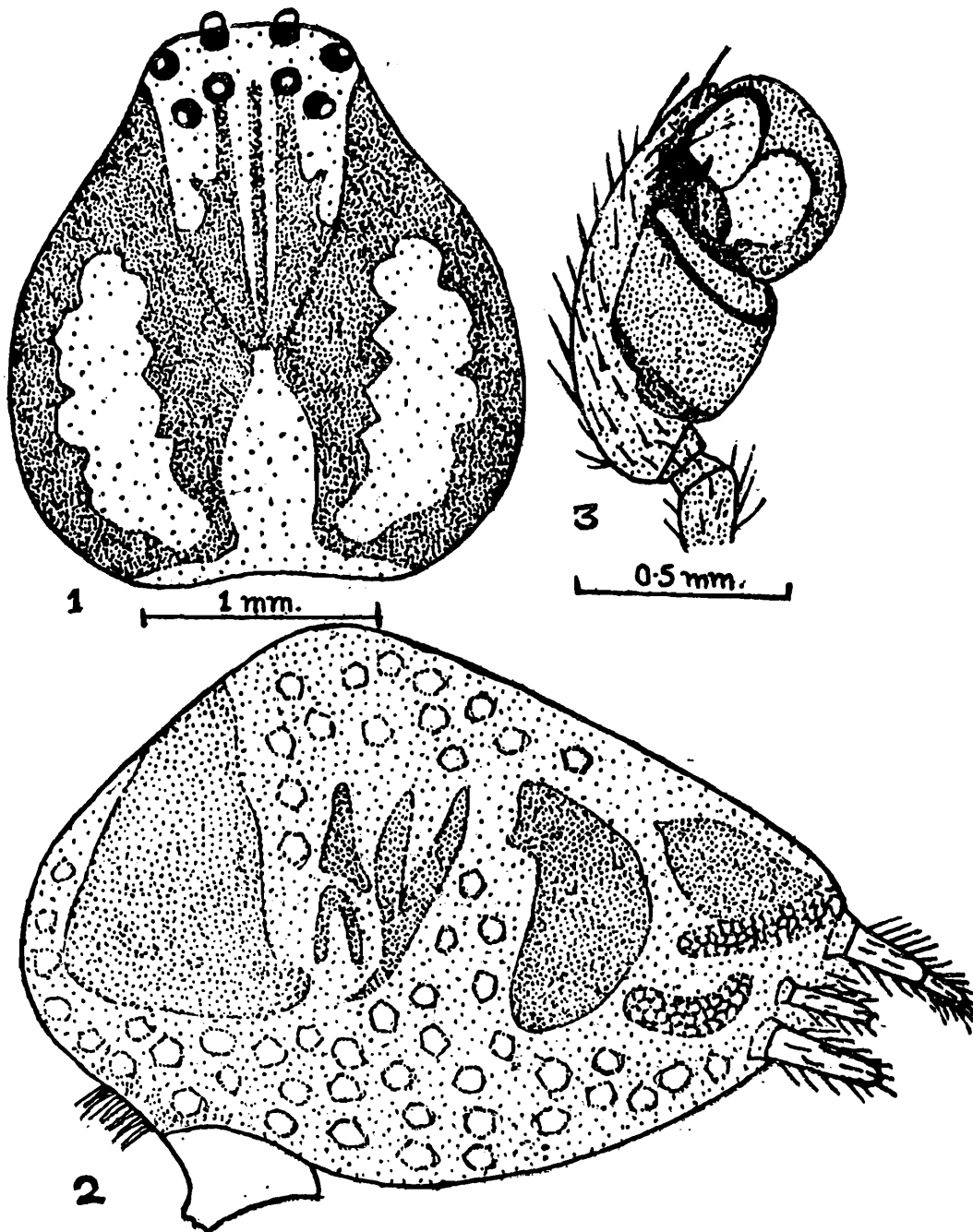


Fig. 1-3: *Uloborus danolius* Tikder

Fig. 1: Dorsal view of cephalothorax, legs omitted.

Fig. 2: Lateral view of abdomen.

Fig. 3: Male palp. (Ventral view).

Abdomen : Longer than wide, high and broad in front, clothed with pubescence and decorated with brownish patches and fine netlike structure as in fig. 2. Anterior dorsal side of abdomen provided with a hump. Mid-ventral side provided with longitudinal deep brown band extending from epigastric fold to cribellum.

Distribution : INDIA, Maharashtra, Danoli, Dist. Ratnagiri (Type-locality), Poona, Nagpur, West Bengal, Calcutta, Car-Nicobar.

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