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

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A male spider of *Uloborus danolius* Tikader (Family: Uloboridae) is described and illustrated 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 was remained unknown.

Uloborus danolius Tikader

(Figs. 1-3)

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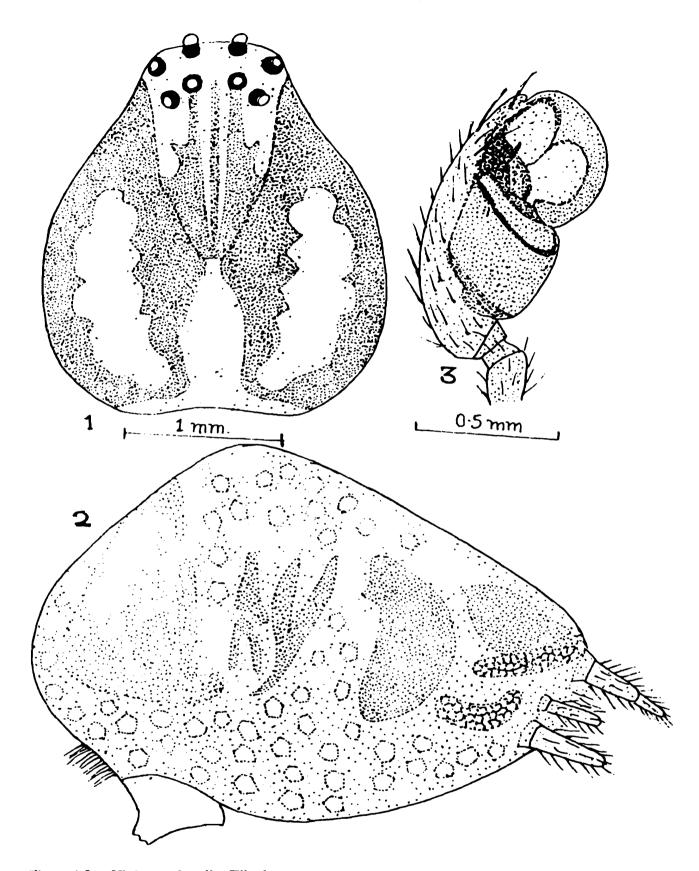
Specimen examined: 16 99, 10 88, Kachari Savanga Village, Katol Tahsil, Nagpur district, Maharashtra. Coll. U.A. Gajbe, 8.IV.1986.

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, two conspicuous longitudinal deep brown broad patches on the cephalothorax (Fig. 1). Eyes in two rows, anterior row slightly longer than the posterior row. Anterior row of eyes slightly recurved, anterior medians larger than the laterals and closer to each other than to adjacent laterals. Posterior row of eyes almost equal in size, 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, length of clypeus is little smaller than the diameter of anterior median eyes. Sternum heart-shaped pointed behind and rebordered at coxae of all legs and deep brown in colour. Legs long and strong, clothed with hairs and conspicuously banded with transverse black patches. Leg I and IV longer than II and III. Male palp as in Fig. 3.

Abdomen: Longer than wide, high and broad in front clothed with pubescence and decorated with browish patches and fine net like structure as in Fig. 2. Anterior dorsal side of abdomen rovided with a hump, Mid-ventral side provided with longitudinal deep brown band extending from epigastric fold to above the calamistrum.

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



Figs. 1-3. Uloborus danolius Tikader.

1. Dorsal view of Cephalothorax, legs omitted. 2. Lateral View of abdomen. 3. Male Palp (Ventral view).

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