

Black-and-gold huntsman spider *Thectocopsis* sp. on Pulau Tekong

Subject: Black-and-gold huntsman spider, *Thectocopsis* sp. (Arachnida: Araneae: Sparassidae).

Subject identified by: Contributors (after Koh & Leong, 2013).

Location, date and time: Pulau Tekong, at north-western area; 28 September 2011; 0030 hrs.

Habitat: In metal-framed shelter among young secondary forest.

Observers: Contributors, with Robert C. H. Teo and Vilma D'Rozario.

Observation: One individual, body length about 3 cm, was found crawling on a wooden bench during heavy thunderstorm.

Remarks: This apparently undescribed species is illustrated as '*Thectocopsis* sp. A' in Koh & Leong (2013: 248). It has distinctive yellowish dorsum, black legs and the lower part of the chelicerae (fangs) is red.

Reference: Koh, J. K. H. & T. M. Leong, 2013. *Biodiversity in the Heart of Borneo: Spiders of Brunei Darussalam*. Natural History Publications (Borneo) Sdn. Bhd. Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia. 357 pp.



Dorso-lateral (left) and dorso-frontal (right) views of spider. Its distinctly red lower chelicerae is evident in the picture on the right. Photographs by Kelvin K. P. Lim

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