

Mopsus Karsch, 1878

Taxonomy

Mopsus has one species, *Mopsus mormon*, found in Australia and New Guinea. The genus is part of a clade related to *Astia* (Maddison et al 2008). *Mopsus* is closely related to *Sandalodes* and *Mopsolodes* (Maddison 2015). Further information on the genus and described species can be found in Richardson and Žabka (2017) and Whyte and Anderson (2017).

Distribution

Specimens have been collected in tropical regions from Broome across northern Australia to south-east Queensland, and in New Guinea. It has become extremely common in Brisbane in recent years and seems to be expanding its range southwards.

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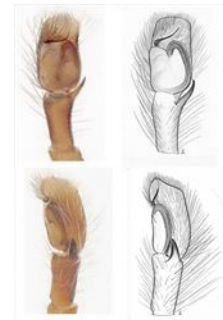
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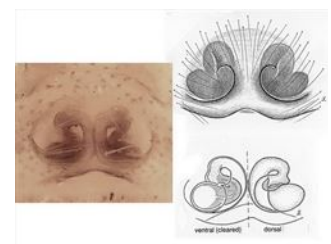
Examples of live *Mopsus mormon*
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Aspects of the general morphology of
Mopsus mormon
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Palp morphology of *Mopsus mormon*
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Epigyne morphology of *Mopsus mormon*
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