

# Fact Sheet

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## Barychelidae: Sasoninae: Sason

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### Total length

Medium (4–8mm).

### Distribution

Western Australia, Queensland, New Guinea.

### Habitat

Tropical rainforest, swamp.

### Spinnerets

Four. PLS segments unequal in length; **apical segment domed or triangular**.

### Cephalothorax

Caput of females gently raised, higher than thoracic portion; fovea of females more or less straight or recurved.

Eyes eight eyes; subquadrate group about 0.3–0.7 of head-width; two or three rows; rows equal in width or back row wider; on tubercle.

Chelicerae fangs longitudinal; retromargin without teeth; middle row of teeth absent or distinct; intercheliceral tumescence in male absent; rastellum absent or with weak or thick spines.

Maxillae longer than wide; anterior lobe and serrula absent; cusps in female few, clustered at anterior inner corner.

Labium wider than long; cusps in female few, 10 or less; **in a straight line**.

Sternum shield-shaped; sigilla with three pairs of sigilla.

### Legs

Preening combs on metatarsi absent; **tarsi basally with several small clavate and many distally filiform trichobothria or with large clavate trichobothria for length**.

Claws **two**; paired claws with one row of teeth on the inner margin or bare; **with dense tufts**; tufts movable and separate.

Males usually with coupling spur on tibia I.

Scopula in females, on tarsi and metatarsi I, II.

### Male Palp

Cymbium with scopula.

### Genera included

*Sason*.



*Sason colemani* - Cape Tribulation, Queensland.

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Distribution map.

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