

Microstigmatidae: unplaced *Kiama*

Total length

Large (8–30mm) (Fig. 1).

Distribution

New South Wales (Fig. 2).

Habitat

Temperate rainforest, open eucalyptus forest.

Spinnerets

Four. PLS segments equal or unequal in length; **apical segment digitiform**.

Cephalothorax

(Fig. 3) Caput of females steeply raised to vertical posteriorly; **fovea of females deeply procurved or U-shaped**.

Eyes (Fig. 3) eight eyes; group tiny, about 0.3 of headwidth; two rows; rows equal in width or back row wider; not on tubercle.

Chelicerae fangs longitudinal; retromargin without teeth; middle row of teeth distinct; intercheliceral tumescence in male absent; rastellum absent.

Maxillae longer than wide; anterior lobe absent or small, indistinct; serrula absent; cuspules few or absent.

Labium wider than long; cuspules absent.

Sternum with three pairs of sigilla.

Legs

Preening combs on metatarsi absent; tarsi with filiform trichobothria.

Claws **three; paired claws with two rows of teeth**; third claw dentate; tufts absent.

Scopula **in females, only distally on tarsi I, II**.

Male Palp

Cymbium aspinose and ascopulate.

Genera included

Kiama.



Fig. 1. *Kiama lachrymoides*, female habitus.

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Fig. 2. Distribution map.



Fig. 3. *Kiama lachrymoides*, female cephalothorax dorsal aspect.

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