

CRAB SPIDERS (ARANEAE: THOMISIDAE) OF JALDAPARA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY,
JALPAIGURI, WEST BENGAL - I¹

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The paper deals with the thomisid spiders recorded so far from the Jaldapara Wildlife Sanctuary. Of these, *Camaricus (Indocamaricus) siltorsus* and *Xysticus bengdakus* are considered as new taxa. Hitherto unknown male morphs of *Misumena nicobarensis* Tikader and *Pistius kalimpus* Tikader have also been recorded. Six species, namely *Camaricus khandalaensis* Tikader, *Misumena nicobarensis* Tikader, *Pistius barchensis* Basu, *P. gangulyi* Basu, *P. roonwali* Basu and *P. sreepanchamii* Tikader, are identified as new for the state of West Bengal and one, *Thomisus bulani* Tikader, for the district.

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