



New Genus of Jumping Spiders

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Recently, a team of **arachnologists (those who study spiders and other arachnids)** has identified a **new genus of jumping spiders named 'Tenkana,'** found throughout southern India.

- They also introduced a new species, **Tenkana jayamangali**, discovered in Karnataka.
 - It is named after the [Jayamangali River](#) in Karnataka, where it was initially observed.
- **About the Tenkana Spider:**
 - This new group belongs to the **Plexippina subtribe** of jumping spiders and is different from related groups such as **Hyllus and Telamonia**.
 - The genus name Tenkana is **derived from the Kannada word for "south,"** highlighting that **all known species are indigenous to southern India and northern Sri Lanka.**
 - Tenkana spiders favour dry environments and ground habitats.
 - They have been discovered in **Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh.**
 - Two species formerly classified under the genus **Colopsus**—**Tenkana manu**, located in South India and Sri Lanka, and **Tenkana arkavathi**, originating from Karnataka—have been **reclassified into the newly established genus Tenkana.**

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