

MIMETIDAE

Mimetus sp.

Tph.

Matira: Gaskell's Glow-worm Cave, 100yds, 6.vii.1958, 1 spec. (B. M. May).
 Te Kuiti: Lost World Cave, 2.vi.1957, 1 spec. (H. G. Lambert).

AGALENIDAE

Cambridgea foliata (Koch)

Tph.

Pirongia: Karamu Cave, 19.iv.1957, 1 ♂ (P. Skinner).

Cambridgea sp.

Tph.

Port Waikato: Puriri Cave, 450yds, 15.ix.1957, 1 imm. spec. (P. Skinner).

CLUBIONIDAE

Uliodon frenatus (Koch)

Tph.

Pirongia: Karamu Cave, 19.iv.1957, 1 ♂ (P. Skinner).

DIPLURIDAE

Hexathele hochstetteri Aus., det. R. L. Pilgrim

Tph.

Pirongia: Karamu Cave, 21.x.1956, 1 spec. (D. Barford).

Te Kuiti: Lost World Cave, 13.iii.1954, 1 spec. (H. G. Lambert).

TOXOPIDAE

Cycloctenus flaviceps (Koch)

Tph.

Pirongia: Karamu Cave, 150yds, 17.viii.1957, 1 ♀ (P. Skinner).

A large proportion of spiders are, by nature, facultative cavernicoles. All those recorded from caves are known also to be bush dwelling species.

ACARINA (det. Commonwealth Institute of Entomology, Brit. Mus.)

LAELAPTIDAE

Hypoaspis (Androlaelaps) sp.

Tph.

Pirongia: Tomac Tomo, on rat droppings with Collembola, 100yds, 20.iv.1957 (B. M. May).

Laelaptid mites are usually parasitic on both vertebrates and invertebrates (Baker and Wharton, 1952).

VEIGAIAIDAE

Veigaia planicola (Berlese)

Tph.

Pirongia: Karamu Cave, ex trap, 700yds, 17.viii.1957 (B. M. May).

Willmann (1936) reports mites of this genus from numerous caves in Europe, but little is known of their biology.

DIGAMASELLIDAE

Digamasellus sp.

Tx-?t.

Te Kuiti: Waipuna Cave, ex trap, 550yds, 2.xi.1957, nymphs (B. M. May).

"Live in damp soil or moss where they probably prey on other small arthropods or their eggs" (Baker and Wharton *loc. cit.*).

SCUTACARIDAE

Scutacarus sp.

Tx-?t.

Te Kuiti: Waipuna Cave, ex trap, 550yds, 2.xi.1957 (B. M. May).

"Minute, bizarre creatures found in moss, soil and sod samples throughout the world, and on various insects" (Baker and Wharton *loc. cit.*).

ANOETIDAE

Histiostoma sp.

Tx-?t.

Te Kuiti: Waipuna Cave, ex trap, 550yds, 2.xi.1957 (B. M. May); ex trap, 500yds, 8.xii.1957 (F. E. Walton); White's Cave, on rat droppings in upper level, 300yds, 7.iv.1962 (B. M. May); 24.iv.1962 (B. M. May).