

## Project Update: June 2015

The team of the project “Spiders of Vršac Mountains” made a very good inventory work during the fieldwork phase. Using several collecting techniques we have collected great material. Based on these preliminary results we could conclude that the list of species will have not only first records for our investigated place but for Serbia as well. We found one very interesting spider species *Walckenaeria extraterrestris* (Photo 1). This is a very rare spider which was first recorded and described in 1993. Female of this spider was never found and we hope that we will find it in our material.

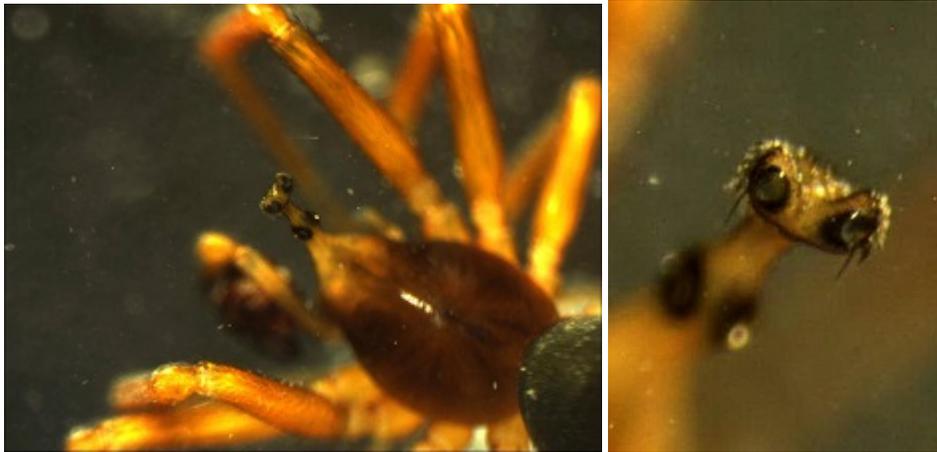


Photo 1: *Walckenaeria extraterrestris*

During fieldwork activities, more students were involved and trained to collect spiders (Photo 2). Lectures for high school children were also organised (Photos 3, 4 and 5). We talked about spider collecting methods, poisonous spiders, spider webs and purpose of research and how important is to study spiders. They set their own spider traps and have started to collect material which they will learn how to recognise and determine (Photo 6).



Photo 2. Students learning spider collecting methods



Photo 3. Fieldwork lecture for high school children



Photo 4. Fieldwork lecture for high school children



Photo 5. Fieldwork lecture for high school children



Photo 6. Children setting up traps for spiders in order to collect spider material for their school

