

## A CENSUS OF AUSTRALIAN ARANEIDÆ.

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This is the first Catalogue of Australian Araneidæ yet issued. It contains the enumeration of about 1,200 species, spread over 285 genera and 24 families. In addition to the species listed in the following pages, many new forms, at present in the hands of different collectors, await description. Considering what a vast area of this island continent has not yet been systematically "collected," it is not possible to forecast the number of species that must ultimately be made known, especially when we consider the faunistically rich areas in the Northern Rivers Districts of N. S. Wales, the tropical hinterland of Northern Queensland, and what is known as "The Northern Territory." And to these zones must be added those of Gippsland and of Western Australia.

The systematic arrangement of this Census is based on Simon's "Histoire Naturelle des Araignees," by the assistance of which many generic corrections—especially in the family Salticidæ—have been made. It may, therefore, be assumed that our genera have now been placed on a fair basis. A few changes of specific names have been made owing to the occurrence of preoccupied terms.

### THE TERRITELARIÆ.

Family AVICULARIDÆ.

Subfamily ACTINOPODINÆ.

Genus *Eriodon*, Latr.

(=*Missulena*, Walck.; *Pachyloscelis*, Lucas; *Sphodros*, Walck.; *Closterochilus* et *Theragretes*,<sup>1</sup> Auss.)

Obs.—Hogg remarks that "the specimen on which Latreille founded this genus was probably the first spider brought from Australia to Europe."<sup>1</sup>

For Notes on the Nesting Habits of the Territelariæ, see my paper.<sup>2</sup>

*ERIODON CRASSUM*, O. P. Cambr.

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<sup>1</sup> Hogg—Proc. Zool. Soc., 1891, p. 219.

<sup>2</sup> Rainbow—Rec. Austr. Mus., iv., 1, 1901, p. 5, *et seq.*