

Native predators, such as this wasp prey on spiders in the dunes.



Trichocurgis nitidiventris, a native wasp common in the dunes, preys on Anoteropsis litoralis



Nyssus coloripes

Exotic spiders prey on native invertebrates. Katipō are a threatened species. Eliminating exotic spiders helps the natives.

I do it. You can too.

- Steatoda capensis
- Sidymella trapezia
- Australomimetus hartleyensis
- Nyssus coloripes

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Steatoda capensis terminates a katipō

Steatoda capensis is a pernicious predator of katipō because it often cohabits the katipō's web system, and may at some point turn on it's host. I witnessed these events unfolding, resulting in dead katipō.



male

female

Katipō predation is not published in the literature, but it happens

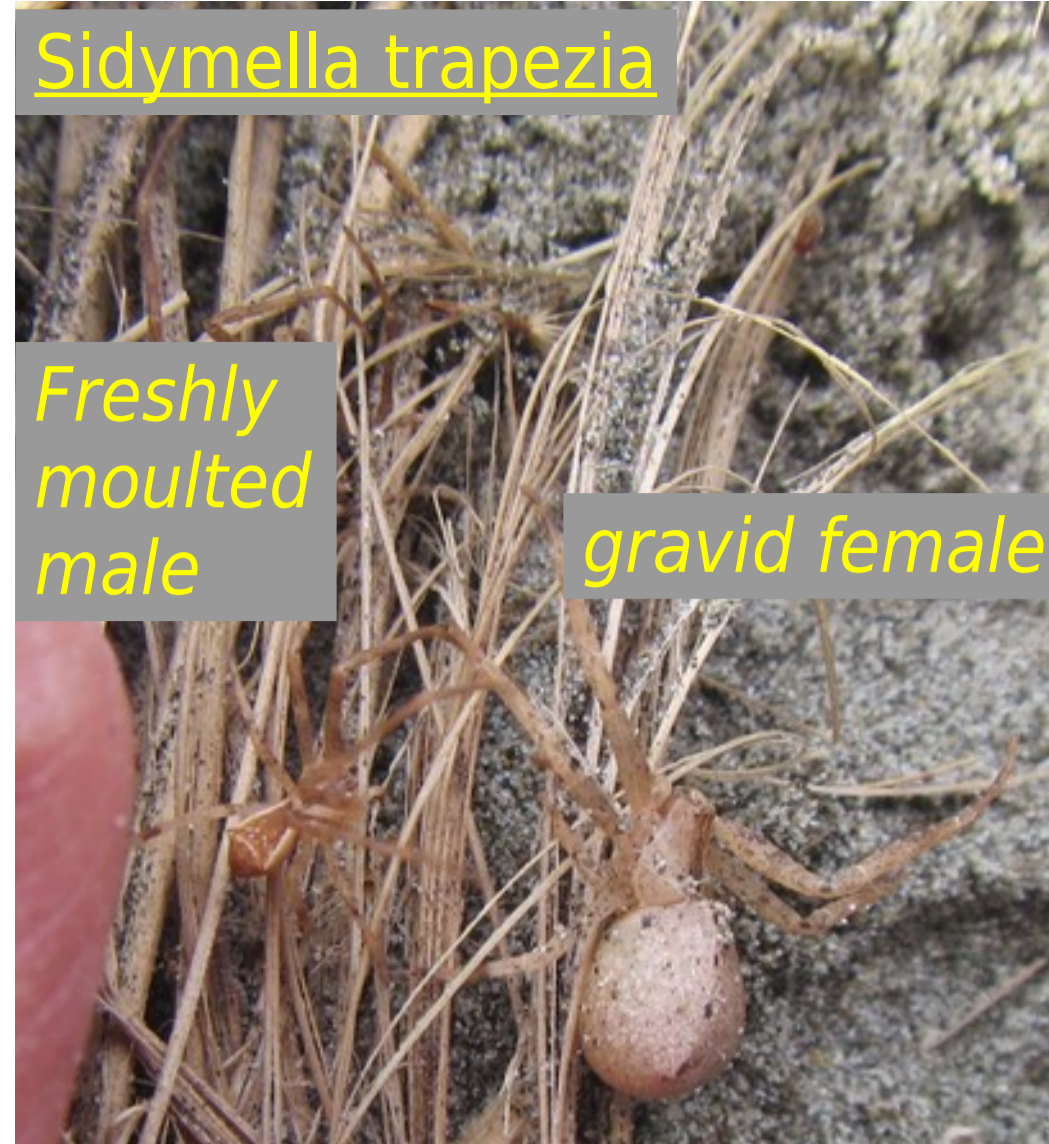


Steatoda capensis will prey on Porrhothele antipodiana

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Freshly moulted male

gravid female



Sidymella trapezia preys on Latrodictus katipō

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Gravid female

Sidymella trapezia preys on Anoteropsis litoralis

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Sidymella trapezia preys on Steatoda capensis. The katipō which made the eggsac surely died earlier.

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Sidymella trapezia preys on Hypodrasodes mauricus

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Sidymella trapezia preys on Steatoda capensis

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Sidymella trapezia

fresh eggs

gravid female on eggsac

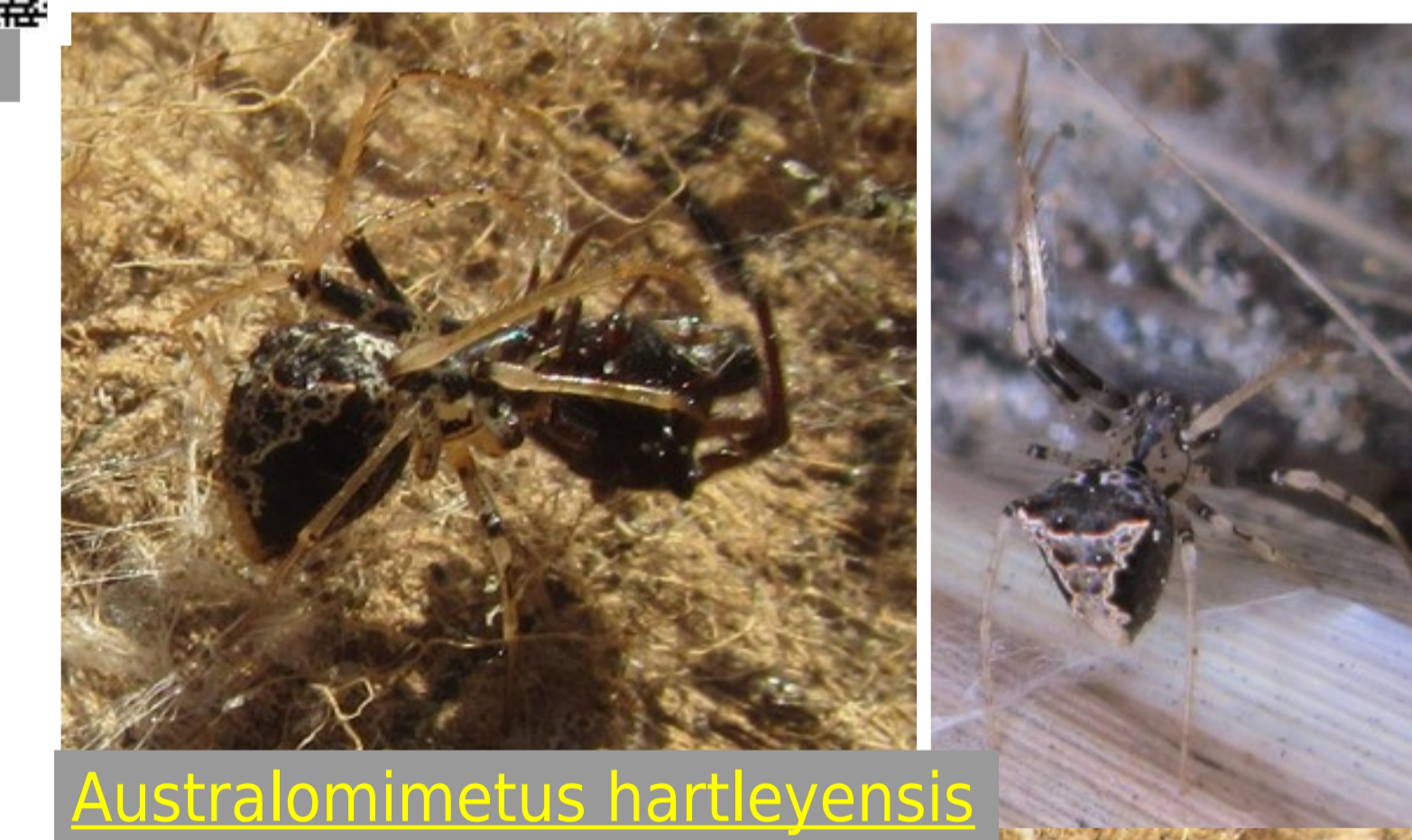
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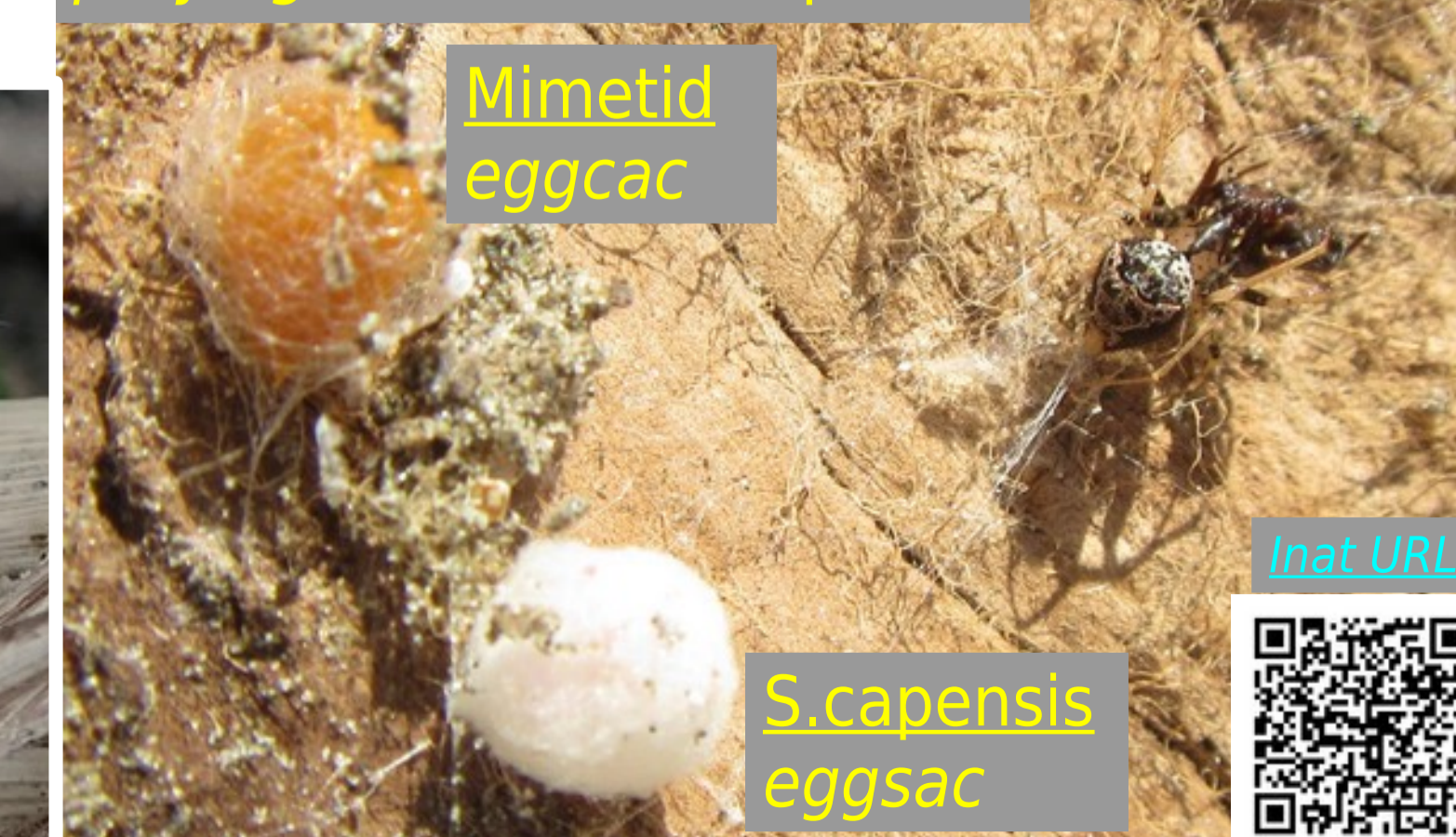
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## Exotic spiders are known to prey on katipō

Mimetids, aka pirate spiders, feed on other spider species. Australomimetus hartleyensis is the only pirate spider species found regularly in the dunes of Aotearoa



Australomimetus hartleyensis preying on Steatoda capensis



Mimetid eggcac

S.capensis eggcac

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