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Short communication

A sighting record of the jumping spider *Chrysilla volupe* (Karsch, 1879) (Araneae: Salticidae) from Pune, Maharashtra

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Introduction

We present a sighting record of *Chrysilla volupe* (Karsch, 1879), a salticid jumping spider species with iridescent coloration (Figure 1). It was sighted on March 4th, 2025 (11.51 AM) in the Pashan area near Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pune, Maharashtra, India (18°32'18.5"N 73°48'24.9"E). LGK clicked a photograph using a smartphone camera. The specimen was neither captured nor collected. This spider morphologically resembled male specimens of the jumping spider *Chrysilla volupe* (Karsch, 1879) ^[1, 3, 4].

According to the World Spider Catalog (2025), the *Chrysilla volupe* (Karsch, 1879) spider shows endemism in India and its neighboring countries; Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, and Sri Lanka ^[5]. Caleb *et al.* recently in 2018 described the life history of this species. Previous records in the state of Maharashtra are from Mumbai, Nagpur, and Sangli ^[1, 2, 4]. With scarce scientific literature regarding its spatio-temporal distribution, this data contributes to our knowledge of the occurrence of the species from Pune, Maharashtra.



Fig 1: Left: The *Chrysilla volupe* (Karsch, 1879) photographed at Pune; Right: Zoomed-in image of the same individual.

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