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Short Communication

A sighting record of *Chrysilla volupe* (Karsch, 1879) (Araneae: Salticidae: Chrysillini) from Vishrambag, Sangli, Maharashtra

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Introduction

On June 14th, 2023 (09.27 AM), I was pursuing my hobby photography of nature with a camera make- One Plus, model: HD1901 at Vishrambag area of Sangli, Maharashtra, India (16° 49' 54.9228" N, 74° 35' 54.1032" E). I observed a spider with a specific colored pattern near a home garden (Figure 1). It was not captured or collected and photographed from a safe distance. Based on external appearance, the spider was morphologically similar to the jumping spider- *Chrysilla volupe* (Karsch, 1879) male specimens from Thirumullaivoyal, Chennai and NCBS campus, Bengaluru ^[1]. A similar record is available from Nepal ^[2]. As per the World Spider Catalog (2023) the *Chrysilla volupe* (Karsch, 1879) spider is only found in India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal, and, nowhere else in the world ^[3]. Until recent descriptions by Caleb *et al.* in 2018, little was known about the ecology and distribution of this species. This record adds to our knowledge of the distribution and ecology of the species over time and space.



Fig 1: Two views of *Chrysilla volupe* (Karsch, 1879) photographed at Sangli (Picture credit: © Rushikesh R. Sankpal)

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