

The water spider *Argyroneta aquatica* (Clerck, 1757) (Araneae, Cybaeidae) found on Jæren, Rogaland

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Specimens of the water spider, *Argyroneta aquatica*, have been found on two dystrophic localities in the Jæren area of county Rogaland, SW Norway. The records confirm the occurrence of species in southwestern Norway.

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INTRODUCTION

The water spider *Argyroneta aquatica* is a rather rarely found species in Norway. Aagaard & Dolmen (1996) and Aakra & Dolmen (2003) surveys the records and ask the question if the species is present in western Norway. The present finds are from the Jæren region, SW Norway.

RESULTS

On an excursion 22 May 2006 to the dystrophic tarn Plassatjern in Sandnes, a female specimen of *A. aquatica* was netted from the shore vegetation. There is also an older record of a female (Figure 1) from the small dystrophic tarn Trolltjern, at the western base of the hill Åslandsnuten, dated **RY**: Time, Trolltjern, v. Åsland, (EIS 7) 25 May 1979, leg. T. R. Nielsen.

Both specimens are kept in Bergen Museum, University of Bergen.

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Figure 1. The *Argyroneta aquatica* female from Trolltjern in Time municipality. The specimen is photographed in an aquarium. Photo: T.R. Nielsen.