

# 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.

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