

**A NEW SPECIES OF CHIGGER OF THE GENUS *SCHOENGASTIA* OUDEMANS
(ACARI: TROMBICULIDAE) FROM *CRYPTOBLEPHARUS BOUTONII AFRICANUS*
(STERNFELD) (REPTILIA: SCINCIDAE) ON THE TANZANIAN COAST**

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ABSTRACT - The chigger, *Schoengastia cryptoblepharsia* **n. sp.** (Acari: Trombiculidae), is described from the snake-eyed skink, *Cryptoblepharus boutonii africanus* (Sternfeld, 1918) (Reptilia: Scincidae). Host skinks were captured on the sea coast along Oyster Bay, near Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Habitat notes and taxonomic data are provided.

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