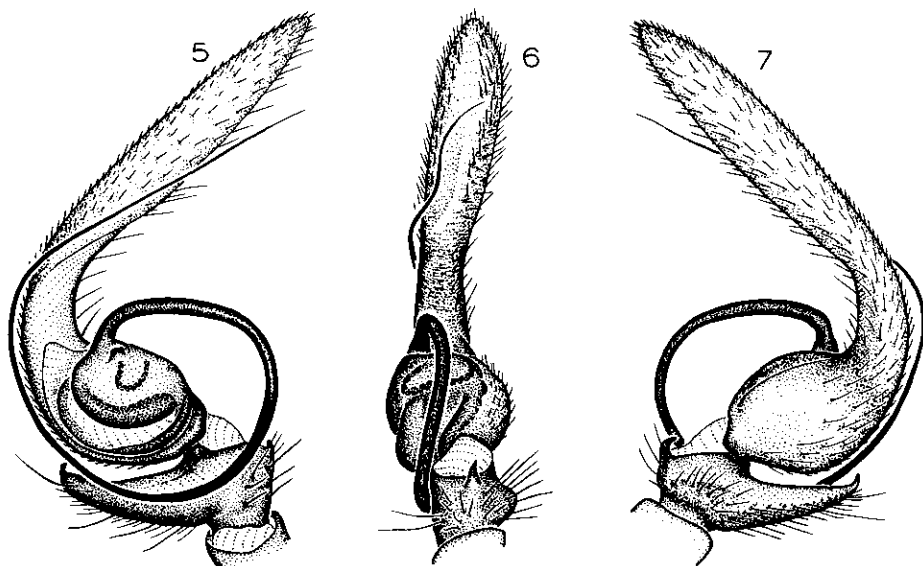


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Figures 5–7.—*Legendrena rothi* new species, left male palp: 5, prolateral view; 6, ventral view; 7, retrolateral view.

*Legendrena rothi* new species  
(Figs. 5–7)

**Type.**—Male holotype from Claire’s camp, Vatoaranana, Ranomafana National Park, Fianarantsoa, Madagascar (May 9, 1992; V. Roth), deposited in CAS.

**Etymology.**—The specific name is a patronym in honor of the collector.

**Diagnosis.**—The basally incrassate tibia I, palpal tibial apophysis bearing cusps, and elongate embolus indicate that this is the sister species of *L. steineri*, from which it differs in having the embolus originating distally, rather than proximally, on the palpal bulb (Figs. 5–7).

**Male.**—Total length, not including chelicerae, 5.19. Carapace 2.14 long, 1.62 wide, dark chestnut brown, without scales. From above, anterior eye row recurved, posterior row slightly recurved; from front, both rows very slightly procurved; eye sizes and interdistances: AME 0.07, ALE 0.09, PME 0.08, PLE 0.07; AME-AME 0.08, AME-ALE 0.03, PME-PME 0.14, PME-PLE 0.04, ALE-PLE 0.04; MOQ length 0.18, front width 0.22, back width 0.30. Clypeal height at

AME only slightly greater than their diameter. Chelicerae extending forward distance less than one-third of carapace length, bearing relatively short fang without ventral tubercle but slightly narrowed, lightened at about half its length; three promarginal teeth closely spaced, middle one largest; two retromarginal teeth enlarged, widely separated. Leg spination: femora III, IV d1-0-0. Coxae and trochanters yellow; femora dark gray, I–III with dorsal yellow longitudinal stripe; patella I dark gray, II, III yellow with lateral dark stripes; IV yellow; tibia I incrassate, dark gray, with ventral fringe of long setae proximally, yellow distally, other tibiae yellow with dark lateral longitudinal stripes; anterior metatarsi and tarsi light orange, posteriors yellow. Abdomen dark gray, dorsum without distinct scutum, with vaguely indicated transverse white stripe at about one-third its length. Palpal tibia with elongate dorsal apophysis bearing retrolateral row of cusps; embolus originating distally, extending almost to tip of elongated cymbium (Figs. 5–7).

**Female.**—Unknown.

**Distribution.**—Known only from southeastern Madagascar.