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Pandisus modestus (Peckham & Wheeler, 1889)

LYSSOMANES MODESTUS N. Sp.

Plate XII, figure 10.

♀. Length of cephalothorax 2 mm; of abdomen 3.3 mm.
Legs 7, 6.5, 6.8, 8.

Cephalic and thoracic parts equally long. Quadrangle of eyes one-third wider than long. Eyes of first row a little more than twice as large as those of second. Clypeus one-half as high as anterior eyes. Falces weak, vertical, parallel, scarcely as long as face; fang weak. Maxillæ rounded and a little enlarged at their extremities. Labium as wide as long, rounded, almost one-half as long as maxillæ. Coxæ of the first separated by but little more than the width of the labium. Legs 4, 1, 3, 2; femur of the first scarcely longer than femur of the second.

Coloration (dry): Upper surface of cephalothorax, light yellow; eye-region surrounded above by a band of bright-red hairs covered in the middle with white hairs. Clypeus with thick white hairs. Abdomen above light brown or yellow, with silvery white hairs; two parallel longitudinal bands of red hairs extend throughout its length, and these are connected by transverse bands of red hairs in three places, at the anterior and posterior ends, and in the middle. Legs light yellow with brown spines and black tips. Other parts all light yellow.

Most of our specimens have all the hair rubbed off from the abdomen, which then presents a plain light colored surface with a few dark dots.

Habitat: Madagascar.

