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*Thyene varians* sp. nov.

The males of this species are showy brown and white spiders, with a wide scalloped white band on the sides of the cephalothorax, and white hairs on the upper part of the falcis. The female is indistinct.

♂. Length 5-7 mm. Legs 1324, first and third much elongated.

♀. Length 7 mm. Legs 3412, third and fourth plainly longest, and the first and second stoutest. The first and second are nearly equal in length, the third and fourth more unequal.

The first row of eyes is nearly straight and the lateral eyes are larger than is usual in *Thyene*, being more than half as large as the middle eyes. The quadrangle of the eyes is a little more than one-fourth wider than long, and is only slightly wider behind than in front.

In the male the ground color is brown. The cephalothorax has the clypeus and face white. There is a small tuft of black hairs, on each side, below the eye of the second row. The cephalic plate has a more or less triangular white spot in the middle, and two short snow white bands running back from the middle eyes of the first row to beyond the eyes of the second row. Around the lower margin is a narrow white line, and on the upper sides is a wide, scalloped, white band, which begins at

the lateral eyes, and is continuous on the hinder part of the cephalothorax. This wide band is connected with the marginal line by a white line at the back part of the thorax. The abdomen has a white longitudinal band down the middle which forms, at the anterior end, a large spot. Behind this there is an enlargement, and then a narrower part, which is crossed, back of the middle, by a curved transverse white band. The falces are vertical, about as wide as the middle eyes, with a small fang. Their color is brown, and on the upper half is a bunch of white hairs. The palpus has white scales along the top of the femur and patella, and at the proximal end of the tarsus, and white hairs on the sides of the tibia. The femur and patella are light colored, the tibia and tarsus dark. The first leg has the femur, patella, and tibia brown, and the metatarsus and tarsus light colored. There are white hairs on the proximal two-thirds of the patella, in a line along the outer upper edge of the tibia (which is covered underneath with short brown hairs), and in a ring around the proximal end of the metatarsus. The other legs have the femur light at the proximal, and dark at the distal end, and the other joints ringed with brown and white.

In the female the cephalothorax is covered with light brown hairs, with a not very conspicuous tuft on each side below the eye of the second row. The abdomen is covered with gray hairs. On each side are two oblique white bands, and on the hinder part of the dorsum are two pairs of white spots all outlined in black. The markings are indistinct. The legs are yellow with white hairs.

We have three males and one female from Madagascar.