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**Platyoides velonus, new species**

Figures 1-4, 23, 24

**TYPE:** Female holotype from Fanivelona (Ambinany Sakaleona), Fianarantsoa, Madagascar (September; no collector), deposited in AMNH.

**ETYMOLOGY:** The specific name is an arbitrary combination of letters.

**DIAGNOSIS:** The large, posteriorly widened epigynal septum (fig. 23) is diagnostic.

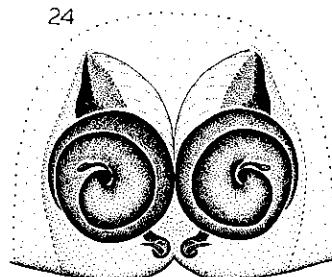
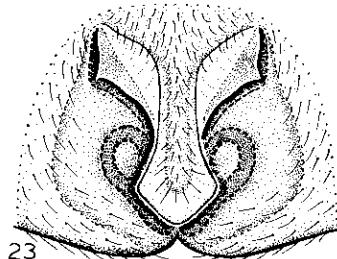
**MALE:** Unknown.

**FEMALE:** Total length, not including chelicerae, 9.47. Carapace 2.92 long, 2.77 wide. Femur II 3.42 long. Eye sizes and interdistances: AME 0.14, ALE 0.14, PME 0.13, PLE

0.13; AME-AME 0.15, AME-ALE 0.19, PME-PME 0.31, PME-PLE 0.31, ALE-PLE 0.14; MOQ length 0.35, front width 0.43, back width 0.57. Chelicerae with two very widely separated promarginal teeth and single retromarginal tooth situated near proximal promarginal tooth. Abdominal dorsum white with longitudinal median and lateral dark stripes. Epigynum with large, medially hirsute septum (fig. 23); spermathecae coiled (fig. 24).

**OTHER MATERIAL EXAMINED:** None.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Known only from Madagascar.



FIGS. 23-24. *P. velonus*, new species. 23. Epigynum, ventral view. 24. Epigynum, dorsal view.