

## RESEARCH NOTE

### A NEW RECORD FOR THE RARE OPILIONID *FUMONTANA* *DEPREHENDOR* (OPILIONES, TRIAENONYCHIDAE)

The rare opilionid *Fumontana deprehendor* was described by Shear (*J. Arachnol.* 3:177-183, 1977) from specimens collected in Greenbrier Cove, in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. A second locality for the species has now been established. Dr. W. B. Muchmore collected a male and female of this species at Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest near Robbinsville, Graham Co., North Carolina, on 26 June 1977, under a stone in a virgin cove hardwoods forest. The specimens are essentially similar in all respects to the types.

The new locality is 55 km due southeast of the type locality, in a different mountain system, suggesting that further searching might turn up more specimens of *F. deprehendor*. The two localities so far discovered have in common the fact that they are in rich, well-developed mixed forest.

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## BOOK REVIEW

INSECT ECOLOGY by Peter W. Price, John Wiley and Sons, New York. 514 pp. (\$16.75).

In the past 20 years, ecology has undergone tremendous growth as a science. A diverse and imposing literature has developed so rapidly that many biologists have missed "catching up" on important, modern ideas in ecology. Moreover, the ecological literature would seem to be dominated by studies with vertebrates (particularly birds), so that invertebrate zoologists, and especially arachnologists have little interest in reading that literature. What is needed is a text in modern ecology written from the point of view of someone who works with invertebrates, and particularly arthropods, with references to organisms whose biology we understand well. Arachnologists, entomologists and other invertebrate zoologists should be pleased that *Insect Ecology*, by Peter W. Price does much to meet this need.

Price's book is written as a text for a course "for advanced undergraduates and graduate students in entomology." Price states that his general theme is to familiarize the reader with current ecological literature, "emphasizing the important role that studies of insects have played in ecological thought, the significance of insects as members of communities, and their potential value in resolving many debates in ecology." With this goal in mind, I think Price has done an admirable job. This fine book provides a thorough coverage of most areas of ecology, and is very well-written. I found most of it easy to read and generally stimulating. Numerous diagrams and illustrations are used to clarify concepts, and aid reader interest. An extensive index makes this book a valuable reference text as well.