

Chrysilla volupe spider

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In news- Recently a pair of Chrysilla volupe spiders, was recently spotted at Puttenahalli lake, Bengaluru.

Key updates-

- The Chrysilla volupe was believed to be extinct for 150 years, until it was discovered at the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (WWS) in 2018.
- The spider belongs to the **family of jumping spiders (Salticidae)**.
- Male spiders have a **carapace in reddish orange colour with two iridescent blue stripes**.
- Females have a greyish carapace with grey eyebrows with all legs yellow in colour.
- It is **found in Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, and Bhutan**.
- The **species was first described by Karsch in 1879**.
- The female was described 139 years after the males had been identified and described, that is in 2018.