

The Wine Cellar Spider *Psilochorus simoni* in Evesham, Worcestershire.

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On 31st August 2021 I found a small, long-legged spider at the Volunteer Centre in Evesham. It resembled the ubiquitous *Pholcus phalangioides* but it was much smaller and was pale green in colour. Britain's Spiders (Bee, Oxford & Smith, 2017) revealed this to be the Wine Cellar Spider *Psilochorus simoni* (01 & 02). It is thought to be of American origin, imported first into France and then into Britain on wine bottles. Most early records were from dry wine cellars, but it is now recorded in other indoor situations and is widespread but infrequently found in Britain. There are just two records shown for Worcestershire (Spider and Harvestman Recording Scheme website).

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