

Ants (Formicidae) and Spiders (Araneae) listed from the Metropolitan Region of Salvador, Brazil

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ABSTRACT: We present an ant and spider species list from five localities of the Metropolitan Region of Salvador (MRS). The MRS is placed in an Atlantic Forest area classified as dense broadleaf forest, considered to be of high biological importance and priority for conservation. We determined 198 species of ants (8 of these are considered to be synanthropic and/or exotic), distributed across nine subfamilies. We determined 164 species of spiders (14 of them being synanthropic and/or exotic), distributed across thirty families. Therefore, this survey shows that the urban environment of the MRS still harbors a large number of native fauna species.

INTRODUCTION

Among the major causes of biodiversity loss are changes in natural environments caused by cities emergence (McKinney 2002, McKinney 2006, Faeth *et al.* 2011). Urban environments favor species that are adapted to degraded environments (McKinney 2006; Shochat *et al.* 2010; Faeth *et al.* 2011), although, they can also contribute to the maintenance of native biodiversity (Dearborn and Kark 2010; Kowarik 2011) and rare and threatened species as well (Lundholm and Richardson 2010; Kowarik 2011). For integrated urban planning (Niemela 1999), faunal inventories focusing on management and conservation of biodiversity are of remarkable importance (Byrne 2007) since the first step to conserve a certain area is, undoubtedly, to know its fauna and flora (Pearson 1994).

Regarding the fauna of urban environments, arthropods deserve main attention for several reasons: (1) they provide a picture of the global biological diversity of a certain area; (2) generally, these species have short reproductive cycles and rapidly respond to anthropogenic disturbances; (3) they are easily sampled; (4) they characterize different tropic levels and (5) they are important elements to infer sociologic, agronomic and economic conditions (McIntyre 2000). However, for arthropods, specifically ants and spiders, previous studies investigating patterns of distribution in urban habitats are scarce (McIntyre 2000, Pacheco and Vasconcelos 2007; Faeth *et al.*, 2011).

Ants add a large portion of the total animal biomass in most tropical terrestrial ecosystems (Hölldobler and Wilson 1990), representing a dominant group of invertebrates in tropical regions with 15,626 described species and subspecies (Bolton 2013). By feeding on a wide variety of living and dead organisms, ants play a

role in nutrient cycling, soil ventilation, regulation of populations of terrestrial invertebrates, and seed dispersal (Fernández 2003). Spiders are a mega-diverse group with 44,032 described species (Platnick 2013), distributed in all environments, except for oceanic and polar regions (Foelix 2011). They present relevant ecological function as regulators of other invertebrate populations (Aguilar 1988, Flórez 2000).

The Metropolitan Region of Salvador (MRS), capital city of the state of Bahia, is among the largest and oldest metropolitan regions of Brazil (IBGE 2010). The MRS, which is constituted by thirteen municipalities, is inserted in the Atlantic Forest domain and is severely altered by urbanization process (IBGE 2010). Classified as moist broadleaf forest, the Atlantic Forest remnants of MRS are of high biological importance and priority for conservation of invertebrates (MMA 2002). Studies on ant and spider fauna are scant, except for ants occurring in houses or hospitals in different localities of the state (Delabie 1993, Delabie *et al.* 1995, 2002, Aquino *et al.* 2013), and for spiders occurring in forest fragments and houses in the capital (Brazil *et al.* 2005, Melo *et al.* 2011). Consequently, the aim of this study is to present a list of ant and spider species found in urban habitats (forest fragment, vacant lots and garden/residential backyards) from five cities of the MRS.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The MRS covers a territory of 4,337.72 km² and has a population of 3,799,589 inhabitants (SEDUR 2011). The climate is hot with annual mean temperatures above 18°C and a maximum of two dry months per year (IBGE 2002). The survey was carried out from July to October 2012 in forest fragments embedded in urban matrix of

the following localities: Salvador, Lauro de Freitas, Simões Filho, Camaçari and Mata de São João. In Salvador, we also sampled vacant lots and gardens/residential backyards in residential areas. In the forest remnants we collected ants and spiders in a total of 100 sampling points, besides 20 points in vacant lots and others 20 in gardens/residential backyards (Table 1). Per sampling point we collected these invertebrates using: Winkler traps (50x50 cm samples of soil or leaf litter for 24 h), diurnal manual sampling (15 minutes) and entomological umbrella (three shrubs with 1 m² of fabric) (Bestelmeyer et al. 2000). We used the same sampling scheme and effort in the three habitat types (forests fragments, vacant lots and gardens/residential backyards).

Specimen collection was approved and received license number 33828-1 from MMA/SISBIO and 15-2012 from INEMA/DIRUC. Ants were identified and deposited in the collection of the Laboratory of Myrmecology (acronym CPDC), under the number #5703. Spiders were identified and are deposited in the spider collection of Butantan Institute, São Paulo (IBSP) (curator D.M. Barros Battesti), under the number #164953.

RESULTS

Ants

198 species distributed across nine subfamilies were identified (Table 2). The highest richness of ant species was found in Salvador city (n=164) (which was also the site with the highest sampling effort), followed by Lauro de Freitas (78), Mata de São João (76), Simões Filho (75) and Camaçari (66). The richest families were Myrmicinae (111 species), Formicinae (27) and Ponerinae (26) and the richest genera *Pheidole* (42), *Camponotus* (16) and *Pseudomyrmex* (13). Eight ant species were considered to be synanthropic and/or exotic (Table 2).

Spiders

We collected 164 species from 30 families (Table 3). The highest spider richness was found at Salvador (n=116) (which was too the city with the highest sampling effort), followed by Mata de São João (55), Simões Filho (54), Lauro de Freitas (50) and Camaçari (48). The richest families were Salticidae (32 species), Theridiidae (32) and Araneidae (25). The richest genera were *Dipoena*, *Episinus*, *Micrathena* and *Theridion*, with four species each. Between all these spider species, 14 are considered to be synanthropic and/or exotic (Table 3).

DISCUSSION

Ants

Previous studies (using different methodologies and duration of sampling) conducted in urban environments of the Atlantic Forest ecoregion recorded 86 (Munhae et al. 2009), 67 (Iop et al. 2009), 55 (Benati et al. 2011) and 33 species (Dáttilo et al. 2011), 21 species in cities of the Amazonian rainforest (Marques et al. 2002) and 143 species in urban sites of Cerrado (Pacheco and Vasconcelos 2007). Besides revealing the highest record of ant diversity for an urban matrix in Brazil, this study

presents an ant diversity similar and even higher to other studies conducted in natural habitats of the Atlantic Forest (Feitosa and Ribeiro 2005, Santos et al. 2006, Rosumek et al. 2008, Coelho et al. 2009, Figueiredo et al. 2012).

In the MRS, the subfamilies Formicinae, Myrmicinae and Ponerinae showed the greatest number of species that are among the subfamilies with the highest species richness in the world (Bolton 2013). It is worthy to note that this pattern is maintained in urban or disturbed natural sites (Iop et al. 2009, Benati et al. 2011, Dáttilo et al. 2011).

Spiders

In the MRS, we recorded 5.1% of the spider richness of Brazil (Brescovit et al. 2011). Studies performed (using different methodologies and sampling time) in Atlantic Forest fragments inserted in urban centers recorded: 170 species in Salvador (Melo et al. 2011), 166 species in João Pessoa (Dias et al. 2006), 151 species in Recife (Peres et al. 2007) and 46 species in São Paulo (Candiani et al. 2005). A survey conducted in a fragment of Atlantic Forest in the RMS, but outside the urban matrix, found 130 species (Pinto-Leite et al. 2008). These results show that a richness of 164 species found in the MRS is rather similar to the values observed in other metropolis of the Brazilian Northeast.

In the MRS, Araneidae, Salticidae and Theridiidae presented the highest number of species. This group of spiders are among the richest spider families in the world (Platnick 2013), and particularly for non-natural areas or disturbed environments, the pattern is maintained (Candiani et al. 2005, Dias et al. 2006, Peres et al. 2007, Melo et al. 2011).

Synanthropic and Exotic Species

In the MRS, 22 species are synanthropic and/or exotic (Tables 2 and 3). This high number of species could be related to environmental disturbances originated by cities inserted in either biome (Kowarik 2011), which favor introduction and prevalence of non-native and synanthropic species (McKinney 2006). Such species are good competitors that efficiently exploit resources from urban or highly impacted environments (McKinney 2006).

Exotic ants recorded here originated, in general, from Asia or Africa (Delabie 1993), while introduced spider species are from Europe and Asia (Brescovit et al. 2011). In our survey, it is to be noted that the exotic ant *Monomorium pharaonis* Linnaeus, 1758 was not recorded, nor either the spider *Physocyclus globosus* Taczanowski, 1874. We know that these species are frequent in the state of Bahia (*M. pharaonis*) and at Salvador (*P. globosus*), where they are easily found in house interiors (Delabie 1993, Delabie et al. 1995, Brazil et al. 2005), however, these sites were not sampled in this study. Despite the high incidence of exotic and synanthropic ants and spiders recorded, these species only represented 6% of the total species collected in the MRS (362 ant and spider species). In conclusion, our survey shows that the urban environment of the MRS still harbors a large number of native fauna species.

TABLE 1. Sampling sites of ants and spiders in the Metropolitan Region of Salvador during the months of July and October, 2012.

MUNICIPALITY	MUNICIPAL HEAD OFFICE COORDINATES	TOTAL SAMPLING POINTS	SAMPLED HABITATS	FRAGMENT COORDINATES
Salvador	12.97°S, 38.51°O	100	6 forest fragments, 20 vacant lots, 20 gardens/residential backyards	12°58'30" S, 38°26'35" W
				12°55'55" S, 38°26'07" W
				12°59'57" S, 38°28'16" W
				13°00'18" S, 38°30'21" W
				12°53'49" S, 38°28'11" W
				12°57'47" S, 38°24'44" W
Lauro de Freitas	12.89°S, 38.32°O	20	2 forest fragments	12°54'29" S, 38°20'04" W 12°53'42" S, 38°21'48" W
Simões Filho	12.78°S, 38.4°O	20	2 forest fragments	12°48'09" S, 38°22'55" W 12°48'17" S, 38°23'50" W
Camaçari	12.69°S, 38.32°O	20	2 forest fragments	12°41'00" S, 38°17'10" W 12°40'25" S, 38°20'00" W
Mata de São João	12.52°S, 38.29°O	20	2 forest fragments	12°31'02" S, 38°16'22" W
				12°29'55" S, 38°16'11" W

TABLE 2. Ant species collected in the Metropolitan Region of Salvador between July and October of 2012 in the cities: Salvador (SA), Lauro de Freitas (LF), Simões Filho (SF), Camaçari (CA) and Mata de São João (MSJ). Habitats types: Forest Fragments (FF), Vacant Lots (VL) and Garden/residential Backyards (GB). *Exotic species. †Synanthropic species.

TAXON	CITY						
	SA			LF	SF	CA	MSJ
	FF	VL	GB				
AMBLYOPONINAE							
<i>Prionopelta</i> sp.1			X				
CERAPACHYINAE							
<i>Cerapachys splendens</i> Borgmeier, 1957						X	
DOLICHODERINAE							
<i>Azteca alfari</i> Emery, 1894		X					
<i>Azteca ovaticeps</i> Forel, 1904		X					X
<i>Azteca</i> sp.1	X			X			X
<i>Azteca</i> sp.2	X	X				X	X
<i>Dolichoderus attelaboides</i> (Fabricius, 1775)				X			X
<i>Dolichoderus imitator</i> Emery, 1894	X				X		
<i>Dolichoderus lutosus</i> (Fr. Smith, 1858)				X	X		X
<i>Dorymyrmex</i> sp.1	X	X	X				
<i>Dorymyrmex thoracicus</i> Gallardo, 1916		X	X				
<i>Linepithema neotropicum</i> Wild, 2007	X	X	X	X		X	X
<i>Tapinoma melanocephalum</i> (Fabricius, 1793) *	X	X	X	X	X		X
<i>Tapinoma</i> sp.1	X			X	X	X	
ECITONINAE							
<i>Neivamyrmex gibbatus</i> Borgmeier, 1953							X
<i>Neivamyrmex pilosus</i> (Smith, 1858)				X			
ECTATOMMINAE							
<i>Ectatomma muticum</i> Mayr, 1870	X	X	X	X		X	X
<i>Ectatoma opaciventre</i> Roger, 1861					X		
<i>Ectatomma tuberculatum</i> (Olivier, 1791)	X	X		X	X	X	X
<i>Gnamptogenys striatula</i> Radoskowsky, 1884						X	X
<i>Gnamptogenys sulcata</i> (Fr. Smith, 1858)					X		
FORMICINAE							
<i>Acropyga decedens</i> Mayr, 1887	X					X	
<i>Brachymyrmex heeri</i> Forel, 1874	X		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Brachymyrmex patagonicus</i> Mayr, 1868		X	X				
<i>Brachymyrmex</i> sp.1		X	X				
<i>Brachymyrmex</i> sp.2		X	X				
<i>Camponotus arboreus</i> (Fr. Smith, 1858)	X	X	X	X			
<i>Camponotus atriceps</i> (Fr. Smith, 1858)	X		X				
<i>Camponotus bidens</i> Mayr, 1870	X				X		X
<i>Camponotus blandus</i> (Fr. Smith, 1858)		X	X				
<i>Camponotus cingulatus</i> (Mayr, 1862)	X			X	X		

TABLE 2. CONTINUED.

TAXON	CITY						
	SA			LF	SF	CA	MSJ
	FF	VL	GB				
<i>Camponotus fastigatus</i> Roger, 1863	X	X	X	X	X		X
<i>Camponotus melanoticus</i> Emery, 1894		X	X			X	X
<i>Camponotus novogranadensis</i> Mayr, 1870	X	X	X	X			X
<i>Camponotus rectangularis</i> Emery, 1890	X	X		X	X	X	X
<i>Camponotus renggeri</i> Emery, 1894				X			X
<i>Camponotus senex</i> (Smith, 1858)	X	X	X				X
<i>Camponotus sexguttatus</i> (Fabricius, 1793)					X		
<i>Camponotus</i> sp.1	X						
<i>Camponotus</i> sp.2		X		X			
<i>Camponotus trapezoideus</i> Mayr, 1870				X			X
<i>Camponotus vittatus</i> Forel, 1904		X					
<i>Nylanderia</i> sp.1	X		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Nylanderia</i> sp.2	X	X	X	X	X		X
<i>Nylanderia</i> sp.3	X		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Nylanderia</i> sp.4				X			
<i>Nylanderia</i> sp.5				X			
<i>Paratrechina longicornis</i> (Latreille, 1802) *		X	X				
MYRMICINAE							
<i>Acanthognathus rudis</i> Brown & Kempf, 1969						X	
<i>Acromyrmex rugosus</i> (Fr. Smith, 1858)		X	X				
<i>Acromyrmex subterraneus brunneus</i> Forel, 1911	X	X	X		X		X
<i>Acromyrmex subterraneus subterraneus</i> Forel, 1893		X	X	X			
<i>Apterostigma</i> sp.1	X				X		X
<i>Atta cephalotes</i> Linnaeus, 1758		X					X
<i>Atta opaciceps</i> Borgmeier, 1939	X	X	X	X		X	X
<i>Basiceros balzani</i> Emery, 1894	X						
<i>Basiceros iheringi</i> Emery, 1888	X			X		X	
<i>Basiceros rugifera</i> (Mayr, 1887)	X						
<i>Basiceros</i> sp.1	X						
<i>Cardiocondyla obscurior</i> Wheeler, 1929 *	X	X	X				
<i>Carebara</i> sp.1	X	X		X		X	
<i>Carebara urichi</i> Wheeler, 1922	X						X
<i>Cephalotes atratus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)						X	X
<i>Cephalotes minutus</i> (Fabricius, 1804)	X	X	X	X	X		X
<i>Cephalotes pallidoides</i> De Andrade, 1999	X					X	
<i>Cephalotes pinelii</i> De Andrade, 1999			X				
<i>Cephalotes pusillus</i> (Klug, 1824)							X
<i>Cephalotes umbraculatus</i> (Fabricius, 1804)				X			
<i>Crematogaster abstinens</i> Forel, 1899		X	X		X		
<i>Crematogaster carinata</i> Mayr, 1862	X			X	X	X	X
<i>Crematogaster curvispinosa</i> Mayr, 1862	X	X		X		X	
<i>Crematogaster erecta</i> Mayr, 1866	X	X	X	X		X	
<i>Crematogaster limata</i> Fr. Smith, 1858	X			X	X	X	X
<i>Crematogaster</i> sp.1	X						
<i>Crematogaster tenuicula</i> Forel, 1904	X				X	X	X
<i>Crematogaster victima</i> Fr. Smith, 1858	X		X				
<i>Cyphomyrmex rimosus</i> (Spinola, 1853)	X		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Cyphomyrmex transversus</i> Emery, 1894	X	X	X		X	X	
<i>Lachnomyrmex victori</i> Feitosa & Brandão, 2008	X				X		
<i>Megalomyrmex</i> sp.1	X						
<i>Monomorium destructor</i> (Jerdon, 1851) *	X			X			
<i>Monomorium floricola</i> (Jerdon, 1852) *	X	X	X	X		X	X
<i>Myocepurus goeldii</i> Forel, 1893	X				X	X	X
<i>Myocepurus smithi</i> Forel, 1893	X				X		X
<i>Nesomyrmex spininodis</i> Mayr, 1887	X						
<i>Nesomyrmex tristani</i> Emery, 1896	X			X		X	
<i>Pheidole</i> (complex <i>flavens</i>) sp.2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

TABLE 2. CONTINUED.

TAXON	CITY						
	SA			LF	SF	CA	MSJ
	FF	VL	GB				
<i>Pheidole</i> (complex <i>flavens</i>) sp.3	X					X	
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>diligens</i>) sp.1	X	X	X				
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>diligens</i>) sp.12		X			X		X
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>diligens</i>) sp.17							X
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>diligens</i>) sp.27	X					X	
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>diligens</i>) sp.28		X				X	
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>diligens</i>) sp.29							X
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>diligens</i>) sp.30					X		
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>diligens</i>) sp.32	X				X		
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>diligens</i>) sp.8							X
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>fallax</i>) sp.13	X	X	X				
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>fallax</i>) sp.24			X				
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>fallax</i>) sp.31		X					
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>fallax</i>) sp.5	X	X	X	X			X
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>fallax</i>) sp.6	X	X	X	X			
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>fallax</i>) sp.7	X		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>fallax</i>) sp.8			X				
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>fallax</i>) sp.9			X			X	
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>flavens</i>) sp.10				X			
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>flavens</i>) sp.21	X	X			X	X	
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>flavens</i>) sp.22	X			X			
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>flavens</i>) sp.23	X				X		
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>tristis</i>) sp.11			X				
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>tristis</i>) sp.14					X		
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>tristis</i>) sp.15	X			X			
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>tristis</i>) sp.16	X			X	X		
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>tristis</i>) sp.19		X	X				
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>tristis</i>) sp.20	X						X
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>tristis</i>) sp.25		X	X		X	X	
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>tristis</i>) sp.26	X				X		
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>tristis</i>) sp.33					X		
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>tristis</i>) sp.34			X				
<i>Pheidole</i> (group <i>tristis</i>) sp.35	X						X
<i>Pheidole diligens</i> (Smith, 1858)	X	X		X	X	X	X
<i>Pheidole fimbriata</i> Roger, 1863	X	X			X		
<i>Pheidole midas</i> Wilson, 2003	X			X	X		X
<i>Pheidole obscurithorax</i> Naves, 1985	X	X				X	
<i>Pheidole radoszkowskii</i> Mayr, 1884	X			X	X	X	X
<i>Pheidole</i> sp.4	X						
<i>Pheidole synarmata</i> Wilson, 2003	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Pheidole transversostriata</i> Mayr, 1887	X			X	X	X	X
<i>Rogeria besucheti</i> Kugler, 1994	X					X	
<i>Rogeria foreli</i> Emery, 1894				X			
<i>Rogeria germaini</i> Emery, 1894		X					
<i>Sericomyrmex</i> sp.1	X						
<i>Sericomyrmex</i> sp.2	X					X	
<i>Solenopsis geminata</i> (Fabricius, 1804)	X		X				
<i>Solenopsis globularia</i> (Fr. Smith, 1858)			X				
<i>Solenopsis</i> sp.1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Solenopsis</i> sp.2	X		X				
<i>Solenopsis</i> sp.3	X	X	X				
<i>Solenopsis</i> sp.4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Solenopsis</i> sp.5	X			X	X	X	X
<i>Solenopsis</i> sp.6	X						
<i>Strumigenys carinithorax</i> Borgmeier, 1934				X			
<i>Strumigenys conspersa</i> Emery, 1906		X		X		X	
<i>Strumigenys denticulata</i> Mayr, 1887	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

TABLE 2. CONTINUED.

TAXON	CITY						
	SA		LF	SF	CA	MSJ	
	FF	VL	GB				
<i>Strumigenys diabolus</i> Bolton, 2000	X						
<i>Strumigenys elongata</i> Roger, 1863	X				X	X	
<i>Strumigenys ogloblini</i> Santschi, 1936	X	X	X	X		X	
<i>Strumigenys</i> sp.1	X						
<i>Strumigenys subdentata</i> Mayr, 1887	X			X	X	X	
<i>Strumigenys trinidadensis</i> Wheeler, 1922		X					
<i>Tetramorium bicarinatum</i> (Nylander, 1846) *		X					
<i>Tetramorium lucayanum</i> Wheeler, 1905 *	X	X	X				
<i>Tetramorium simillium</i> (Fr. Smith, 1851) *		X					
<i>Trachymyrmex</i> sp.1	X	X	X		X		
<i>Trachymyrmex</i> sp.2	X					X	
<i>Trachymyrmex</i> sp.3						X	
<i>Trachymyrmex</i> sp.4	X		X	X			
<i>Wasmannia auropunctata</i> (Roger, 1863)	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<i>Wasmannia rochai</i> Forel, 1912	X		X	X	X	X	
PONERINAE							
<i>Anochetus simoni</i> Emery, 1890	X						
<i>Anochetus targionii</i> Emery, 1894	X	X	X	X			
<i>Hypoponera foreli</i> Mayr, 1887				X	X		
<i>Hypoponera</i> sp.1	X					X	
<i>Hypoponera</i> sp.2	X	X		X	X	X	
<i>Hypoponera</i> sp.3	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<i>Hypoponera</i> sp.4	X			X			
<i>Hypoponera</i> sp.5	X	X			X	X	
<i>Hypoponera</i> sp.6	X						
<i>Leptogenys arcuata</i> Roger, 1861		X	X				
<i>Leptogenys bohlsi</i> Emery, 1896						X	
<i>Odontomachus bauri</i> Emery, 1891		X	X			X	
<i>Odontomachus brunneus</i> (Patton, 1894)			X			X	
<i>Odontomachus haematodus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	X	X	X	X	X		
<i>Odontomachus meinerti</i> Forel, 1905	X			X	X	X	
<i>Pachycondyla prox. magnifica</i>	X						
<i>Pachycondyla apicalis</i> (Latreille, 1802)	X				X	X	
<i>Pachycondyla arhuaca</i> (Forel, 1901)					X		
<i>Pachycondyla concava</i> MacKay & MacKay, 2010	X				X		
<i>Pachycondyla constricta</i> (Mayr, 1883)	X			X	X		
<i>Pachycondyla crassinoda</i> (Latreille, 1802)	X				X	X	
<i>Pachycondyla ferruginea</i> (Fr. Smith, 1858)					X		
<i>Pachycondyla harpax</i> (Fabricius, 1804)	X	X	X	X			
<i>Pachycondyla impressa</i> Roger, 1861	X	X					
<i>Pachycondyla verena</i> (Forel, 1922)	X					X	
<i>Thaumatomyrmex</i> sp.2	X				X	X	
PSEUDOMYRMECINAE							
<i>Pseudomyrmex elongatus</i> (Mayr, 1870)	X	X	X		X	X	
<i>Pseudomyrmex</i> (group <i>pallidus</i>) sp.1	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<i>Pseudomyrmex</i> (group <i>pallidus</i>) sp.2				X	X		
<i>Pseudomyrmex</i> (group <i>pallidus</i>) sp.3				X			
<i>Pseudomyrmex</i> (group <i>pallidus</i>) sp.4						X	
<i>Pseudomyrmex filiformis</i> (Fabricius, 1804)	X	X		X		X	
<i>Pseudomyrmex gracilis</i> (Fabricius, 1804)	X	X		X	X	X	
<i>Pseudomyrmex oculatus</i> (Fr. Smith, 1855)	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<i>Pseudomyrmex rochai</i> (Forel, 1912)	X						
<i>Pseudomyrmex simplex</i> (Fr. Smith, 1877)	X	X	X		X	X	
<i>Pseudomyrmex tenuis</i> (Fabricius, 1804)	X	X		X	X	X	
<i>Pseudomyrmex tenuissimus</i> (Emery, 1905)		X					
<i>Pseudomyrmex termitarius</i> (Fr. Smith, 1855)	X	X	X				
RICHNESS		164		78	75	66	76

TABLE 3. Spider species collected in the Metropolitan Region of Salvador between July and October of 2012 in the cities: Salvador (SA), Lauro de Freitas (LF), Simões Filho (SF), Camaçari (CA) and Mata de São João (MSJ). Habitats types: Forest Fragments (FF), Vacant Lots (VL) and Garden/residential Backyards (GB). *Exotic species. †Synanthropic species.

TAXON	CITY						
	SA			LF	SF	CA	MSJ
	FF	VL	GB				
ANAPIDAE							
<i>Pseudanapis</i> sp.1		X			X		
ANYPHAENIDAE							
<i>Hibana melloleitaoi</i> (Caporiacco, 1947)	X			X			
<i>Wulfilia</i> sp.1	X			X		X	
ARANEIDAE							
<i>Alpaida</i> sp.1					X		
<i>Alpaida tayos</i> Levi, 1991	X					X	
<i>Alpaida truncata</i> (Keyserling, 1861)	X						
Araneidae sp.1							X
Araneidae sp.2	X						
<i>Araneus guttatus</i> (Keyserling, 1861)	X					X	
<i>Araneus tijuca</i> Levi, 1991	X			X	X	X	
<i>Argiope argentata</i> (Fabricius, 1771)*		X	X	X		X	
<i>Bertrana</i> sp.1	X				X		
<i>Chaetacis picta</i> (C. L. Koch, 1836)						X	
<i>Chaetacis</i> sp.1					X		
<i>Cyclosa fililineata</i> Hingston, 1932					X	X	
<i>Eriophora</i> sp.1				X			
<i>Eustala</i> sp.1	X						
<i>Eustala</i> sp.2	X						
<i>Eustala</i> sp.3	X						
<i>Gasteracantha cancriformis</i> (Linnaeus, 1718)*	X	X	X				
<i>Hypognatha</i> sp.1	X						
<i>Mangora</i> sp.1				X	X	X	
<i>Metazygia</i> aff. <i>rogenhoferi</i>	X						
<i>Metazygia dubia</i> (Keyserling, 1864)	X						
<i>Micrathena fissispina</i> (C. L. Koch, 1836)	X			X	X	X	X
<i>Micrathena horrida</i> (Taczanowski, 1873)		X		X			
<i>Micrathena schreibersi</i> (Perty, 1833)	X		X	X	X		
<i>Micrathena triangularispinosa</i> (De Geer, 1778)	X		X	X			
CAPONIIDAE							
<i>Nops</i> sp.1	X						
CORINNIDAE							
<i>Corinna</i> sp.2						X	X
<i>Corinna</i> sp.3			X				
<i>Corinna</i> sp.4						X	X
<i>Orthobula</i> sp.1	X						X
<i>Trachelopachys</i> sp.1					X		
CTENIDAE							
<i>Celaetycheus</i> sp.1	X				X		
<i>Ctenus rectipes</i> F. O. P. Cambridge, 1897				X		X	X
<i>Enoploctenus</i> sp.1	X			X			
<i>Isoctenus</i> sp.1				X			X
DICTYNIDAE							
<i>Dictyna</i> sp.1	X			X			X
HAHNIIDAE							
Hahniidae sp.1							X
LINYPHIIDAE							
<i>Lepthyphantes</i> sp.1						X	
Linyphiidae sp.1	X				X	X	
<i>Meioneta</i> sp.1				X	X	X	
<i>Moyosi</i> sp.1					X		
LYCOSIDAE							
<i>Allocosa</i> sp.1		X				X	

TABLE 3. CONTINUED.

TAXON	CITY						
	SA			LF	SF	CA	MSJ
	FF	VL	GB				
MIMETIDAE							
<i>Gelanor</i> sp.1	X						
MYGALOMORPHAE							
Mygalomorphae sp.1				X			
MYSMENIDAE							
<i>Microdipoena</i> sp.1	X						X
<i>Mysmena</i> sp.1	X						
NEPHILIDAE							
<i>Nephila clavipes</i> (Linnaeus, 1767)*	X			X		X	X
OCHYROCERATIDAE							
<i>Theotima</i> sp.1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OECOBIIDAE							
<i>Oecobius concinnus</i> Simon, 1893*		X	X	X			
OONOPIIDAE							
<i>Ischnothyreus peltifer</i> (Simon, 1891) *	X						
<i>Neotrops</i> sp.1	X		X		X		X
<i>Neoxyphinus</i> sp.1	X	X					
Oonopidae sp.1					X		
<i>Oonops</i> gr. <i>reticulatus</i>		X					
<i>Opopaea deserticola</i> Simon, 1891*	X	X	X	X	X		
<i>Orchestina</i> sp.1					X		X
<i>Orchestina</i> sp.2		X	X				
<i>Triaeris stenaspis</i> Simon, 1891*	X			X			X
PALPIMANIDAE							
<i>Fernandezina</i> sp.1	X						
PHOLCIDAE							
<i>Mesabolivar</i> sp.1	X			X	X		X
<i>Mesabolivar togatus</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	X			X		X	X
<i>Metagonia</i> sp.1							X
<i>Metagonia</i> sp.2	X						X
Pholcidae sp.1	X				X		X
Pholcidae sp.2							X
<i>Tupigea</i> sp.1	X	X					
<i>Tupigea</i> sp.2		X					
PISAUROIDAE							
<i>Architis</i> sp.1						X	
SALTICIDAE							
<i>Chirothecia</i> sp.1							X
<i>Cotinusa</i> sp.1							X
<i>Cylistella</i> sp.1	X						
Dendryphantinae sp.1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dendryphantinae sp.2	X		X	X	X	X	X
<i>Lyssomanes</i> sp.1	X	X			X	X	X
<i>Lyssomanes</i> sp.2	X			X			
<i>Menemerus bivittatus</i> (Dufour, 1831)*			X				
<i>Myrmarachne</i> sp.1	X			X	X	X	
<i>Myrmarachne</i> sp.2	X			X	X		X
<i>Myrmarachne</i> sp.3	X			X	X	X	X
<i>Noegus</i> sp.1					X		
<i>Noegus</i> sp.2					X		X
<i>Noegus</i> sp.3	X						
<i>Psecas</i> aff. <i>chapoda</i>					X		
Salticidae sp.1	X						
Salticidae sp.6		X	X				
Salticidae sp.7	X						
Salticidae sp.10	X	X					
Salticidae sp.14		X			X		X

TABLE 3. CONTINUED.

TAXON	CITY						
	SA			LF	SF	CA	MSJ
	FF	VL	GB				
Salticidae sp.15	X		X	X		X	
Salticidae sp.17	X		X		X		
Salticidae sp.18		X	X			X	
Salticidae sp.19	X						
Salticidae sp.20	X				X		
Salticidae sp.21	X		X				
Salticidae sp.22	X		X				
Salticidae sp.26		X					
<i>Synemosyna</i> sp.1	X				X		X
<i>Synemosyna</i> sp.2	X				X		
<i>Synemosyna</i> sp.3						X	
<i>Thiodina</i> sp.1	X		X		X	X	X
SCYTODIDAE							
<i>Scytodes fusca</i> Walckenaer, 1837*	X		X	X	X	X	
SENOCLIDAE							
<i>Senoculus</i> sp.1	X					X	
SYMPHYTOGNATHIDAE							
<i>Anapistula</i> sp.1	X			X			
TETRAGNATHIDAE							
<i>Chrysometa</i> sp.1	X						
<i>Leucauge argyra</i> (Walckenaer, 1841)	X		X	X			
<i>Leucauge</i> sp.1	X	X		X			
<i>Leucauge</i> sp.2	X	X		X		X	
<i>Tetragnatha</i> sp.1	X				X		
Tetragnathidae sp.1	X						
THERIDIIDAE							
<i>Achaeearanea hirta</i> (Taczanowski, 1873)*				X			X
<i>Achaeearanea</i> sp.1	X						
<i>Achaeearanea trapezoidalis</i> (Taczanowski, 1873)							X
<i>Anelosimus</i> sp.1	X						
<i>Argyrodes</i> aff. <i>elevatus</i>	X					X	X
<i>Argyrodes elevatus</i> Taczanowski, 1873*	X			X			X
<i>Argyrodes</i> sp.3						X	
<i>Ariamnes</i> aff. <i>elongatus</i>							X
<i>Chryso pulcherrima</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1917)	X			X	X	X	
<i>Chryso</i> sp.1	X						X
<i>Chryso</i> sp.2	X	X					
<i>Coleosoma floridanum</i> Banks, 1900*	X	X	X	X	X		
<i>Dipoena</i> sp.1						X	X
<i>Dipoena</i> sp.2					X		
<i>Dipoena</i> sp.3							X
<i>Dipoena</i> sp.4						X	
<i>Episinus</i> sp.1	X			X	X	X	
<i>Episinus</i> sp.2	X				X	X	X
<i>Episinus</i> sp.3			X				
<i>Episinus</i> sp.4	X			X	X		X
<i>Euryopsis</i> sp.1				X			
<i>Nesticodes rufipes</i> (Lucas, 1846)*	X				X		
<i>Platnickia mneon</i> (Bösenberg & Strand, 1906)*		X	X	X			
<i>Spintharus gracilis</i> Keyserling, 1886	X					X	
<i>Theridion</i> sp.1	X	X	X	X		X	X
<i>Theridion</i> sp.2						X	X
<i>Theridion</i> sp.3					X		
<i>Theridion</i> sp.4					X		
<i>Thymoites</i> sp.1							X
<i>Thymoites</i> sp.2	X	X	X		X	X	X
<i>Tidarren</i> aff. <i>fordum</i>	X				X	X	X

TABLE 3. CONTINUED.

TAXON	CITY						
	SA			LF	SF	CA	MSJ
	FF	VL	GB				
<i>Tidarren</i> sp.1				X			
THERIDIOSOMATIDAE							
<i>Chthonos</i> sp.1	X			X			
<i>Chthonos</i> sp.2	X						
<i>Chthonos</i> sp.3	X						
<i>Plato</i> sp.1					X		
THOMISIDAE							
<i>Aphantochilus taurifrons</i> (O. P.-Cambridge, 1881)							X
<i>Epicadinus</i> sp.1	X					X	X
<i>Epicadinus</i> sp.2	X						
<i>Misumenops</i> sp.1		X	X				
<i>Misumenops</i> sp.2	X	X					
<i>Titidius</i> sp.1		X			X		
<i>Tmarus</i> sp.1	X					X	
ULOBORIDAE							
<i>Conifaber</i> sp.1	X			X			X
<i>Miagrammops</i> sp.1						X	X
<i>Miagrammops</i> sp.2							X
<i>Uloborus</i> sp.1	X				X		X
<i>Uloborus</i> sp.2							X
<i>Zosis</i> sp.1	X			X			
ZODARIIDAE							
<i>Tenedos</i> sp.1	X			X	X	X	X
<i>Tenedos</i> sp.2	X				X		
<i>Tenedos</i> sp.3				X			
RICHNESS		116		50	54	48	55

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