

New parasitoid wasp species found in China

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Adult *Spasskia brevicarinata*, a newly discovered wasp species. Credit: Entomological Society of America

For the first time, wasps in the genus *Spasskia* (family: Braconidae) have been found in China, according to an article in the open-access Journal of Insect Science. In addition, a species in that genus which is totally new to science was also discovered.

The [new species](#), *Spasskia brevicarinata*, is very small—male and female adults are less than one centimeter long. It is similar to a previously described species called *Spasskia indica*, but the [ridges](#) on some of its body segments are different. In fact, the species epithet *brevicarinata* reflects a short ridge on its first tergite, as "brevi" is Latin for short and

"carinata" is Latin for ridge.



Spasskia brevicarinata (left) and *Spasskia indica* (right) are shown. Credit: Entomological Society of America

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