

Archaeoteleia novaezealandiae Masner

(HYMENOPTERA, Scelionidae)

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A Note

Masner (1968) describes a new Genus and five new species of Proctotrupoid wasps. Four of these wasps are recorded from Southern Chile, all from open country. The New Zealand record is from a limestone cave at United Creek, Roding Valley, Nelson. Because of its association with cave wetas, Masner considered this wasp to be parasitic on these animals.

During January 1977 I collected two males which I took to be *A. novaezealandiae* just inside the reserve on the western slopes of Mt. Egmont. In early February 1981, another male was captured, this time at Dawson Falls on the other side of the mountain.

The latter (approximately 5.2mm) is a little larger than the other two and appears to fit Masner's description of the male.

The 1977 males differ from *A. novaezealandiae* on the following points:

1. Slight ridge at base of fifth antennal segment.
2. No spines on scutellum.
3. Dorsal longitudinal lines on gaster not continuous but strongly evident at beginning of tergites 1-5.

*A. novaezealandiae* has a slight ridge at base of the 4th and 5th antennal segments, a spine on each side of the scutellum and the longitudinal lines on the gaster are continuous.

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