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## An Appalachian Species of *Rhysodesmus* (Polydesmida: Xystodesmidae: Rhysodesmini)

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### ABSTRACT

*Rhysodesmus restans* is described from a series of specimens collected near Mendota, Washington Co., Virginia. This genus is otherwise known from Texas to El Salvador, in which region it has undergone extensive diversification. The presence of a species in the Appalachian region not only confirms that area as its probable source but implies that the genus had already achieved its present characters prior to migrating south and westward.