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Palavras-Chave – Neotropical; Aracnídeos; Diversidade; Biomassa; Campo

ABSTRACT

Pampa is a savanna-like biome, exclusively of Neotropical region, lying in southern part of South America, covering Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil. The climate is hot temperate and humid, with annual temperatures ranging of 0° C in winter and higher than 24° C in summer. The increase of disturbance at Pampa began around 300 years after European colonization and the advent of agriculture, silviculture, uncontrolled fire management and creation of dairy and beef cattle. Even livestock causing loss of vegetal heterogeneity and fauna diversity, it is a widely recommended methodology for sustainable management of Pampa. With studies more focused in forage properties and beef production than diversity maintenance, the Pampa conservation has been neglected. Monitoring different livestock methodologies are necessary to improve knowledge of how diversity of plants and animals change during this impact. Thus, using great ecological models, like spiders, are necessary to test hypotheses and different managements. Spiders are quick settlers, great dispersers, generalist predators and are much correlated with vegetal structure. Susceptible to biotic and abiotic impacts, spiders are great environmental quality meters, being easy to sample and to measure abundance, diversity and richness. This study was conducted at Ibirapuitã River Environmental Federal Protection Area “Área de Proteção Ambiental – APA do Rio Ibirapuitã” in Rio Grande do Sul state, Brazil. Six plots, of one hectare each, were distributed in pairs in three farms. Each pair is constituted of a closed plot, a fenced plots since August 2012, with total exclusion of cattle graze; and a opened plot with only poles in the corners to demarcate the place, and cattle have free access for graze. Our main expectative is that abundance, richness, biomass and composition of arenofauna will be different when grazed and ungrazed areas were compared. Ground dwelling spiders were sampled with Pitfall traps in springs of 2011, 2012 and 2013, and seasonally in autumn (May), winter (September) and spring (November) 2015 and summer (February) 2016. Statistical analyses were performed using Students’ Test, ANOVA and ANOSIM. Linyphiidae and Lycosidae were the most abundant and richer families. Results of 2011, 2012 and 2013 were no significant different in spider abundance and richness when grazed and ungrazed plots were compared. However, raw data suggest higher values of abundance in grazed areas than ungrazed ones. In 2015/2016 samples, spider abundance and richness were not significant different between grazed and ungrazed areas. Raw data suggest that grazed areas abundance and richness was higher than in ungrazed though.

Although summer was the richer season in general, winter was the richer season separately in grazed and ungrazed areas. Despite the previous results, abundance of the most abundant species were significant different between grazed and ungrazed areas in general and in each season. Spider biomass was not significant different in any year when grazed and ungrazed areas were compared. However, biomass of most abundant species were significant different seasonally and in each season in 2015/2016. Grazed and ungrazed areas are still very similar even after almost four years of cattle exclusion in terms of spider abundance and biomass. Only most abundant species demonstrate a significant difference between grazed and ungrazed areas in terms of abundance and biomass, with higher values in grazed plots.

Keywords – Neotropical; Arachnids; Diversity; Biomass; Grassland

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INTRODUÇÃO GERAL

O Pampa

O Pampa é um bioma Neotropical do tipo savana, onde a paisagem é dominada por extensas pastagens e prados, com a predominância de gramíneas formando vastos campos, e além desses, matas ciliares, de encosta e capões de mato (Overbeck et al. 2007; Beheling et al. 2009; Boldrini 2009). A denominação bioma (bio = vida; oma = proliferação) refere-se a locais que reúnem diferentes ecossistemas em uma unidade geográfica contínua, sendo o termo ratificado ao Pampa apenas em 2004, pelo Ministério do Meio Ambiente brasileiro (Suertegaray & Silva 2009). Como bioma, o Pampa é a reunião de formações únicas relacionadas a ecossistemas e paisagens, que articula conceitos também geográficos, com particularidades próprias em termos de tráfego de energia e matéria (IBGE 2004).

O Bioma Pampa é exclusivo da porção meridional da América do Sul e cobre uma área com cerca de 75.000 km² (Vélez et al. 2009) em partes da Argentina, todo o território do Uruguai e o extremo sul do Brasil (Fig. 1). É formado por vastas planícies e coxilhas e sua altitude máxima não ultrapassa os 200 m (Suertegaray & Silva 2009). O Rio Grande do Sul é o único estado com ocorrência do Pampa, no Brasil, cobrindo cerca de 63% do território do mesmo e apenas cerca de 2,07 % do território brasileiro (Suertegaray & Silva 2009).

O Pampa situa-se na Zona Temperada Sul, com quatro estações bem caracterizadas (Suertegaray & Silva 2009), e tem, segundo a classificação de Köppen-Geiger, um clima do tipo “Cfa”, temperado, úmido e com verões quentes (Kottek et al. 2006). As temperaturas mínimas no inverno chegam até 0°C e variam de 22°C a mais de 24°C nos meses de verão (Nimer 1977; Suertegaray 1998). A precipitação anual varia de 1.250 e 1.500 mm sem estações seca (Cordeiro & Soares 1977).

Os impactos

A presença humana na região se inicia-se por volta de 13.000-10.000 (A.P.) no início do Pleistoceno, com culturas pré-colombianas que colonizaram a região (Consens 2009; Cruz & Guadagnin 2010). O clima nesta época era mais frio e seco, com o nível do mar mais baixo do que o de hoje (Carvalho 2003). Os campos eram dominados por animais da megafauna como mastodontes, tatus e preguiças gigantes (Scherer & da Rosa 2003; Alberdi & Prado, 2008) além da vegetação predominante de poaceae e ervas como Cyperaceae e Asteraceae (Behling et al. 2005). A megafauna era responsável pelo controle da sucessão dos campos para floresta, transformando a paisagem em mosaicos com diferentes intensidades de pisoteio e pastoreio, que por consequência, também diminuía a probabilidade de incêndios espontâneos (Cruz & Guadagnin 2010).

Os primeiros habitantes humanos do Pampa ocupavam e caçavam em lugares abertos (Cruz & Guadagnin 2010). Essas comunidades provavelmente não dominavam o polimento de rochas, mas já se utilizavam do fogo, inclusive para caçadas (Carvalho 2003; Suertegaray & Silva, 2009). O fogo em caçadas funcionava para direcionar os animais para locais mais propícios para o abate, reduzindo o gasto de energia e aumentando a eficiência, além de manter o campo baixo e propiciar um melhor avistamento de ameaças (Behling et al. 2009, Overbeck et al. 2009). A extinção da megafauna, por volta de 8.000 (A.P.), e o aumento da incidência de partículas carbonizadas, registrado em testemunhos em turfeiras, por volta de 10.000 (A.P.), convergem para uma provável responsabilidade humana nestas atividades (Behling et al. 2005; Cruz & Guadagnin 2010).

É muito difícil relacionar com certeza quais foram os fatores que extinguiram a megafauna e quais os que mantiveram o Pampa predominantemente como um Bioma campestre. Há evidências para mudanças climáticas (Burney & Flannery 2005), e como

já citadas, atividades humanas, principalmente a ação de queimadas controladas (Cruz & Guadagnin 2010). Entretanto, não se sabe ao certo como o Pampa era antes de mais de 300 anos atrás. A partir dessa data a perturbação humana aumentou dramaticamente com a chegada da colonização Européia e, principalmente, após a introdução de gado, manejo sem controle do fogo, seguindo-se da agricultura e mais recentemente a silvicultura (Suertegaray & Silva 2009; Podgaiski et al. 2014; Ferrando et al. 2016).

A conservação e a pecuária

A conservação do Pampa vem sendo negligenciada (Overbeck et al. 2013), e a transformação dos campos para fins agro-econômicos tem mudado suas características originais, causando grandes perdas em biodiversidade, devido à falta de regulação e manejo apropriado (Andrade et al. 2015; Winck et al 2016). Apesar de, por exemplo, pastejo intenso de gado diminuir a diversidade de habitats, animais e plantas (Van Klink et al. 2013, 2015; Niba & Yekwayo 2016), esta atividade é amplamente recomendada para a conservação de campos e pastagens (Dennis et al. 2015; Evans et al. 2015; Polchaninova et al. 2015; Gómez 2016). Alguns autores afirmam que o fogo também é indicado para a manutenção do Pampa, apesar de afetar diretamente a fauna relacionada ao solo, diminuir as taxas de decomposição e detritivoria e alterar propriedades do solo, como absorção de água (Latterra et al. 2003; Vogelmann et al. 2012; Podgaiski et al. 2014). Apesar do impacto gerado, estudos indicam que a recuperação da fauna, depois do fogo, é rápida e que a vegetação já estaria adaptada a esse distúrbio, o que incentivaria o uso do método (Fidelis et al. 2010; Podgaiski et al. 2013; Ferrando et al. 2016). Ademais, pastejo e fogo teriam funções e efeitos semelhantes no Pampa, como reduzir a competição entre gramíneas, reduzir o avanço da floresta sobre o campo e promover a renovação dos nutrientes no solo (Bogino et al. 2015; Bernardi et al. 2016).

Focando em pecuária, a maior parte dos estudos ressalta o aumento da produtividade, na qualidade da carne e no melhoramento do forrageamento do gado (Pinto et al. 2008; Kamali et al. 2014; Pelegrini et al. 2016; Ruviaro et al. 2016). Esses estudos ignoram aspectos importantes como o dano causado às espécies nativas e ao solo, devido ao pisoteio e herbivoria excessivos (Soares et al. 2011; Bella et al. 2014; Gantchoff et al. 2014; Bella et al. 2015; Van Klink et al. 2015). Áreas com sobre-pastejo são conhecidas por disporem de plantas com baixa qualidade forrageira, e perdas na biodiversidade (Pallarés et al., 2005; Nabinger et al. 2009; Evans et al. 2015), o que poderia ser evitado com o uso de carga mais indicada para a área de campo.

A Pecuária em Mosaico propõe uma alternativa para o uso moderado do campo, onde gado seria movido de área em área evitando o pastejo excessivo (Diaz et al., 2007; Nabinger et al. 2009). Esta metodologia tende a aumentar a heterogeneidade do campo, favorecendo a maior complexidade de fauna e flora (Andrade et al. 2015; Bolaños 2015; Dassou et al. 2015; Hertzog et al. 2016; Modernel 2016). Outra metodologia, mais complexa, seria realizar uma auto-recuperação periódica do ambiente, no qual se excluiria e cessaria todo impacto e manejo ocorrido, deixando o Pampa retornar a sua forma “original” através de a sua própria resiliência (Andrade et al. 2015).

Métodos e modelos de estudo no Pampa

Muitos estudos no Pampa focam na diversidade e abundância da fauna de vertebrados (Bertaco & Azevedo 2013; Bencke 2016; Entiauspe-Neto et al. 2016; Espinosa et al. 2016; Jardim et al. 2016), da flora (Poggio et al. 2013; Oliveira et al. 2015; Oliveira 2016) e de microorganismos (Lupatini et al. 2013; Vargas et al. 2015; D’Acunto et al. 2016). Cada táxon possui suas próprias metodologias de coleta e avaliação e, por vezes, os trabalhos relacionam seus resultados com impactos gerados por atividade humana.

Outro método de estudo pouco convencional é a análise da biomassa de seres vivos por área (Bornebusch 1930; Edwards 1966), uma metodologia pouco utilizada para estudos no Pampa. O estudo da biomassa é um importante conceito ecológico aplicado para diferentes organismos (Hooper 1996; Kirchman 2001; Borer et al. 2012) e que analisa tamanho populacional, taxas decrescimento, quantidade de energia no sistema e reciclagem de nutrientes (Ganihar 1997). Geralmente, plantas são os modelos mais utilizados, devido à facilidade da pesagem de material fresco e seco; mensura-se a biomassa aérea (galhos, arbustos e plantas lenhosas) e/ou biomassa do solo (raízes, gramíneas) (Pinto et al. 2008; Fidelis et al. 2009; Risio et al. 2014; Guimaraes et al. 2015). Todavia, medir a biomassa de organismos pequenos, como invertebrados, consome muito tempo, geralmente destrói o material e é, por vezes, impreciso (Work et al. 2002; Motobayashi et al. 2006; Indicatti et al. 2008). Desta forma, apesar das diferentes morfologias corpóreas em invertebrados, regressões de massa-comprimento tem se provado ótimos métodos para mensurar biomassa (Brady & Noske 2006; Höfer & Ott 2009; Wardhaugh 2013).

A comunidade de invertebrados é amplamente utilizada na avaliação de áreas campestres. Para coleta destes invertebrados, as metodologias divergem na captura da fauna mais ligada ao extrato arbóreo/aéreo (Pereira et al. 2015; Rodrigues et al. 2014; Carvalho et al. 2015) ou ao solo (Cortezzi et al. 2015; Frasson et al. 2015). Um método comumente utilizado para captura da fauna de solo são as armadilhas do tipo “*Pitfall Traps*” (Siqueira et al. 2016; Winck et al. 2016). Tratam-se de um recipientes coletores (copos ou potes), preenchidos com um líquido conservante e mortífero (Formol 2% ou Álcool), deixados ao nível do solo para a captura indireta dos organismos (Paschetta et al. 2013). Por vezes, podem-se utilizar iscas para a atração dos invertebrados (Silva et al. 2012; Garcia et al. 2016). A captura feita por essas

armadilhas está muito relacionada à atividade e a densidade das espécies, sendo que as menos ativas costumam ser menos capturadas (Topping & Sunderland 1992; Patrick & Hansen, 2013), o que pode causar, por vezes, resultados não conclusivos em relação a diversidade (Gotelli & Colwell 2001; Bedano & Domínguez 2016). Entretanto, a metodologia é muito utilizada na captura de invertebrados como, por exemplo, as aranhas onde se captura grande riqueza e abundância de espécies (Curtis 1980; Ferreti et al. 2011; Rodrigues et al. 2014; Pompozzi et al. 2014; Polchaninova et al. 2015).

Aranhas como modelos

Aranhas (Araneae) são o segundo grupo mais rico de Arachnida, contando, atualmente, com mais de 46 mil espécies descritas em 113 famílias (World Spider Catalog 2016). Ocupam quase a totalidade dos ambientes terrestres, não sendo encontradas apenas na Antártida (Foelix 2011). Os aracnídeos, como predadores do topo de cadeia da fauna de invertebrados, têm grande capacidade de resposta a fatores e perturbações bióticas e abióticas (Podgaiski et al. 2013; Herrmann et al. 2015; Lin et al. 2016; Niba & Yekwayo 2016; Peterson et al. 2016).

Aranhas são ótimas dispersoras e colonizadoras (Bishop & Riechert 1990; Rodrigues et al. 2009; Lin et al. 2016); são predadoras vorazes, consumindo altas taxas de biomassa (Nyfeller 2000; Ott 2016), em diferentes níveis tróficos (Dennis et al., 2015; Rodriguez-Artigas et al. 2016). Consomem até mesmo outras aranhas (Wise, 2006) sem afetar plantas hospedeiras (Fritz et al. 2011; Norma-Rashid et al. 2014); sendo que espécies construtoras de teias estão muito relacionadas a estrutura vegetal disponível, apresentando grandes diferenças na composição das assembléias, por exemplo, entre a araneofauna arbórea e a que vive sobre o solo (Uetz 1999; Baldissera, 2004; Rodrigues et al. 2009; Andrade et al. 2015; Nogueira & Pinto-da-Rocha, 2016);

Todos estes aspectos fazem deste grup grandes modelos experimentais em ecologia (Coddington & Levi 1991).

Aranhas já foram amplamente estudadas em diversos biomas. Contudo, estudos em diferentes campos e pastagens envolvendo riqueza, composição, abundância e resiliência destes organismos, sob diferentes impactos e manejos, ainda se fazem necessários (McDonald 2007; Haddad et al. 2015; Horváth et al. 2015). Aranhas são conhecidas por reocuparem rapidamente ambientes impactados pelo fogo (Podgaiski et al. 2013) e agroecossistemas (Rodrigues et al. 2009; Lee et al. 2014; Baba & Tanaka 2016). Todavia, estas nunca foram utilizadas como modelos em resiliência no Pampa, desta forma, suas capacidades ecológicas e esta brecha no conhecimento, as tornam grandes candidatas para este estudo.

A dissertação

Esta dissertação está apresentada em três capítulos em formatos de artigos. Todos os trabalhos foram realizados na APA do Ibirapuitã (Fig.1), localizada na região da Campanha gaúcha, abrangendo os municípios de Alegrete, Quaraí, Rosário do Sul e Sant'Ana do Livramento.

Três fazendas foram selecionadas para o experimento. Em cada uma das fazendas, um par de hectares (100 m x 100 m) foi selecionado em 2011 sendo um denominados como áreas com pastejo e sem pastejo. As áreas com pastejo são parcelas com livre acesso para o pastejo do gado, com apenas estacas demarcando os vértices do perímetro de um hectare. As áreas sem pastejo são parcelas de mesmos tamanhos cercados e com total exclusão de gado e conseqüentemente sem pastejo. O cercamento efetivo das áreas e exclusão do gado ocorreram em apenas em agosto de 2012. A vegetação dominante nas áreas, à época do fechamento e ainda encontrada atualmente nas áreas pastejadas era de gramíneas baixas intercaladas com capim caninha

(*Andropogon lateralis* Nees). Ao longo do período de fechamento (43 meses ao final desta dissertação) foi ocorrendo uma modificação na morfologia da vegetação entre áreas com e sem pastejo, claramente visível comparando-se ambos os lados da cerca (Fig. 2). Atualmente as áreas sem pastejo possuem uma vegetação composta por gramíneas altas e arbustos (*Baccharis* spp.) que chegam a ultrapassar 1,7 m de altura no caso de plantas *Baccharis dracunculifolia* DC (Fig. 3). Nas áreas com pastejo a vegetação é basicamente composta de gramíneas rasteiras não ultrapassa os 15 cm de altura à exceção da toiceiras de capim caninha (Fig. 4). Durante nossa pesquisa consideramos sempre estas áreas sem pastejo como sendo o mesmo estado ambiental de quando a pesquisa foi iniciada em 2011.

O primeiro artigo proposto é intitulado: “Short-term spider community monitoring after cattle removal in grazed grassland”. Este artigo compreende os levantamentos ocorridos nas primaveras de 2011, 2012 e 2013 na APA do Ibirapuitã. Aborda aspectos da diversidade como riqueza, composição e abundância das famílias e espécies da assembleia de aranhas ativas junto ao solo nas áreas pastejadas e nas áreas sem pastejo. As amostragens ocorreram em três momentos distintos, a primeira antes do cercamento (2011) e em dois momentos ao longo dos primeiros meses após o cercamento e exclusão do pastejo, aos 03 meses (2012) e aos 15 meses (2013).

O segundo artigo proposto é intitulado: “Grazing affects ground spider (Arachnida: Araneae) biomass and body size at Pampa biome?”. Este artigo compreende os levantamentos ocorridos nas primaveras de 2011, 2012 e 2013 e os levantamentos sazonais no outono (Maio), inverno (Setembro), primavera (Novembro) de 2015 e verão (Fevereiro) de 2016 na APA do Ibirapuitã. Aborda a diferenciação da biomassa total de aranhas, das espécies mais abundantes e dos machos mais abundantes entre áreas com e sem pastejo após três anos de exclusão.

O terceiro artigo proposto é intitulado: “Seasonal spider diversity and species phenology in grazed and ungrazed areas in Southern America Grasslands”. Este artigo compreende levantamentos sazonais no outono (Maio), inverno (Setembro), primavera (Novembro) de 2015 e verão (Fevereiro) de 2016, na APA do Ibirapuitã. Aborda aspectos da diversidade como riqueza, composição e abundância sazonais de aranhas entre 30 meses e 39 meses após exclusão do pastejo comparada com áreas ainda com pastejo de gado.

O primeiro artigo aqui proposto é apresentado na formatação da revista *Iheringia Série Zoologia*. Outros textos, tabelas, figuras, referências e literaturas citadas são apresentadas na formatação da revista *Journal of Arachnology* e

OBJETIVOS

Objetivo geral

Avaliar a variação da assembléia de aranhas em áreas com e sem pastejo na APA do Ibirapuitã, inserida no Bioma Pampa, no sul do Brasil ao longo de 43 meses.

Objetivos específicos

1. Realizar uma análise comparativa da araneofauna entre áreas com pastejo e sem pastejo, avaliando riqueza e abundância relativa temporal e sazonal.
2. Testar diferenças na Biomassa de aranhas em áreas com e sem pastejo.
3. Apresentar listas de famílias, espécies e morfo-espécies de aranhas ocorrentes no bioma Pampa.

RESULTADOS GERAIS

Dados gerais

- Foram coletados um no total de 3.243 aranhas (1.437 machos, 500 fêmeas e 1.306 jovens). Destas, 1.315 foram coletas nas primaveras de 2011, 2012 e 2013 (576 machos, 199 fêmeas e 540 jovens) e 1.928 sazonalmente em 2015 e 2016 (861 machos, 301 fêmeas e 766 jovens).

- Um total de 1.784 indivíduos foi coletado em áreas com pastejo (Primaveras, 685; Sazonalmente 1.099) e 1.459 indivíduos em áreas sem pastejo (Primaveras 630; Sazonalmente 829).

- Um total de 117 espécies foi identificado, 44 nominalmente, 53 classificadas em nível de gênero e 20 em nível de morfoespécie. A riqueza entre áreas com pastjo e áreas sem pastejo foi aproximada. Foram registradas 95 espécies nas aeras com pastejo e e 91 nas áreas sem pastejo.

- Destas espécies, 22 foram exclusivas das áreas sem pastejo, 26 exclusivas das áreas com pastejo e 69 foram compartilhadas entre ambas as metodologias. Para as áreas com pastejo, 39 espécies foram singletons e 11 doubletons. Nas áreas sem pastejo, 32 singletons e 14 doubletons foram registrados.

Das primaveras (2011, 2012, 2013)

- Teste T baseado em apenas aranhas adultas revelou diferença não significativa entre áreas com e sem pastejo em 2012/2013 ($p=0.4782$), em apenas 2012 com três meses de cercamento ($p=0.2807$) e em apenas 2013 com 15 meses de cercamento ($p=0.8465$). O mesmo Teste T baseado apenas nas espécies mais abundantes revelou diferença não significativa entre áreas com e sem pastejo nos mesmos parâmetros, 2012/2013 ($p=0.5744$), apenas 2012 ($p=0.2086$) e apenas 2013 ($p=0.7550$).

- Apesar da disposição das armadilhas nos coletas de 2013, ANOSIM revelou diferença não significativa entre os grupos de pitfall quando adultos (Morisita: $R = -0.0298$ $p = 0.7978$; Bray-Curtis: $R = -0.0073$ $p = 0.5322$; Jaccard: $R = -0.0210$ $p = 0.7046$) e espécies mais abundantes (Morisita: $R = -0.0379$ $p = 0.8833$; Bray-Curtis: $R = -0.0400$ $p = 0.8508$; Jaccard: $R = -0.0361$ $p = 0.8694$) foram testadas.

Da biomassa

- A biomassa média de aranhas nas áreas com pastejo, foi superior a medida nas áreas com pastejo. Entretanto, Teste T revelou diferença não significativa entre áreas com e sem pastejo quando as Primaveras (2012, 2013 e 2015) foram testadas (todas as aranhas $p = 0.6447$; machos mais abundantes $p = 0.91096$). Teste T revelou diferença significativa entre áreas com e sem pastejo, com valores maiores nas áreas com pastejo, sazonalmente (2015/2016) quando todas as aranhas foram testadas ($p = 0.013882$). Entretanto, machos mais abundantes ainda revelaram diferença não significativa ($p = 0.87517$).

- Usando a biomassa das espécies mais abundantes sazonais (2015/2016), Teste T revelou diferença significativa entre áreas com e sem pastejo, com valores maiores nas áreas com pastejo para *Agyneta* sp. 1 ($p = 0.0101$), *Neohania* sp. 1 ($p = 3.4204E-06$), *Erigone* sp. 1 ($p = 5.751E-11$), *Tutaibo* sp. 1 ($p = 0.0038$). *Glenognatha lacteovittata* ($p = 3.7013E-07$) teve valores maiores nas áreas sem pastejo. A biomassas de *Neohania* sp. 2 ($p = 0.4971$), *Agyneta* sp. 2 ($p = 0.0928$), *Guaraniella mahnerti* ($p = 0.8514$) não foram significativamente diferentes.

- Teste T baseado nas médias do comprimento da carapaça dos machos mais abundantes revelou diferença não significativa entre áreas com e sem pastejo com todos os dados, excluindo 2011 ($p = 0.9369$), apenas nas primaveras, excluindo 2011 ($p = 0.9609$) e sazonalmente ($p = 0.9867$).

Da sazonalidade (2015/2016)

- Teste T performado comparando áreas com e sem pastejo, utilizando a abundância das espécies mais abundantes, revelou diferença significativa para todas elas ($p = 0.0070$) e individualmente, *Agyneta* sp. 1 ($p = 0.0009$), *Neohania* sp. 1 ($p = 2.0799E-07$), *Erigone* sp. 1 ($p = 1.9777E-07$), *Neohania* sp. 2 ($p = 0.0252$) e *Agyneta* sp. 2 ($p = 0.0168$), com valores maiores nas áreas com pastejo.

- O inverno foi a estação com mais abundancia de indivíduos adultos (198 nas áreas com pastejo; 154 áreas sem pastejo), seguido da primavera (215; 112), outono (182; 112) e verão (143; 63). As curvas de fenologia das espécies mais abundantes não demonstram uma estação de preferência, contudo, demonstram maior atividade destas espécies nas áreas com pastejo.

- As curvas de fenologia demonstraram maior atividade das aranhas nas áreas com do que nas áreas sem pastejo.

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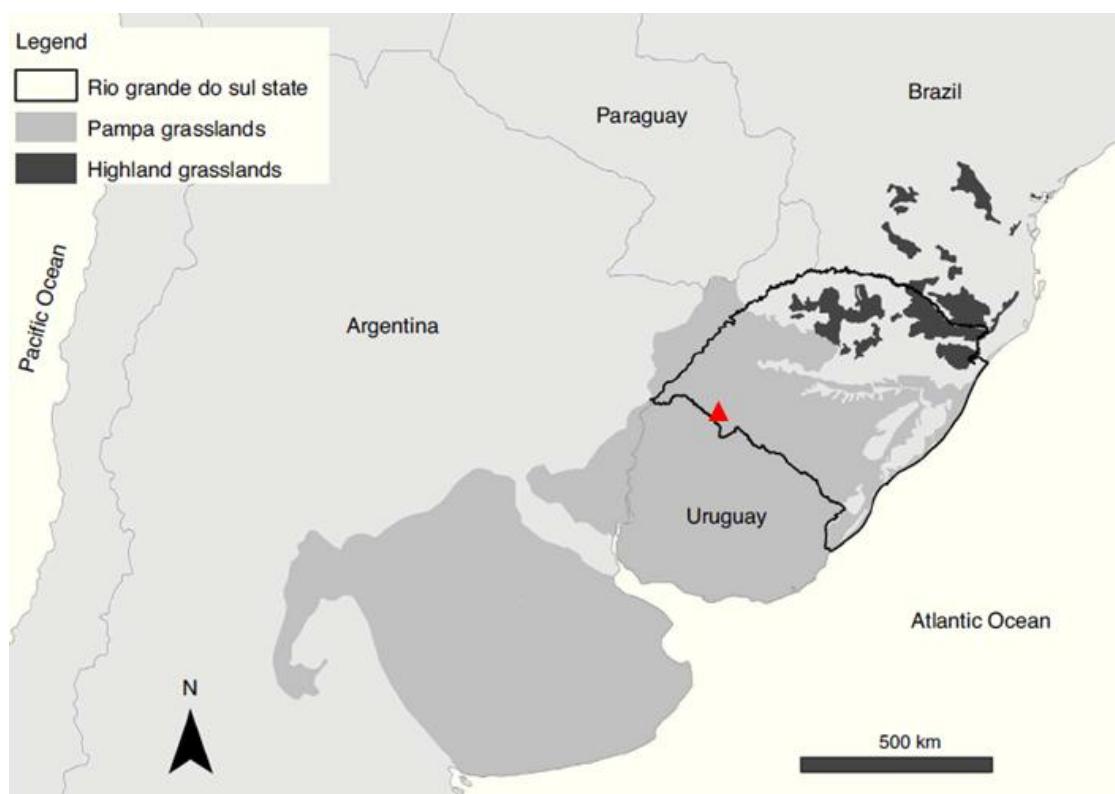


Figura 1 –Bioma Pampa no sul da América do Sul. Triângulo vermelho indica a APA do Ibirapuitã, local de amostragem para esta pesquisa. Imagem adaptada de de Andrade et al. (2015).



Figura 2 – Vegetação em áreas com e sem pastejo na APA do Ibirapuitã. À esquerda, áreas com pastejo e à direita áreas sem pastejo. Foto tirada em Maio de 2015.



Figura 3 – Vegetação em áreas sem pastejo na APA do Ibirapuitã. Foto tirada em Maio de 2015



Figura 4 – Vegetação em áreas com pastejo na APA do Ibirapuitã. Foto tirada em Maio de 2015

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The Pampa is a Neotropical region biome localized in meridional South America, including south Brazil, Uruguay and part of Argentina, covering 750,000 km² (VÉLEZ *et al.*, 2009) (Fig. 1). It is composed originally of areas with grasslands and meadows areas (BEHELING *et al.*, 2009) and according to Köppen-Geiger classification, the climate is considered as “Cfa” (humid temperate with hot summers; KOTTEK *et al.*, 2006). In conformity to SUERTEGARAY & SILVA (2009) the Pampa is located in the Southern Temperate Zone with four well-characterized seasons and has a maximum altitude of 200 m.

The human presence in this region began around 10,000 (B.P.) with pre-columbian cultures (SUERTEGARAY & SILVA, 2009). In general it is not exactly known how the Pampa was before more than some 300 years ago, when disturbance increases dramatically after the European colonization due cattle introduction, uncontrolled fire management, farming and silvicultural activities (SUERTEGARAY & SILVA, 2009; RODRIGUES *et al.*, 2010; PODGAISKI *et al.*, 2014; FERRANDO *et al.*, 2016). Considering these disturbances, many components of the biota, as also the invertebrate fauna, should be directly affected. However, these fauna and its level of endemism are poorly known for this region (LEWINSOHN, 2006), and the enhancement of studies on biodiversity and biogeography of insects, arachnids, crustaceans as for other invertebrates groups are still necessary (BENCKE, 2009).

Spiders are the second species richest group of Arachnida counting with more than 46,000 valid species distributed in 3,988 genera and 114 families (WORLD SPIDER CATALOG, 2016). The official number of spiders for Brazil is unknown but they could easily reach more than 4,000 species (BRESCOVIT, 1999; 2011). In terms of grasslands, richness and abundance of spider vary. For African grassland, Ammoxenidae, Lycosidae and Salticidae families seems to be the most abundant (HADDAD *et al.*, 2015;

JANSEN *et al.*, 2013; FOORD *et al.*, 2016) as Gnaphosidae, Salticidae and Thomisidae families were the richest (FOORD *et al.*, 2011; HADDAD *et al.*, 2015; FOORD & DIPPENAAR-SCHOEMAN, 2016) in most recent studies. For South American grasslands Linyphiidae, Lycosidae, Salticidae seems to be the most abundant and rich families (RODRIGUES *et al.*, 2010; POMPOZZI *et al.*, 2011; PODGAISKI *et al.*, 2013; CUNHA *et al.*, 2015; ZANETTI, 2016), however, spider diversity is still poorly known at Pampa.

Spider has their diversity dependent of many factors (FOELIX, 2011) like vegetal structure (BALDISSERA *et al.*, 2004; NOGUEIRA & PINTO-DA-ROCHA, 2016), capacity of dispersal and settlement (HORVÁTH *et al.*, 2009; RODRIGUES *et al.*, 2009; LIN *et al.*, 2016), prey availability and competitive exclusion (DENNIS *et al.*, 2015; RODRIGUEZ-ARTIGAS *et al.*, 2016). Moreover, spider are capable of consume high biomass (NYFELLER, 2000; OTT, 2016), are generalist predators in different trophic levels, even eating other spiders (WISE, 2006) and occupying nearly all terrestrial habitats (FOELIX, 2011), making up great ecological models (WISE, 1993; UNYAL, 2004). Their high recolonization capacity (PODGAISKI *et al.*, 2013), would make them a great model for testing the absence of cattle graze impact.

The objective of this work is to present a list of families, species or morphoespecies of ground dwelling spider of Pampa biome. Moreover, compare the areneofauna in areas with and without cattle graze after three and 15 months of total exclusion of this impact at Pampa. The hypothesis is that abundance, composition and richness of spider fauna will be different when comparing grazed and ungrazed areas. It is expected that abundance and richness of spider will be higher in ungrazed areas.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Study Site

The experiments were carried out at Área de Proteção Ambiental – APA do Rio Ibirapuitã, located at Western Pampas Areas of Rio Grande do Sul state, Brazil. Six plots of one hectare each, located at three different farms in the municipality of Sant’Ana do Livramento and georeferenced at 30°28’50.57” S; 055°33’10.21” W (Estância do Açude; Farm 1), 30°28’54.97” S; 055°34’14.05” W (Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes ; Farm 2) and 30°25’54.78” S; 055°38’39.75” W (Fazenda Bela Vista; Farm 3) were selected for the sampling. In each farm a block of two plots, placed close to 200 m far from each other, were established, being one of them closed with fences in August of 2012, excluding totally the cattle grazing access; the second plot was defined only by poles placed at its corners and the cattle was allowed to graze in the area. Closed plots without grazing were defined here as ungrazed and cattle free grazing access plots were defined as grazed.

Data Collection

The plots were sampled using pitfall traps made by ordinary beer plastic cups of 500 ml (15 cm depth, 10 cm diameter) inserted into a 10 cm diameter PVC guide (Fig. 2; adapted from UETZ & UZICKER, 1976), exposed during seven days. Twelve traps were installed disposed in “X” format from corner to corner of each plot (72 in total). To measure possible border effects, the traps were separated in three different pitfall groups regarding the distance to the border (Edge, Middle and Center) of four traps. Traps were placed around 20 m apart from each other and at least 10 m from the fence or border line of each plot (Fig. 3). Sampling periods occur in three different years: 8 to 15 November 2011 (no fences), 8 to 16 November 2012 (3 months fences enclosure) and 26 November to 3 December 2013 (15 months fence enclosure), fulfilling 1512 trap

days. Traps were filled around 1/3 of total volume with formol at 4% concentration with some drops of liquid soap to break superficial tension.

Data Analysis

Spiders collected at samples were sorted out manually and placed in vials containing 80% ethanol and examined using a stereo microscope. For determination in the lowest possible taxonomic level, dichotomous key were used for families (DIPPENAAR-SCHOEMANN & JOCQUÉ, 1997; BRESOVIT *et al.*, 2002) and papers, available on-line at NMBE World Spider Catalog (WORLD SPIDER CATALOG 2016), for genera and species. Adult and juveniles were identified at family level and only adult were at morphospecies and species level. All adult spiders were deposited at the aracnological collection of Museu de Ciências Naturais da Fundação Zoobotânica do Rio Grande do Sul (MCN).

Most abundant species were defined by their dominance, as those making up $\geq 2\%$ of the total of all individuals (adapted from SPILLER & SCHORNER, 1998; PETCHARAD *et al.*, 2016). For analysis, these species were separated in three ways: Most abundant species in general, with abundance of all individuals of 2011, 2012 and 2013; Most abundant species with abundance of all individuals of 2012 and 2013, for testing grazed and ungrazed plots differences; and Most abundant species after 15 months of enclosure, with only abundance of all individuals of 2013, for testing border effect.

For statistical analysis, Student's tests were performed to compare differences in abundance between grazed and ungrazed plots using, as models, all spiders, only adults in species/morphospecies and the most abundant species. Three categories of tests were applied with these models: (i) Sum of 2012 and 2013 abundance; (ii) only 2012 abundance to test 3 months of enclosure in fenced areas; and (iii) only 2013 abundance to test 15 months of enclosure in fenced areas. Analysis of similarities (ANOSIM) was

performed based in Morisita, Bray-Curtis and Jaccard measures. Abundance of 2013 families, all spiders, only adults in species/morphospecies and most abundant species were used as models to test difference between pitfall groups in ungrazed plots. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) was performed to test differences between pitfall groups in 2013 using medians of abundance of all spiders, only adults in species/morphospecies and most abundant species. Rarefaction curves were performed to plot spider richness in ungrazed plots trough the years, using ANOVA for testing significance. All statistical analyses were made using Past Program (Paleontological Statistics 3.13, HAMMER et al., 2001). The significance level utilized was $p < 0.05$.

RESULTS

A total of 1,315 spiders (775 adults, 576 males, 199 females; 540 juveniles) were sampled, 685 in grazed plots and 630 in ungrazed plots. A total of 26 families were identified considering juveniles and adults; 77 species and morphospecies of 21 families were identified, of these, 33 nominal species, 32 morphospecies at genera level and 12 morphospecies at only family level (Tab. I). The most abundant families were Lycosidae (433 individuals), Hahniidae (359), Linyphiidae (143), Theridiidae (94). Hahniidae followed by Lycosidae, Linyphiidae and Theridiidae were the most abundant families in ungrazed plots. Lycosidae followed by Hahniidae, Linyphiidae and Theridiidae were the most abundant families in grazed plots. Adults in grazed plots sum 360 individuals (271 males; 89 females) and in ungrazed plots sum 415 individuals (305 males; 110 females) (Tab. I).

Linyphiidae was the richest family (14 species and morphospecies), followed by Lycosidae (13), Gnaphosidae (9), Salticidae (8) and Theridiidae (8) (Tab. I). The families Amphinectidae, Anyphaenidae, Araneidae, Caponiidae, Ctenidae, Miturgidae, Nemesiidae, Oonopidae, Oxyopidae, Phrurolithidae, Tetragnathidae and Theraphosidae

were represented by only one species or morphospecies (Tab. I). Only juveniles of Microstigmathidae, Philodromidae, Pholcidae, Sparassidae and Tengelidae were sampled. Anyphaenidae, Philodromidae, Pholcidae, Tetragnathidae and Trechalidae were exclusively found in ungrazed plots. Caponiidae, Microstigmathidae, Oxyopidae, Sparassidae and Tengelidae were exclusively found in grazed plots.

The most abundant species in general represent 34% of the total of spiders. They were *Neohania* sp. 1 (186 individuals), *Neohania* sp. 2 (155), *Guaraniella mahnerti* Baert, 1984 (45), *Agyneta* sp. 2 (35), *Schizocosa malitiosa* (Tullgren, 1905) (30). Twenty-six species are exclusively from ungrazed plots and 14 are exclusively from grazed plots. Twenty-seven species were singletons and 13 were doubletons.

A total of 918 spiders were sampled in 2012 and 2013. Of these, the most represent 33% of total and were, *Neohania* sp. 1 (104 individuals), *Neohania* sp. 2 (96), *G. mahnerti* (31), *S. malitiosa* (25), *Agyneta* sp. 2 (24) and *Birabenia* sp. 1 (21). A total of 459 spiders were sampled in only 2012. Of these, the most abundant species represent 31% of total and were *Neohania* sp. 2 (63), *Neohania* sp. 1 (33), *S. malitiosa* (22), *G. mahnerti* (19), *Agyneta* sp. 2 (8). A total of 459 spiders were sampled in only 2013. Of these, the most abundant species represent 39% of total spiders and were *Neohania* sp. 1 (71), *Neohania* sp. 2 (33), *Agyneta* sp. 2 (16), *Birabenia* sp. 1 (15), *Erigone* sp. 1 (12), *G. mahnerti* (12), *Semiopyla cataphracta* Simon, 1901 (11) and *Lycosa thorelli* (Keyserling, 1877) (10).

Students' test revealed no significant difference between grazed and ungrazed plots regarding all spiders in 2012 and 2013 ($p= 0.8047$), only 2012 with three months of enclosure ($p= 0.7888$) and only 2013 with 15 months of enclosure ($p= 0.8413$). The test wasn't significant different regarding only adults in species/morphospecies in 2012 and 2013 ($p= 0.4782$), only 2012 with three months of enclosure ($p= 0.2807$) and only

2013 with 15 months of enclosure ($p= 0.8465$). Also, most abundant species weren't significant different in the same parameters 2012 and 2013 ($p= 0.5744$), only 2012 with three months of enclosure ($p= 0.2086$) and only 2013 with 15 months of enclosure ($p= 0.7550$).

Regarding the distance of the traps to the border of ungrazed plots, the Analysis of Similarity (ANOSIM) revealed no significant difference for families (Morisita: $R= 0.0036$ $p= 0.4095$; Bray-Curtis: $R= 0.0060$ $p= 0.3943$; Jaccard: $R= 0.0064$ $p= 0.3923$), all spiders (Morisita: $R= -0.0519$ $p= 0.9174$; Bray-Curtis: $R= -0.0322$ $p= 0.7674$; Jaccard: $R= -0.0427$ $p= 0.8608$), only adults in species/morphospecies (Morisita: $R= -0.0298$ $p= 0.7978$; Bray-Curtis: $R= -0.0073$ $p= 0.5322$; Jaccard: $R= -0.0210$ $p= 0.7046$) and most abundant species (Morisita: $R= -0.0379$ $p= 0.8833$; Bray-Curtis: $R= -0.0400$ $p= 0.8508$; Jaccard: $R= -0.0361$ $p= 0.8694$) between pitfall groups in 2013.

Also, Analysis of Variance (ANOVA), based in the means of spiders abundance, demonstrated no significant difference between pitfall groups in 2013 when all spiders ($p= 0.6737$), only adults in species/morphospecies ($p= 0.7392$) and most abundant species ($p=0.7365$) were used as models.

Regarding the rarefaction curves a higher richness was presented in T1 than in T3 and T2 (Fig. 4) trough years. However, ANOVA revealed no significant difference between ungrazed plots ($p= 0.08305$).

DISCUSSION

Comparing our species list with lists of spider species from Uruguay (CAPOCASALE, 1990) (144 listed species and morphospecies), *Argiope argentata* (Fabricius, 1775), *Caponina notabilis* (Mello-Leitão, 1939), *L. thorelli*, *Metaltella simoni* Keyserling, 1878, *S. malitiosa* and *Teminius insularis* (Lucas, 1857) are shared between both lists. For Brazil, São Paulo state has listed 875 species, sharing with our

list eight species: *A. argentata*, *Camillina pulchra* (Keyserling, 1891) *Lycosa erythrognatha* Lucas, 1836, *L. thorelli*, *Oxyopes salticus* Hentz, 1845, *Parabatinga brevipes* (Keyserling, 1891), *S. cataphracta* and *T. insularis* (BRESCOVIT *et al.*, 2011). Rio Grande do Sul state has 808 listed species, sharing 19 species with our list: *A. argentata*, *C. notabilis*, *C. pulchra*, *Castianeira chrysura* Mello-Leitão, 1943, *Castianeira gaucha* Mello-Leitão, 1943, *Eilica obscura* (Keyserling, 1891), *Eilica trilineata* (Mello-Leitão, 1941) *Euryopsis camis* Levi, 1963, *Euryopsis spinifera* Mello-Leitão, 1944, *Glenognatha lacteovittata* (Mello-Leitão, 1944) *G. mahnerti*, *L. erythrognatha*, *L. thorelli*, *M. simoni*, *P. brevipes*, *Psilocymbium lineatum* (Millidge, 1991), *S. malitiosa*, *O. salticus* and *T. insularis* (BUCKUP *et al.*, 2010). *A. argentata*, *L. thorelli* and *T. insularis* were present in all lists, and can be considered species with very broad range distribution. Moreover, the low quantity of shared species indicates that composition of spider fauna can be very variable even comparing close regions.

Our data suggest that grazed and ungrazed areas are still very similar in terms of abundance and species composition of ground spiders, even 15 months after the removal of the cattle. However the findings presented here could be affected by at least two sample design negative effects as stressed below. First, considering the size of the ungrazed plots (just one hectare) added to the fact that our fenced areas are all surrounded by not-fenced areas, could cause a presumable edge effect over the entire ungrazed plots (MURCIA, 1995; RODRIGUES *et al.*, 2014). Second, the low quantity of traps, its size or total trapping days, in other words the low “sample effort”, could lead to a very low power outcome of statistical tests and therefore no significant difference was found (TOPPING & SUNDERLAND, 1992; BRENNAN *et al.*, 1999; WORK *et al.*, 2002). However, it is also very likely that in this case, ground spider fauna is not really being affected by grazing, at least in the first 15 months after enclosure and cattle removal.

The absence, due our methodology, of spiders most commonly found in aerial vegetation, like orb-web builders (*A. argentata* sampled are totally occasional), could be another factor that led us to no significant difference between grazed and ungrazed plots. As spiders' diversity seems to be much correlated to vegetal structure (CADENASSO & PICKETT, 2001; SOUZA, 2007; RODRIGUES *et al.*, 2010), in short time the ground spider fauna seems to be less affected by grazing disturbance. Experiments with fire, where the vegetation is completely removed (PODGAISKI *et al.*, 2013) demonstrate that web-builders take more time to occupy recent disturbed areas, due its need of tri-dimensional structures for establish a webs (HALAJ *et al.*, 1998; PFISTER *et al.*, 2015; NOGUEIRA & PINTO-DA-ROCHA, 2016). Therefore, aerial vegetation correlated spiders and web-builders, would be more sensitive and respond more strongly to absence of cattle grazing.

Spiders are usually considered as a useful group to monitory management studies, due to quickly occupancy of altered habitats (UETZ *et al.*, 1999) and its important role as predators (FOELIX, 2011; BECK *et al.*, 1997; RODRIGUES *et al.*, 2010; LAWS & JOERN, 2015). But ground spiders provide only piece of information (GIBSON *et al.*, 1992). It is very possible that spiders living in the vegetation and other invertebrates, such as beetles (GRANDCHAMP *et al.*, 2005; WOODCOK *et al.*, 2005), ants (RED & ANDERSEN, 2000; CALCATERRA *et al.*, 2010) and grasshoppers (HOLMES *et al.*, 1979; FERRANDO *et al.*, 2016) could respond quicker and intensively to grassland management. Moreover, correlating abundance of these arthropods, spiders and other invertebrates would allow a better overview of how the fauna change without grazing perturbation.

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SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

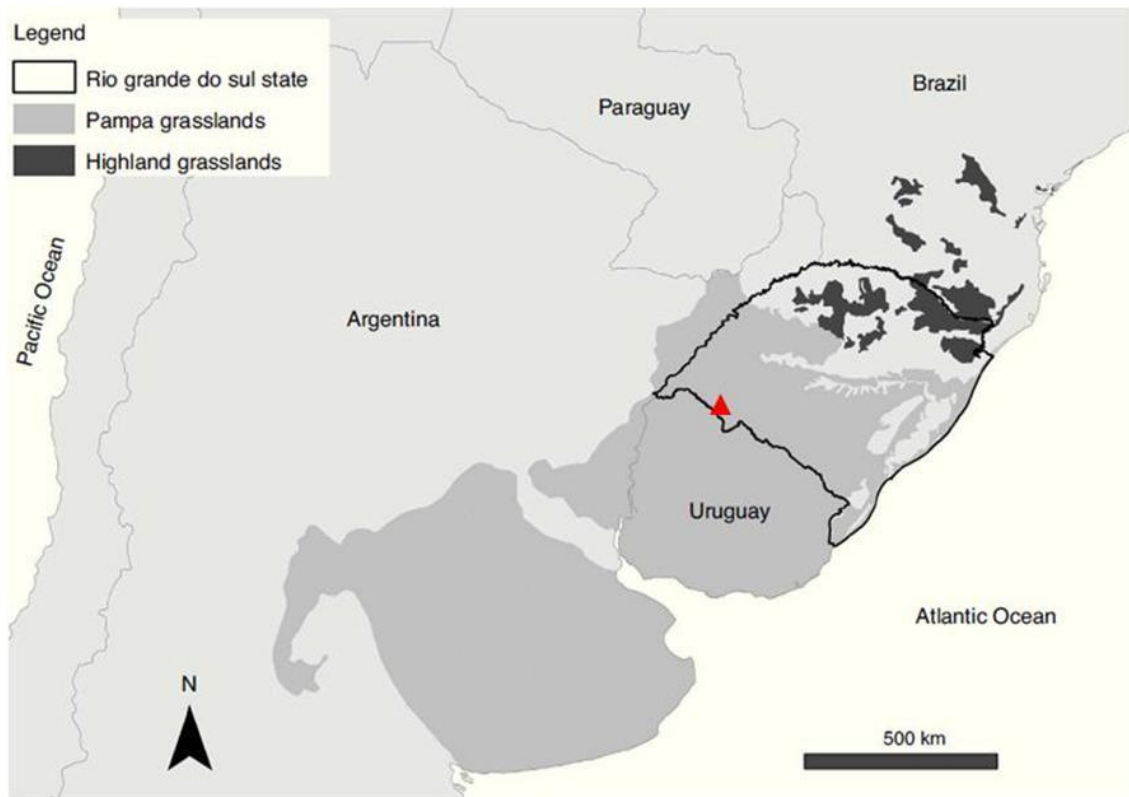


Figura 5 – Pampa Biome at Neotropical region. Red triangle indicates APA do Ibirapuitã's localization. Map adapted from Andrade et al. (2015).

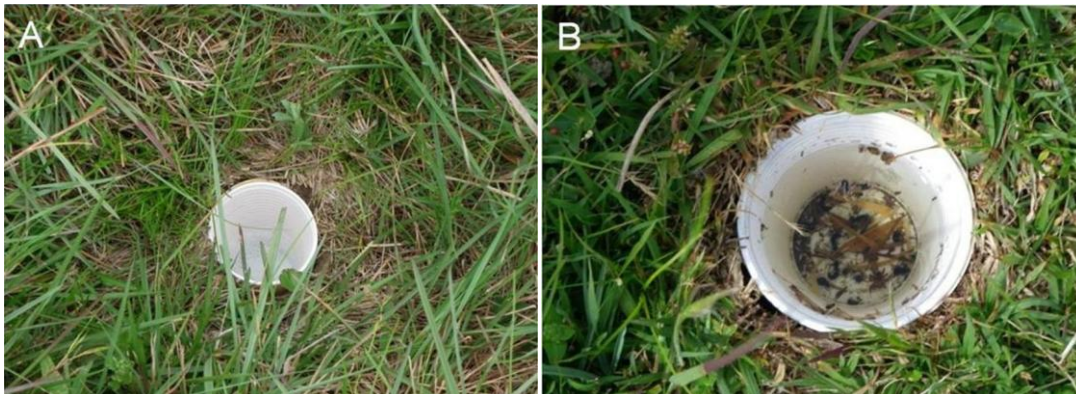


Figura 6 – Pitfall traps used to collect ground spiders at APA do Ibirapuitã used in November of 2011, 2012 and 2013. A – Trap filled with formal 2%. B – Trap after one week of exposal with invertebrates captured.

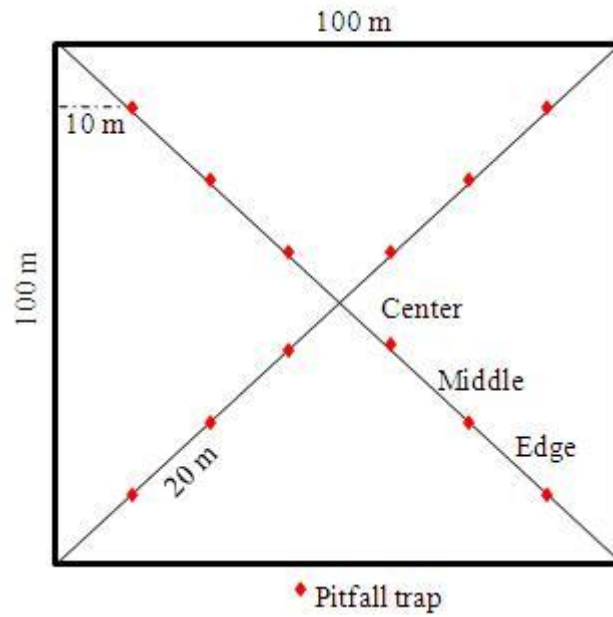


Figura 7 – Format used for exposal of pitfall traps in APA do Ibirapuitã during the campaign of 2011, 2012 and 2013. Red diamonds indicates the places of the traps. Traps were placed around 20 m from each other. Traps were least 10 m from the fence or border of each plot.

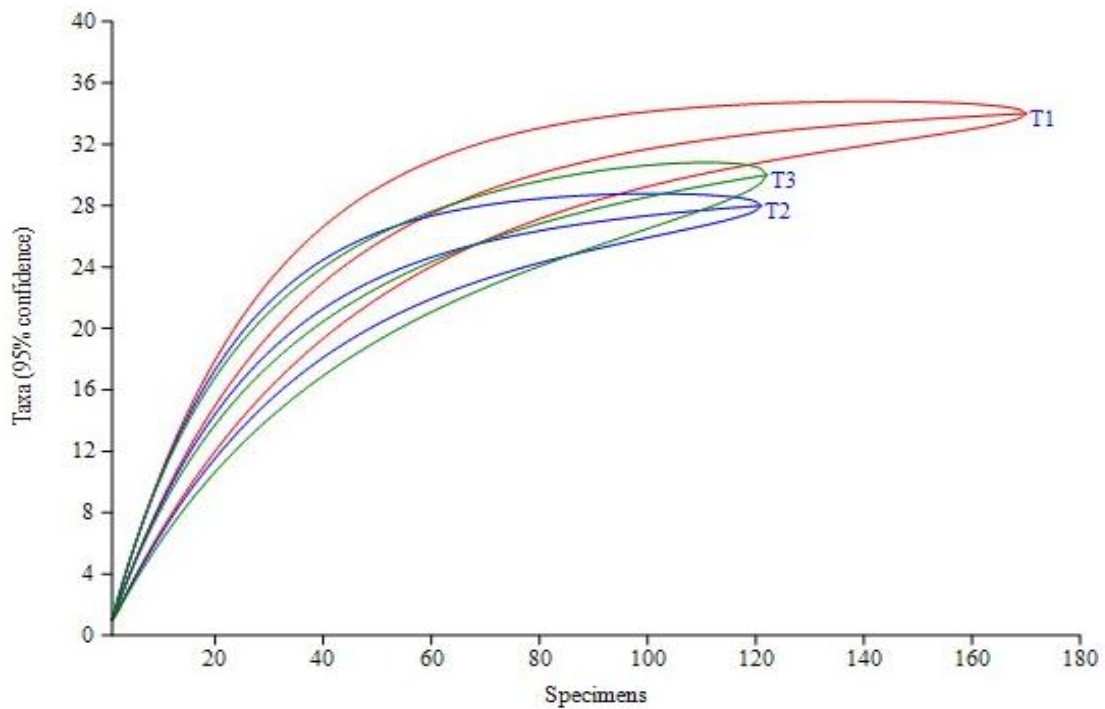


Figura 8 – Richness based rarefaction curves for spiders in ungrazed plots trough 2011, 2012 and 2013. Adjacent lines indicates 95% confidence intervals.

Tabela 1 – Total numbers of ground dwelling spider individuals of families, species and morphospecies collected at APA do Ibirapuitã in November of 2011, 2012 and 2013. Juvenils identified only at family level and totals, indicated as: adult/juvenils.

Taxa	Grazed			Ungrazed			Total
	Nov-2011	Nov-2012	Nov-2013	Nov-2011	Nov-2012	Nov-2013	
Amphinectidae	3	8	0	1	2	2	16/16
<i>Metaltella simoni</i> Keyserling, 1878	3	4	1	1	2	5	16
Anyphaenidae	0	0	0	0	0	0	2/0
<i>Arachosia</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Araneidae	0	0	3	1	4	7	2/15
<i>Argiope argentata</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Caponiidae	1	0	0	0	0	0	1/1
<i>Caponina notabilis</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1939)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Corinnidae	3	1	0	1	8	1	17/14
<i>Castianeira chrysur</i> Mello-Leitão, 1943	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
<i>Castianeira gaucha</i> Mello-Leitão, 1943	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Castianeira</i> sp. 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Castianeira</i> sp. 2	2	1	0	2	6	0	11
<i>Mazax</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Ctenidae	2	0	1	1	3	0	1/7
<i>Parabatinga brevipes</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Gnaphosidae	0	2	0	2	4	2	1/10
<i>Apopyllus</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
<i>Camillina galianoae</i> Platnick & Murphy, 1987	1	0	0	0	1	3	5
<i>Camillina pulchra</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	0	3	0	0	1	0	4
<i>Camillina</i> sp.	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
<i>Eilica obscura</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Eilica</i> aff. <i>trilineata</i>	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
<i>Eilica trilineata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1941)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp.	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
<i>Neodrassex ibirapuita</i> Ott, 2013	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Hahniidae	4	2	2	5	2	2	342/17
<i>Intihuatana</i> sp.	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 1	37	8	51	45	25	20	186
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 2	32	14	17	27	49	16	155
Linyphiidae	7	2	4	6	8	5	111/32
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 1	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 2	5	0	5	6	8	11	35
<i>Erigone</i> sp. 1	9	2	9	1	1	3	25
<i>Laminacauda</i> sp. 1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Moyosi</i> sp. 1	3	1	1	1	0	3	9
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 2	2	1	2	1	1	4	11
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 3	0	0	1	1	0	1	3

<i>Pseudotyphistes</i> sp. 2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Psilocymbium lineatum</i> (Millidge, 1991)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Sphecozone</i> sp. 2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
<i>Tutaibo</i> aff. <i>phoeniceus</i>	1	1	0	1	1	0	4
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 1	3	0	0	3	4	3	13
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Lycosidae							108/32
	88	94	67	9	40	27	5
<i>Agalenocosa</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Allocosa</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Birabenia</i> sp. 1	0	2	1	0	4	14	21
<i>Birabenia vittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1945)	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Gen? sp. 1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 3	1	1	3	1	1	4	11
<i>Hogna bivittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1939)	3	3	0	2	0	1	9
<i>Lobizon humilis</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
<i>Lycosa erythrognatha</i> Lucas, 1836	2	0	3	0	2	0	7
<i>Lycosa thorelli</i> (Keyserling, 1877)	0	2	9	0	3	1	15
<i>Navira naguan</i> Piancentini & Grismado, 2009	0	1	1	0	0	1	3
<i>Schizocosa malitiosa</i> (Tullgren, 1905)	2	15	3	3	7	0	30
<i>Trochosa</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Microstigmatidae	0	0	1	0	0	0	0/1
Miturgidae	2	2	0	1	4	2	9/11
<i>Teminius insularis</i> (Lucas, 1857)	1	1	4	1	0	2	9
Nemesiidae	0	0	0	0	0	0	6/0
<i>Pycnothele</i> sp.	0	4	0	0	2	0	6
Oonopidae	0	0	0	0	2	0	6/2
<i>Neotrops</i> aff. <i>tucumanus</i>	2	2	0	0	1	1	6
Oxyopidae	0	0	2	0	0	0	1/2
<i>Oxyopes salticus</i> Hentz, 1845	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Philodromidae	0	0	0	0	1	0	0/1
Pholcidae	0	0	0	1	0	0	0/1
Phrurolithidae	0	0	0	0	0	11	12/11
<i>Orthobula</i> sp.	0	2	1	2	1	6	12
Salticidae	1	0	0	0	6	20	26/27
aff. <i>Phiale</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Gen? sp. 3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Gen? sp. 4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Neonella minuta</i> Galiano, 1965	1	1	1	0	0	1	4
<i>Neonella montana</i> Galiano, 1988	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
<i>Semiopyla cataphracta</i> Simon, 1901	2	0	0	1	1	11	15
Sparassidae	0	1	0	0	0	0	0/1
Tengelidae	0	6	0	0	0	0	0/6

Tetragnathidae	0	0	0	0	0	2	7/2
<i>Glenognatha lacteovittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
Theraphosidae	2	0	0	0	0	0	1/2
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Theridiidae	2	2	2	1	6	5	76/18
<i>Episinus</i> sp. 1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Euryopis camis</i> Levi, 1963	0	1	1	1	1	0	4
<i>Euryopis</i> sp. 3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Euryopis</i> sp. 4	3	1	4	0	1	0	9
<i>Euryopis spinifera</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	1	3	4	0	1	0	9
<i>Guaraniella mahnerti</i> Baert, 1984	9	7	6	5	12	6	45
<i>Styposis selis</i> Levi 1964	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
<i>Thymoites Piratini</i> Rodrigues & Brescovit, 2015	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Thomisidae	1	3	1	0	1	3	7/9
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 2	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Gen? sp. 3	0	0	3	0	0	1	4
Trachelidae	0	0	0	0	0	0	2/0
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Meriola</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Not identified juveniles	1	1	1	4	0	2	9
Total	134	90	136	113	154	148	775

ARTIGO II

Grazing affects ground spider (Arachnida: Araneae) biomass and body size at Pampa biome?

GRAZING AFFECTS GROUND SPIDERS (ARACHNIDA: ARANEAE)

BIOMASS AND BODY SIZE AT PAMPA BIOME?

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ABSTRACT. Biomass is a fundamental ecological concept, being an important parameter for community size. Measure invertebrate's biomass, takes too much time and can destroy the material, thus, ends up not being widely used. This dilemma was solved with a variety of methodologies that use Mass-Length regression to estimate biomass. Most studies at the Pampa biome are correlated to the impact of cattle graze in ground and aerial plant biomass. However, researches with invertebrates, more precisely, spiders, impacted by the same factor, are very scarce. In this way, this experiment was realized at APA do Ibirapuitã, southern Brazil. Six plots of one hectare were utilized for the experiment; Three ungrazed plots and three grazed plots. Spiders were sampled with Pitfall traps in November 2011, 2012 and 2013; and seasonally in May 2015 to February 2016. Adult spiders were identified in the lowest possible taxonomic level and measured in total body length to calculate individual biomass. Most abundant males were measured in total carapace length, for specie relative size between areas. In most species, the raw data of means of biomass were higher in grazed plots than ungrazed plots, being only significant different between them seasonally, with higher value in grazed plots. Carapace length didn't was significant different between grazed and ungrazed plots. Spiders are bigger and heavier in grazed plots probably caused for higher abundance of preys where cattle graze. In counterpart, the shortening or partition of niches in closed plots could be causing a decrease in individual biomass.

KEYWORDS: Neotropical; Diversity; Mass-length relationship; Arachnida.

RESUMO. Biomassa é um conceito ecologico fundamental, importante na mensuração do tamanho de comunidades. Medir a biomassa de invertebrados, geralmente, consome muito tempo e destroi o material, sendo pouco utilizada. O uso de metodologias como regressões massa-comprimento surge para solucionar este dilema. Muitos estudos no Pampa correlacionam a biomassa de plantas com o impacto gerado pela herbivoria e pisoteio do gado. Contudo, o envolvimento do gado e seu impacto sobre invertebrados, mais precisamente aranhas, é escarço. Neste sentido, este experimento foi realizado na APA do Ibirapuitã, sul do Brasil. Seis parcelas, de um hectare cada, foram utilizadas para o experimento; três hectares sem pastejo e três hectares com pastejo. Aranhas foram amostradas com o uso de “*Pitfall traps*” em novembro de 2011, 2012 e 2013; e sazonalmente em maio de 2015 a fevereiro de 2016. Aranhas adultas foram identificadas no mais baixo nível taxonômico possível e seu comprimento total foi medido para calculo da biomassa individual. Machos mais abundantes tiveram sua carapaça medida em comprimento total para calcular o tamanho relativo da espécie. Os dados brutos demonstraram maiores médias de biomassa em áreas pastejadas que nas sem pastejo, sendo apenas significativamente diferentes apenas sazonalmente, sendo maiores em áreas com pastejo. Comprimento das carapaças não foi significativamente diferente entre áreas com e sem pastejo. Provavelmente, aranhas tem mais biomassa em áreas com pastejo devido à maior abundancia de presas. Em

contrapartida, o encurtamento ou partição de nichos em áreas sem pastejo pode estar causando a redução da biomassa individual.

PALAVRAS-CHAVE: Neotropical; Diversidade; Relação Comprimento-Massa; Arachnida

Biomass, the mass of living beings per area (Bornebusch 1930; Edwards 1966), is a fundamental ecological concept, based and applied in different organisms (Schaller 1983; Hooper 1996; Kirchman 2001; Borer et al. 2012). It is an important parameter for population size, growth rate, quantity of energy and recycle of nutrients in a system (Ganihar 1997). However, measuring invertebrate's biomass consumes too much time, due the need to dry the specimens, what usually destroys the material and could be, frequently, inaccurate (Pekár 2002; Work et al. 2002; Motobayashi et al. 2006; Indicatti et al. 2008). Therefore, biomass is rarely used in ecological works. This impasse caused the advent of a variety of methodologies for measuring invertebrate's biomass, such as mass-length regressions (Ganihar 1997; Brady & Noske 2006; Höfer&Ott 2009; Wardhaugh 2013).

For Pampa biome, a few studies were realized involving biomass. Usually, plants are used as models and biomass is measured in two ways: ground biomass, using manly grasses and roots; and aerial biomass, using shrubs and other woody plants (Pinto et al. 2008; Fidelis et al. 2009). In this way, there is a lack of knowledge in terms of invertebrates' biomass at Pampa. The Pampa is known to suffer with disturbance like grazing, fire and farming for the past 300 years (Suertegaray & Silva 2009; Rodrigues et al. 2010; Ferrando et al. 2016), affecting directly the ground and removing biomass (Evans et al. 2015). Moreover, these activities would not permit the growing of shrubs, lowering the diversity and the vegetal structure (Overbeck et al. 2009; Kilnk et al. 2015), and in addition, the accumulation of dry biomass in the ground becomes highly flammable (Gonçalves et al. 1997; Pillar & Quadros 1997; Behling et al. 2009). The

exclusion of all disturbances could lead to an increase of diversity and richness of different species (Benck 2009; Fidelis et al. 2009), what would effects invertebrates, herbivore and predators, like spiders (Podgaiski et al. 2014).

Spiders (Araneae) are the second richest group in Arachnida counting with more than 45,000 described species (Miller et al. 2010; Brescovit et al. 2011; World Spider Catalog 2016). Spiders have distinct predatory behaviors, commonly generalists and varying from web-builders or predatory wanders, being strongly correlated to the vegetal structure (Turnbull 1973; Baldissera, 2004; Souza, 2007; Foelix, 2011; Pfister et al. 2015; Nogueira & Pinto-da-Rocha 2016). An assembly of spiders can prey in different kinds of invertebrates, even other spiders, in distinct trophic levels, being able to eat an equivalent of 200 kg per hectare year (Nyfeller 2000; Souza 2007; Ott 2016). A complex heterogeneity of vegetal formation, not being affected by graze, with grasses, bushes, shrubs and trees, could lead a higher diversity and biomass of spiders (Souza 2007; Rodrigues et al. 2010; Andrade et al. 2015). In this way, considering its biology, spiders' biomass could be an excellent aspect to measure the impact of cattle graze at Pampa.

The objective of this work is investigate the difference occurred in ground spiders biomass in areas where the cattle grazing was excluded compared with areas where the cattle has free access for grazing. The hypothesis is that the absence of grazing impact will not just differ but will raise the ground spider biomass.

METHODS

Study Site – The Pampa is a southern Neotropical biome that covers 750,000 km², covering parts of Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay (Fig. 9). To test how the cattle grazing affects ground spider biomass, experiments were carried out in three farms, at southern part of Ibirapuitã River Environmental Federal Protection Area (Área de

Proteção Ambiental – APA do Ibirapuitã). Estância do Açude ($30^{\circ}28'50.57''\text{S}$; $055^{\circ}33'10.21''\text{W}$), Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes ($30^{\circ}28'899''\text{S}$; $055^{\circ}34'263''\text{W}$) and Fazenda Bela Vista ($30^{\circ}25'54.78''\text{S}$; $055^{\circ}38'39.75''\text{W}$), were utilized for sampling.

Two plots of one hectare, far 200 m for each other, were selected in each farm. One plot was closed with fences in August of 2012 excluding all the cattle grazing as a ungrazed plots (total of three hectares); the other plot was used as a grazed plot, with only poles in the corners to delimit the hectare, with free access for cattle grazing (total of three hectares). Nowadays, the size and height of plants differ in each plot, grazed and ungrazed. In graed plots most part of vegetation is constituted by grasses and bushes not transposing 15 cm of height. In ungrazed plots the vegetation is constituted by grasses and bushes not transposing 50 cm of height and shrubs reaching up to 1.7 m of height (Fig. 10).

Data Collection – The campaigns were realized in springs (November) of 2011, 2012 and 2013; and seasonally in autumn (May), winter (September), spring (November) of 2015 and summer (February) 2016.

Two different methodologies were applied using pitfall traps, in both, traps were exposed during one week. The traps were filled around 1/3 with a mix of formol 2% concentration and some drops of liquid soap to break superficial tension. Each trap was an independent unity of sampling (adapted from Uetz & Uzicker 1976). In 2011 (ungrazed plots were not closed yet), 2012 and 2013 were used 12 traps disposed corner to corner in an “X” format inside each plot, 24 per farm, 36 in grazed plots and 36 in ungrazed plots, summing 72 in total (G. O. Silva & R. Ott unpublished data). In 2015 and 2016 the traps are disposed in a “Y” format in opposite corners, been installed eight pitfall traps in each plot, 16 per farm, 24 in grazed plots and 24 in ungrazed plots, summing 48 in total (G. O. Silva & R. Ott unpublished data).

Data Analysis – Spiders were individually examined and only adults were identified in the lowest possible taxonomic level, due the difficulty to identify juvenile. Spiders were measured using a stereo microscope with a 10x ocular with a scale attached. The zoom level varied according and adjusting to the size of the individual. All measures were made in dorsal view and in a millimeter scale. All spiders are deposited at the aracnological collection of Museu de Ciências Naturais do Rio Grande do Sul (MCN) preserved in 80% ethanol.

All adults, males and females, were measured in total body length, from clypeus (excluding chelicerae), to the end of the abdomen (excluding the spinnerets) (Fig. 11). Most abundant species were defined as those making up ≥ 2 % of the total of individuals (adapted from Spiller & Schorner 1998; Petcharad et al. 2016). Only males, due it's higher activity, were measured in total carapace length, from clypeus (excluding chelicerae) to the end of the carapace (excluding pedicel) (Fig. 12). These males choose for carapace length measures are defined as the most abundant, summing together, more than 50% of all adults.

Estimated spider biomass were obtained by Mass-Length regression, utilizing Fresh Mass coefficients (Höfer & Ott 2009). Power model was performed for ≥ 8 mm spiders total body length. Linear model was performed for < 8 mm spiders total body length. Amazonia regression coefficients were used separately for Ctenidae and Lycosidae (Ctenidade coefficient), Gnaphosidae and Miturgidae (Hunting spiders coefficient), Araneidae, Hahniidae, Linyphiidae, Tetragnathidae and Theridiidae (Web-builder coefficient) and Oonopidae (Oonopidae coefficient); Mata Atlântica regression coefficient was used for all other spiders biomass estimative.

Student's Tests were performed to test significant difference on spiders biomass comparing grazed and ungrazed plots in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016; significant

difference on spiders biomass comparing springs, November 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2015; and significant difference on spiders biomass seasonally in autumn (may) 2015 to summer (february) 2016. Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was performed to test significant difference on spider biomass between ungrazed plots, combining all the same periods above. Each comparison was performed with means of mass in grams. Means were estipulated with the sum of all masses of each species divided by their abundance. All spiders, most abundant males and their carapace length were used as models in every analysis. Year 2011, on occasion, was removed from the analysis, due to ungrazed plots were not closed yet. The most abundant species were only used in seasonal statistical analysis due to the differential number of traps in previous experiments. Data were analyzed using Past 3.5 (Hammer et al 2001).

RESULTS

A total of 1.921 adult spiders (1.424 males and 496 females) were measured in total body length. A total of 968 males of the most abundant species were measured in carapace total length. Adults measured only in springs were 1085 (808 males and 277 females), with 573 most abundant males. Adults measured seasonally in 2015 and 2016 were 1162 (861 males and 301 females), with 558 most abundant males.

The most abundant species were *Agyneta* sp. 1 (167 individuals: 125 in grazed plots, 42 in ungrazed plots), *Neohania* sp. 1 (154: 134, 20), *Erigone* sp. 1 (94: 90, 4), *Neohania* sp. 2 (74: 57, 17), *Agyneta* sp. 2 (64: 42, 22), *Guaraniella mahnerti* Baert (47: 23, 24), *Tutaibo* sp. 1 (42: 29, 13) and *Glenognatha lacteovittata* (Mello-Leitão) (41: 3, 38). These species represent 35.5 % of all spiders. The most abundant males were *Neohania* sp. 1 (124 individuals: 111 in grazed plots, 13 in ungrazed plots), *Agyneta* sp. 1 (120: 90, 30), *Erigone* sp. 1 (73: 71, 2), *Neohania* sp. 2 (59: 48, 11), *Agyneta* sp. 2

(55: 34, 21), *G. lacteovittata* (39: 3, 36), *Tutaibo* sp. 1 (37: 24, 13), *G. mahnerti* (35: 18, 17) and *Schizocosa malitiosa* (Tullgren) (16: 15, 1).

In most part of species, the means of biomass were higher in grazed plots than ungrazed plots (Table 2). However, Student's Tests revealed no significant difference in biomass between grazed and ungrazed plots in general (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016) when all spiders ($p = 0.50551$) and most abundant males ($p = 0.95795$) were used as models, even removing 2011 of the equation (all spiders $p = 0.61685$; most abundant males $p = 0.9186$). Spring grazed and ungrazed plots (2011, 2012, 2013 and 2015) weren't significant different too, using the same models, all spiders ($p = 0.49196$) and most abundant males ($p = 0.95747$), even removing 2011 (all spiders $p = 0.6447$; most abundant males $p = 0.91096$). Student's Tests revealed significant difference between grazed and ungrazed plots seasonally (2015 and 2016), with higher values in grazed plots, when all spiders ($p = 0.013882$) were tested, most abundant males ($p = 0.87517$) still revealed no significant difference though.

Also, Student's Tests revealed significant difference between grazed and ungrazed plots in biomass seasonally, with higher values in grazed plots, when *Agyneta* sp. 1 ($p = 0.010105$), *Neohania* sp. 1 ($p = 3.4204E-06$), *Erigone* sp. 1 ($p = 5.751E-11$), *Tutaibo* sp. 1 ($p = 0.003871$) and *G. lacteovittata* ($p = 3.7013E-07$) were used as models. The abundance of *Neohania* sp. 2 ($p = 0.49716$), *Agyneta* sp. 2 ($p = 0.092833$), *G. mahnerti* ($p = 0.85141$) were not significantly different.

Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) revealed significant difference in biomass between ungrazed plots in general (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016) when all spiders ($p = 0.01643$) and all spider without 2011 ($p = 0.01861$) was used as models. Most abundant males wasn't significant different with ($p = 0.7961$) and without ($p = 0.8152$) 2011. Spring ungrazed plots (2011, 2012, 2013 and 2015) weren't significant different

using the same models, all spiders ($p = 0.3705$) and most abundant males ($p = 0.5889$), even without 2011 (all spiders $p = 0.3917$; most abundant males $p = 0.5897$).

ANOVA revealed significant difference between ungrazed plots when all spiders ($p = 0.0151$) was models, being most abundant males no significant different ($p = 0.7257$). Moreover, *G. lacteovittata* ($p = 0,01751$) was the only species that ANOVA demonstrate significant difference between ungrazed plots. ANOVA wasn't significant different between ungrazed plots when tested with all most abundant species ($p = 0,9016$) and separately with, *Agyneta* sp. 1 ($p = 0,3324$), *Neohania* sp. 1 ($p = 0,3297$), *Neohania* sp. 2 ($p = 0,2378$), *G. mahnerti* ($p = 0,07926$), *Tutaibo* sp. 1 ($p = 0,4965$). *Agyneta* sp. 2, *Erigone* sp. 1 couldn't be test due the absence of individuals captured in autumn (May) 2015.

The carapace length of most abundant males in grazed and ungrazed plots, were quite close to each other, with very lows standard deviations (Table 3, 4). Thus, Student's test based in the means of carapace lengths revealed no significant difference between grazed and ungrazed plots in any analysis, in general with all sampled material ($p = 0.9962$) and all material without 2011 ($p = 0.9750$), in only sampled springs, with ($p = 0.9369$) and without 2011 ($p = 0.9609$) and seasonally in 2015/2016 ($p = 0.9867$). ANOVA revealed no significant difference between ungrazed plots, in any analysis, in general with all sampled material ($p = 0.8166$) and all material without 2011 ($p = 0.7905$), in only sampled springs, with ($p = 0.5575$) and without 2011 ($p = 0.4426$) and seasonally in 2015/2016 ($p = 0.6817$).

DISCUSSION

Our data infers that in cattle grazed plots the abundance and biomass of spider is higher than where cattle do not graze. It suggests that, for spiders, the offer of preys in grazed areas probably is higher than in ungrazed ones being able to get bigger and

heavier even intensively grazing destroying spider assemblage (Delchev & Kajak 1974; Bell et al. 2001). Spiders are a generalist predator group (Turnbull 1973; Nentwig 1986), however, ground dwelling ground spiders are more related to preying Collembola than other invertebrates (Alderweireldt 1994; Bell et al. 2001; Sanders & Platner 2007). For Collembola, the quality of food rather than quantity and number of functional groups of plants influence more their abundance (Salamon et al. 2004). It is possible that in ungrazed plots certain plants were reduced in numbers or climatic conditions were more homogeneous, what would lead to lower abundance of Collembola (Querner & Bruckner 2010; Winck et al. 2016). Consequently, factors like these could affect abundance and biomass of spiders, lowering it at the ungrazed plots. On the other hand, even if no data of Collembolas was presented in our results, some studies shows that Collembola abundance can also increase after partially removing sheep grazing (Bardgett et al. 1993).

The contrasts between grazed and ungrazed plots biomass could occur due a possible shortening or partition of niches (Rodrigues et al. 2009), more competition with other spiders (even cannibalism) and also other invertebrates, like ants (Sanders & Platner 2007) or a differentiation in types of potential preys inside the ungrazed areas. Spiders diversity are more related to vegetal structure than prey availability, been food not a necessarily limiting factor (Greenstone 1984; Wise 1993). However, the vegetal structure could be affecting other invertebrates (eg. removing nectar sources) and indirectly affecting spiders growth rate and capture success (Vollrath 1988), since grazers remove vegetal structures complexity and biomass (Evans et al. 2015).

Although these factors could answer differences in biomass, only a few species are really responding to ungrazed plots. Only total biomass is changing and not relatively size of the specie, given by carapace mass of the most abundant males. According to size-grain hypothesis (Kaspari & Weiser 1999) a smaller body could help

in locomotion in a place where grass is higher and denser, what could lead to smaller total body length in ungrazed areas (Farji-Brener et al. 2004; Müller et al. 2014). In the meantime, this differential in total length could be not influencing the relatively size of the specie, being the size of carapace no different in grazed and ungrazed plots. Moreover, web-builders spiders could respond better to ungrazed plots, due its need for tridimensional structures to build a web (Horváth et al. 2009; Nogueira & Pinto-da-Rocha 2016). Unfortunately, our data cannot answer this question.

Unfortunately, the absence of studies about biomass productivity at Pampa probably underestimated the real ground and aerial biomass, involving animals and plants (Fidelis et al. 2009). Furthermore, the correlation with other invertebrates and plants, would allow a more certainly answer of what is really happening, granting more consistent results (Bell et al. 2001). Ground invertebrate fauna is poorly know according to some specialists in Brazilian biodiversity (Brandão et al. 2006; Bencke 2009), being this study with spider only a little piece of information.

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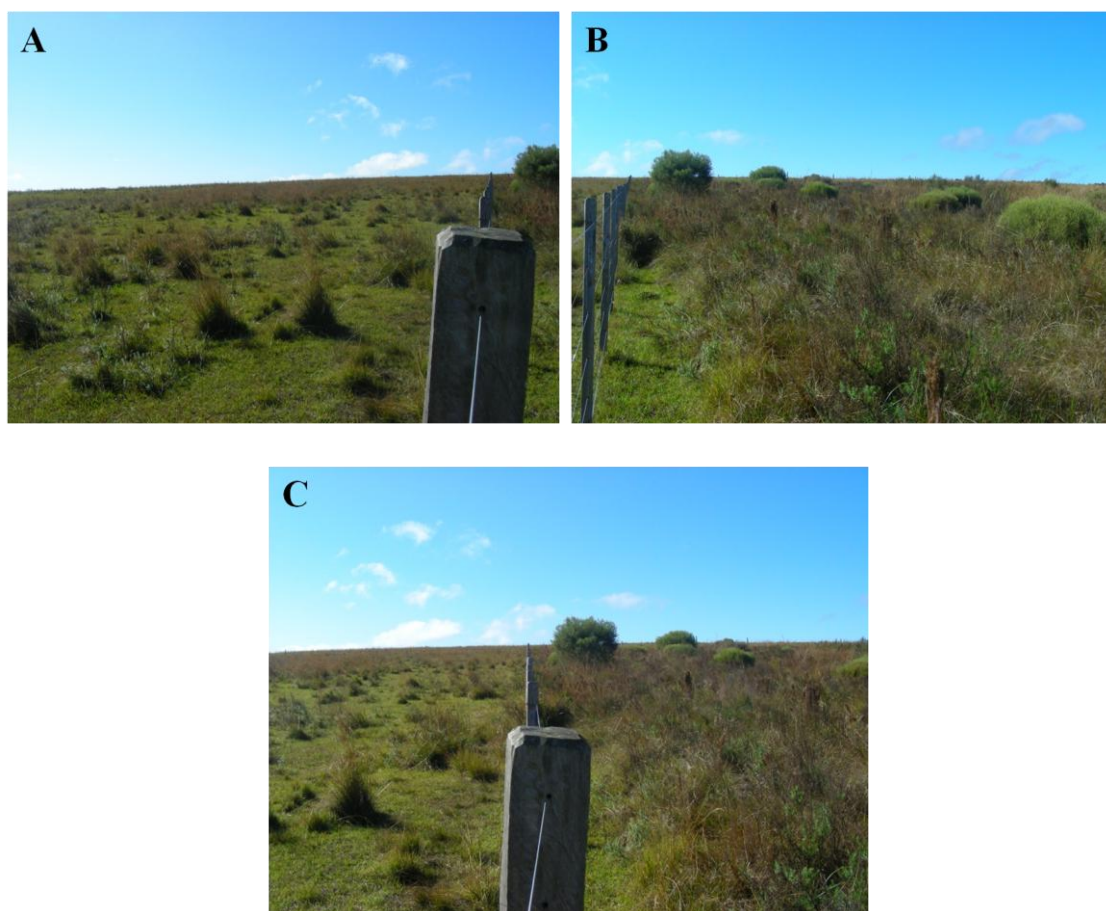


Figura 9 – Vegetation in grazed and ungrazed plots at APA do Ibirapuitã. Picture taken in May 2015. A – Grazed plots; B – Ungrazed plots; C – Comparison of graze and ungrazed plots.



Figura 10 – Hahniidae, *Neohania* sp.1, showing how was measured the total body length. From clypeus (excluding chelicerae) to the end of the abdomen (excluding the spinnerets).



Figura 11 – Hahniidae, *Neohania* sp.1, showing how was measured the total carapace length. From clypeus (excluding chelicerae) to the end of the carapace (excluding pedicel).

Tabela 2 – Ground dwelling spider biomass, in grams, of Pampa biome, southern Brazil. Biomass obtained by Mass-Length regression using Fresh Mass coefficient. Species listed here are separated in Grazed and Ungrazed plots and are from November 2011, 2012 and 2013, May, September and November 2015 and February 2016. Taxa are separate in families, genus and species. “Ind” – Number of individuals captured; “L mm” – Total length of each specie; “Me g” – Mean of total biomass of each specimen in grams; “Mx g” – Maximum value obtained of biomass of each specie in grams; “Mn g” – Minimum value obtained of biomass of each specie in grams; “SD” – Biomass standard deviation of each species in each methodology.

Taxa	Grazed						Ungrazed					
	Ind	L mm	Me g	Mx g	Mn g	SD	Id	L mm	Me g	Mx g	Mn g	SD
Actinopodidae												
<i>Actinopus</i> sp.	1	8.8700	0.0653	0.0653	0.0653	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amphinectidae												
<i>Metalbella simoni</i> Keyserling, 1878	14	7.0064	0.0446	0.0727	0.0186	0.0123	31	7.3452	0.0534	0.2045	0.0282	0.0310
Anyphaenidae												
<i>Arachosia</i> sp.	1	3.7700	0.0708	0.0708	0.0708	0	6	3.6483	0.0649	0.0814	0.0417	0.0152
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7.4450	0.6094	0.6623	0.5565	0.0748
Araneidae												
<i>Alpaida</i> sp.	1	6.6000	0.0118	0.0118	0.0118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Argiope argentata</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9.7900	0.3599	0.4930	0.2269	0.1881
Caponiidae												
<i>Caponina notabilis</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1939)	1	3.2200	0.0033	0.0033	0.0033	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corinnidae												
<i>Castianeira chrysur</i> Mello-Leitão, 1943	10	5.5030	0.0159	0.0242	0.0089	0.0053	4	3.7775	0.0084	0.0204	0.0006	0.0094
<i>Castianeira gaucha</i> Mello-Leitão, 1943	1	4.0800	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0	14	5.6379	0.0173	0.0265	0.0070	0.0062
<i>Castianeira</i> sp. 1	1	5.8200	0.0180	0.0180	0.0180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Castianeira</i> sp. 2	3	2.2933	0.0013	0.0021	0.0008	0.0007	8	2.1475	0.0011	0.0019	0.0009	0.0003
<i>Mazax</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.1650	0.0069	0.0073	0.0065	0.0006
Ctenidae												
<i>Asthenoctenus borellii</i> Simon, 1897	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10.648 0	0.1727	0.2556	0.0606	0.0725
<i>Isoctenus minusculus</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	3	8.7700	0.1956	0.3608	0.0902	0.1449	5	9.5620	0.1231	0.1797	0.0728	0.0401
<i>Parabatinga brevipes</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	3	11.283 3	0.1942	0.2211	0.1567	0.0335	9	11.582 2	0.2220	0.3730	0.0784	0.0945
Gnaphosidae												
<i>Apopyllus cf. iheringi</i>	2	6.1350	0.0294	0.0361	0.0228	0.0094	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Apopyllus</i> sp.	1	7.1400	0.0457	0.0457	0.0457	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Camillina galianoae</i> Platnick & Murphy, 1987	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3.3125	0.0046	0.0060	0.0026	0.0015
<i>Camillina pulchra</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	5	4.4860	0.0135	0.0247	0.0034	0.0101	2	3.4150	0.0049	0.0052	0.0047	0.0004
<i>Echmos</i> sp.	1	4.0400	0.0082	0.0082	0.0082	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Eilica aff. trilineata</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3.2900	0.0045	0.0051	0.0038	0.0010
<i>Eilica trilineata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1941)	1	3.0900	0.0037	0.0037	0.0037	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Eilica cf. obscura</i>	1	4.2500	0.0096	0.0096	0.0096	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Neodrassex ibirapuita</i> Ott, 2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.9900	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	0
Hahniidae												
Gen? sp. 1	1	1.9900	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0	6	2.2700	0.0011	0.0014	0.0008	0.0002
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 1	230	1.4961	0.0004	0.0007	0.0002	0.0001	110	1.4852	0.0004	0.0008	0.0002	0.0001
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 2	120	1.0708	0.0002	0.0004	0.0001	0.0000	109	1.0594	0.0002	0.0004	0.0001	0.0000

<i>Neohania</i> sp. 3	2	1.9000	0.0007	0.0008	0.0006	0.0002	17	2.1682	0.0010	0.0026	0.0006	0.0004
Linyphiidae												
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 1	125	1.8110	0.0006	0.0009	0.0004	0.0001	45	1.7060	0.0006	0.0009	0.0003	0.0001
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 2	52	1.5065	0.0004	0.0009	0.0003	0.0001	47	1.4774	0.0004	0.0007	0.0002	0.0001
<i>Erigone</i> sp. 1	110	1.2526	0.0003	0.0005	0.0001	0.0001	9	1.2000	0.0003	0.0003	0.0002	0.0000
<i>Erigone</i> sp. 2	4	1.4325	0.0004	0.0005	0.0003	0.0001	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Fissiscapus pusillus</i> Millidge, 1991	1	1.7600	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Labicymbium</i> sp. 1	3	1.6067	0.0005	0.0006	0.0003	0.0001	1	1.4700	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0
<i>Labicymbium</i> sp. 2	6	1.8083	0.0006	0.0008	0.0005	0.0001	4	1.5675	0.0005	0.0008	0.0003	0.0002
<i>Laminacauda</i> sp. 1	1	1.5500	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Laminacauda</i> sp. 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.9300	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0
<i>Moyosi</i> sp. 1	13	1.9692	0.0008	0.0011	0.0005	0.0002	8	1.8750	0.0007	0.0008	0.0006	0.0001
<i>Moyosi</i> sp. 2	1	1.8700	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 2	16	1.2044	0.0003	0.0004	0.0002	0.0001	29	1.1562	0.0002	0.0003	0.0002	0.0000
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 3	1	1.6800	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0	2	1.4150	0.0004	0.0004	0.0003	0.0000
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 4	2	1.3300	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0000	26	1.6792	0.0005	0.0008	0.0003	0.0001
<i>Pseudotyphistes</i> sp. 1	1	1.5700	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0	6	1.5900	0.0005	0.0006	0.0003	0.0001
<i>Pseudotyphistes</i> sp. 2	1	1.3600	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0	1	1.1500	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0
<i>Psilocymbium lineatum</i> (Millidge, 1991)	16	1.4681	0.0004	0.0006	0.0002	0.0001	3	1.4100	0.0004	0.0004	0.0003	0.0000
<i>Scolecurea parilis</i> Millidge, 1991	1	1.8900	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0	6	1.6933	0.0006	0.0009	0.0002	0.0002
<i>Sphecozone</i> sp.1	3	1.6933	0.0006	0.0006	0.0005	0.0001	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Sphecozone</i> sp.2	2	1.3850	0.0004	0.0004	0.0003	0.0001	1	1.3600	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0
<i>Tutaibo</i> aff. <i>phoeniceus</i>	12	1.5025	0.0004	0.0005	0.0003	0.0000	4	1.6050	0.0005	0.0008	0.0004	0.0002
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 1	32	1.9116	0.0007	0.0011	0.0003	0.0002	23	1.8787	0.0007	0.0009	0.0005	0.0001
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 2	6	1.8800	0.0007	0.0008	0.0006	0.0001	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 3	2	2.4650	0.0013	0.0016	0.0010	0.0004	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Vesicapalpus</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1.8683	0.0007	0.0014	0.0004	0.0004
Lycosidae												
<i>Agalenocosa</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.5100	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0
<i>Allocosa</i> sp.	1	6.9100	0.0463	0.0463	0.0463	0	1	5.2000	0.0204	0.0204	0.0204	0
<i>Birabenia</i> sp. 1	5	6.5400	0.0397	0.0426	0.0320	0.0044	23	6.4774	0.0391	0.0622	0.0282	0.0094
<i>Birabenia vittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1945)	1	7.1400	0.0509	0.0509	0.0509	0	2	9.4850	0.1344	0.2158	0.0530	0.1151
<i>Hogna bivittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1939)	8	8.4250	0.0842	0.1243	0.0558	0.0198	3	8.3400	0.0822	0.0963	0.0539	0.0245
<i>Lobizon humilis</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	2	4.5150	0.0141	0.0191	0.0091	0.0071	18	4.4789	0.0136	0.0268	0.0087	0.0044
<i>Lycosa erythrognatha</i> Lucas, 1836	7	18.134	0.7947	1.3424	0.3074	0.3055	2	20.640	1.1974	1.7696	0.6253	0.8091
<i>Lycosa</i> sp.1	1	13.050	0.2935	0.2935	0.2935	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Lycosa thorelli</i> (Keyserling, 1877)	18	10.743	0.1810	0.3573	0.0840	0.0910	4	9.8675	0.1349	0.1997	0.0902	0.0478
Gen? sp. 1	2	4.7700	0.0168	0.0234	0.0101	0.0094	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gen? sp. 2	1	1.9500	0.0012	0.0012	0.0012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gen? sp. 3	7	8.0414	0.0733	0.0963	0.0574	0.0167	14	8.0636	0.0745	0.1167	0.0509	0.0214
<i>Navira nagan</i> Piancentini & Grismado, 2009	4	6.4200	0.0380	0.0463	0.0261	0.0085	1	5.2000	0.0204	0.0204	0.0204	0
<i>Schizocosa malitiosa</i> (Tullgren, 1905)	43	18.887	0.8999	2.7939	0.3730	0.4097	13	18.367	0.8418	2.2107	0.4278	0.4625
<i>Trochosa</i> sp.	2	10.455	0.1550	0.1659	0.1441	0.0154	2	9.1250	0.1065	0.1319	0.0812	0.0358
Microstigmatidae												

<i>Xenomesia platensis</i> Goloboff, 1989	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8.3600	0.0542	0.0542	0.0542	0
Miturgidae												
<i>Teminius insularis</i> (Lucas, 1857)	18	7.3450	0.0557	0.1088	0.0171	0.0282	3	7.5033	0.0588	0.0990	0.0297	0.0360
Mysmenidae												
<i>Mysmena</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.8800	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001	0
Nesticidae												
<i>Nesticus</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.9900	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027	0
Oonopidae												
<i>Neotrops</i> aff. <i>tucumanus</i>	4	1.7800	0.0006	0.0007	0.0005	0.0001	4	1.7125	0.0005	0.0006	0.0005	0.0001
<i>Opopaea concolor</i> (Blackwall, 1859)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.4700	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0
Oxyopidae												
<i>Oxyopes salticus</i> Hentz, 1845	7	4.4771	0.0096	0.0277	0.0061	0.0080	2	3.9600	0.0060	0.0065	0.0055	0.0007
Palpimanidae												
<i>Otiotrops birabeni</i> Mello-Leitão, 1945	1	4.5900	0.0091	0.0091	0.0091	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phrurolithidae												
<i>Orthobula</i> sp.	6	1.7050	0.0005	0.0007	0.0004	0.0002	11	1.7882	0.0006	0.0008	0.0004	0.0001
Salticidae												
aff. <i>Phiale</i> sp.	1	9.4800	0.0806	0.0806	0.0806	0	1	10.300 0	0.1047	0.1047	0.1047	0
<i>Mopiopia</i> sp.	1	5.3000	0.0138	0.0138	0.0138	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Neonella minuta</i> Galiano, 1965	3	1.2433	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0000	1	2.2000	0.0011	0.0011	0.0011	0
<i>Neonella montana</i> Galiano, 1988	3	1.4333	0.0003	0.0004	0.0002	0.0001	1	1.7400	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0
Gen? sp. 1	1	5.0400	0.0119	0.0119	0.0119	0	1	5.9300	0.0190	0.0190	0.0190	0
Gen? sp. 2	1	2.9400	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	0	1	2.8600	0.0023	0.0023	0.0023	0
Gen? sp. 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5.3300	0.0142	0.0167	0.0116	0.0036
Gen? sp. 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.9100	0.0058	0.0058	0.0058	0
Gen? sp. 5	1	5.1500	0.0127	0.0127	0.0127	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gen? sp. 6	1	1.7800	0.0006	0.0006	0.0006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gen? sp. 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.54	0.0016 67	0.001667	0.001667	0
Gen? sp. 8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4.94	0.0112 64	0.011264	0.011264	0
<i>Sarinda nigra</i> Peckham & Peckham, 1892	1	4.2500	0.0073	0.0073	0.0073	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Semiopyla cataphracta</i> Simon, 1901	3	2.3500	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0	18	2.3189	0.0013	0.0024	0.0009	0.0004
Tetragnathidae												
<i>Glenognatha lacteovittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	3	2.7733	0.0017	0.0021	0.0012	0.0005	45	2.7449	0.0017	0.0032	0.0009	0.0005
Theraphosidae												
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15.980 0	0.4196	0.4196	0.4196	0
Theridiidae												
<i>Dipoena pumicata</i> (Keyserling, 1886)	7	2.2757	0.0011	0.0013	0.0009	0.0002	6	2.1217	0.0009	0.0011	0.0007	0.0001
<i>Episinus</i> sp. 1	1	1.4900	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0	1	1.4900	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0
<i>Episinus</i> sp. 2	1	2.6200	0.0015	0.0015	0.0015	0	1	1.6800	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0
<i>Euryopsis camis</i> Levi, 1963	10	2.2760	0.0011	0.0012	0.0009	0.0001	2	2.1050	0.0009	0.0010	0.0008	0.0001
<i>Euryopsis</i> sp. 1	5	2.3160	0.0011	0.0013	0.0010	0.0001	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Euryopsis</i> sp. 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2.8233	0.0018	0.0020	0.0014	0.0003
<i>Euryopsis</i> sp. 4	11	1.4445	0.0004	0.0005	0.0003	0.0001	1	1.4700	0.0004	0.0004	0.0004	0
<i>Euryopsis spinifera</i> (Mello-Leitão,	21	2.8519	0.0018	0.0022	0.0012	0.0002	1	2.4800	0.0013	0.0013	0.0013	0

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<i>Guaraniella mahnerti</i> Baert, 1984	45	1.4673	0.0004	0.0011	0.0002	0.0002	47	1.4357	0.0004	0.0011	0.0002	0.0002
<i>Steatoda ancorata</i> (Holmberg, 1876)	1	4.2500	0.0044	0.0044	0.0044	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Styposis selis</i> Levi 1964	2	1.4050	0.0004	0.0004	0.0003	0.0000	10	1.3800	0.0003	0.0004	0.0003	0.0000
<i>Theridion</i> sp.	1	2.0400	0.0008	0.0008	0.0008	0	1	1.6200	0.0005	0.0005	0.0005	0
<i>Thymoites piratini</i> Rodrigues & Brescovit, 2015	6	1.4917	0.0004	0.0005	0.0004	0.0001	3	1.3867	0.0004	0.0004	0.0003	0.0000
Thomisidae												
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.6700	0.0048	0.0048	0.0048	0
Gen? sp. 2	1	6.2400	0.0220	0.0220	0.0220	0	1	5.7200	0.0172	0.0172	0.0172	0
Gen? sp. 3	3	4.0867	0.0067	0.0087	0.0049	0.0019	1	4.0100	0.0062	0.0062	0.0062	0
<i>Tmarus</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4.4233	0.0092	0.0150	0.0030	0.0060
Trachelidae												
Gen? sp. 1	1	2.4600	0.0015	0.0015	0.0015	0	3	2.8400	0.0024	0.0034	0.0016	0.0009
Gen? sp. 2	1	3.7400	0.0051	0.0051	0.0051	0	4	3.7975	0.0053	0.0065	0.0041	0.0011

Tabela 3 – Ground dwelling spider carapace length, in millimeters, of Pampa biome, southern Brazil. Species listed here are from Grazed plots of November 2011, 2012 and 2013, May, September and November 2015 and February 2016. Taxa are separate in families, genus and species. “Indiv” – Number of individuals captured; “Mean Len” – Mean of carapace length per specie in millimeters. “Min Len” – Minimum value obtained of carapace length per specie in millimeters; “Max Len” – Maximum value obtained of carapace length per specie in millimeters; “SD” – Length standard deviation of each species.

Taxa	Grazed				
	Indiv	Mean Len	Min Len	Max Len	SD
Hahniidae					
<i>Neohania</i> sp.1	192	0.704219	0.82	0.63	0.02478
<i>Neohania</i> sp.2	106	0.503585	0.56	0.46	0.018475
Linyphiidae					
<i>Agyneta</i> sp.1	90	0.842889	1.01	0.73	0.033562
<i>Agyneta</i> sp.2	41	0.68122	0.94	0.61	0.073082
<i>Erigone</i> sp.1	83	0.641205	0.75	0.52	0.039429
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp.1	25	0.958	1.05	0.84	0.057446
Lycosidae					
<i>Schizocosa malitiosa</i> (Tullgren, 1905)	31	9.559677	11.12	7.44	1.011667
Tetragnathidae					
<i>Glenognatha lacteovittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	3	1.333333	1.57	1.17	0.209841
Theridiidae					
<i>Guaraniella mahnerti</i> Baert, 1984	36	0.616667	0.86	0.48	0.093869

Tabela 4 – Ground dwelling spider carapace length, in millimeters, of Pampa biome, southern Brazil. Species listed here are from Ungrazed plots of November 2011, 2012 and 2013, May, September and November 2015 and February 2016. Taxa are separate in families, genus and species. “Indiv” – Number of individuals captured; “Mean Len” – Mean of carapace length per specie in millimeters. “Min Len” – Minimum value obtained of carapace length per specie in millimeters; “Max Len” – Maximum value obtained of carapace length per specie in millimeters; “SD” – Length standard deviation of each species.

Ungrazed					
Taxa	Indiv	Mean Len	Min Len	Max Len	SD
Hahniidae					
<i>Neohania</i> sp.1	85	0.705882	0.8	0.63	0.022746
<i>Neohania</i> sp.2	96	0.509896	0.78	0.46	0.035049
Linyphiidae					
<i>Agyneta</i> sp.1	32	0.805938	0.92	0.61	0.065346
<i>Agyneta</i> sp.2	35	0.668571	0.84	0.52	0.066869
<i>Erigone</i> sp.1	5	0.65	0.67	0.61	0.028284
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp.1	23	0.898696	1.05	0.8	0.065734
Lycosidae					
<i>Schizocosa malitiosa</i> (Tullgren, 1905)	11	9.663636	11.12	8.06	0.970673
Tetragnathidae					
<i>Glenognatha lacteovittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	40	1.28125	1.7	1.13	0.144083
Theridiidae					
<i>Guaraniella mahnerti</i> Baert, 1984	34	0.597059	0.94	0.46	0.135256

ARTIGO III

**Seasonal spider diversity and species phenology in
grazed and ungrazed areas in Southern America
Grasslands**

SEASONAL SPIDER DIVERSITY AND SPECIES PHENOLOGY IN GRAZED AND UNGRAZED AREAS IN SOUTHERN AMERICA GRASSLANDS

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ABSTRACT. Pampa is a savanna-like Biome nowadays dominated by livestock farming. Besides that, Pampa still also suffers with crop farming, silviculture and fire, being extremely neglected in terms of management and conservation. Although cattle grazing is widely recommended for Pampa conservation, this methodology still affects biodiversity of plants and arthropods. An alternative of conservation would be the use of resilience of Pampa itself, in a self-recovery management, where all impact is removed periodically. Spiders were used in many ecological works at Pampa, however, it were never used as models for self-recovery managements. Spiders are a diverse and rich group, are well-know to respond to biotic and abiotic perturbation. Considering that, samplings using pitfall traps were realized in autumn, winter and spring of 2015 and summer of 2016 to improve the knowledge of how spider diversity change in areas with and without cattle grazing at Pampa. We expected that spider abundance will be higher in ungrazed plots. Although grazed and ungrazed spider abundance weren't significant difference when all spiders (juveniles and adults) were used as models ($p = 0.6885$), abundance of most abundant species revealed difference ($p = 0.0070$). Ungrazed plots had some effect in spiders' abundance, even though this was smaller compared to grazed plots, refusing our hypothesis.

KEYWORDS: Neotropical; Diversity; Arachnids; Pampa

RESUMO. O Pampa é um bioma do tipo savana hoje dominado por criação de rebanhos. Além disso, o Pampa ainda sofre com a agricultura, silvicultura e queimadas, sendo extremamente negligenciado em termos de manejo e conservação. Apesar do pastejo do gado ser muito recomendado para a conservação do Pampa, essa prática afeta a biodiversidade de plantas e artrópodes. Uma alternativa de conservação seria a própria resiliência do Pampa, em manejos de auto-recuperação, nas quais todo o impacto é cessado. Aranhas são usadas como exemplos em muitos trabalhos no Pampa, contudo, nunca foram utilizadas em manejos de auto-recuperação. Aranhas são ótimos modelos ecológicos, sendo um grupo diverso e rico, conhecidas por responder a perturbações bióticas e abióticas. Amostragens usando “*Pitfall traps*” foram realizadas no outono, inverno e primavera de 2015 e verão de 2016 para incrementar o conhecimento sobre como a diversidade de aranhas se altera em áreas com e sem pastejo de gado no bioma Pampa. Esperamos que a abundância de aranhas será maior em áreas sem pastejo. Quando aranhas jovens e adultas foram usadas como modelos, a abundância de aranhas não foi significativamente diferente entre áreas com e sem pastejo ($p = 0.6885$). Já a abundância das espécies mais abundantes revelou diferença significativa entre áreas com e sem pastejo ($p = 0.0070$). As áreas sem pastejo tiveram alguma influencia na abundância de aranhas, apesar desta ser menor quando comparada com áreas com pastejo, refutando nossa hipótese.

PALAVRAS-CHAVE: Neotropical; Diversidade; Arachnida; Pampa

Spiders (Araneae) are a diverse group, nowadays with more than 46,000 described species, being the second richest group of Arachnida (World Spider Catalog 2016) and nearly exploiting all terrestrial habitats, excluding Antarctica (Foelix 2011). Spiders are worldwide used in many ecological works due its strong response to biotic and abiotic perturbations (Bishop & Riechert 1990; Podgaiski et al. 2013; Rodrigues et al. 2014; Herrmann et al. 2015; Lin et al. 2016; Niba & Yekwayo 2016; Peterson et al. 2016). Fast occupation of new habitats, strong correlation with vegetal structure, the characteristic of being generalist predators (even eating other spider) and the property to consume high biomass rate made spiders great experimental models (Uetz et al. 1999; Wise 2006; Souza 2007; Foelix 2011; Silvey et al. 2015; Ott 2016).

Although spiders have been well studied in many ecosystems and biomes, specific research on grasslands spiders are still of poor knowledge. There is a high demand to know how diversity, richness and composition of these arthropods are in these ecosystems and how these parameters change under different impacts and managements (McDonald 2007; Haddad et al. 2015; Horváth et al. 2015). In southern South America grasslands, known as “Campos Sulinos”, studies have been conducted involving spider and impacts like fire (Podgaiski et al. 2013), silvicultures (Rodrigues et al. 2010), farming (Liljeström et al. 2002; Rodrigues et al. 2009; Fritz et al. 2011) and graze (Alejandro et al. 2010). However, studies with Araneofauna and the self-recovery of the Pampa biome are a lack of knowledge.

The Pampa is a savanna-like biome originally composed by a landscape dominated by grasslands and meadows (Overbeck et al. 2007; Beheling et al. 2009). Restricted to the Neotropical region, the Pampa covers 750,000 km² (Vélez et al. 2009) of south Brazil, northern Argentina and whole Uruguay (Andrade et al. 2015). The Köppen-Geiger climatic classification indicates a “Cfa” climates (warm temperate

climate, humid, with hot summers; Kottek et al. 2006), lying in a South Temperate Zone with four well-characterized seasons (Suertegaray & Silva 2009).

For the past 300 years, after the beginning of the European colonization, the Pampa has been subjected to a number of different impacts, very differently from the last 10.000 years period, since the final of the Pleistocene. Uncontrolled fire management, introduction of many agricultural practices, livestock farming and silviculture are nowadays extremely associated with this biome (Suertegaray & Silva 2009; Podgaiski et al. 2014; Ferrando et al. 2016). All these impacts have a large effect on the Pampa, improving degradation and neglecting conservation processes (Overbeck et al. 2013). The transformation of grasslands for agricultural purposes, without regulation or controlled management, lead to an entire change in its original properties, causing an unmeasurable impact on native biodiversity (Andrade et al. 2015; Winck et al 2016).

Most studies focused on livestock activity are more concentrated in forage properties and meat production (Pinto et al. 2008; Kamali et al. 2014; Pelegrini et al. 2016; Ruviaro et al. 2016;), other than analyze in effects on native species and soil damage (Soares et al. 2011; Gantchoff et al. 2014; Bella et al. 2014; 2015; Van Klink et al. 2015). Overgrazed areas are known to suffer under high impact of herbivory, cattle trampling, lacking to forage plants quality and biodiversity (Pallarés et al., 2005; Nabinger et al. 2009; Evans et al. 2015). In the other hand, moderate grazed areas, formed by mosaics of low and high grazing intensities, are known to improve plant diversity and quality (Diaz et al., 2007; Nabinger et al. 2009). The simple maintenance of heterogeneity in grasslands like the Pampa could lead to positive enhancement of their complexity and diversity (Andrade et al. 2015; Dassou et al. 2015; Hertzog et al. 2016).

Considering that the Pampa still maintains certain original properties and seeds banks, it is possible that its resilience, as in a self-recovery system, will show some of his “original characteristics” as an alternative to the actual grassland management. This system could allow a gradually change in quality, complexity and diversity of the biota (Andrade et al. 2015). The objective of this work is to compare the ground dwelling spider’s fauna in areas with and without grazing and cattle presence considering seasonality aspects in the Pampa biome, correlating abundance and richness with the proposed managements. As spiders are usually well used as ecological models, we propose to study his abundance and richness in different sazonal periods intending to enhance knowledge of this fauna and the changes in the community related to the presence and absence of cattle and grazing activities.

METHODS

Study Site - The experiments were carried out at Ibirapuitã River Environmental Federal Protection Area “Área de Proteção Ambiental – APA do Rio Ibirapuitã” located at Western Pampas Areas of Rio Grande do Sul state, Brazil (Fig. 10). Three farms, georeferenced at 30°28’50.57” S; 055°33’10.21” W (Estancia do Açude), 30°28’899” S; 055°34’263” W (Fazendo Rincão dos Morais) and 30°25’54.78” S; 055°38’39.75” W (Fazenda Rincão Bonito) were selected for sample. In each farm a pair of plots, with one hectare and around 200 m far from each other, were established in November 2011. Each pair is constituted of a closed plot (fenced plot with total exclusion of cattle graze) and an opened plot (plot with poles in the corners to demarcate the place, cattle has free access for graze). Fenced plots have been closed since August 2012.

Nowadays the vegetation in fenced plots is complete different, in terms of height (Fig. 11), compared with the vegetation in opened plots. Fenced-Ungrazed plots are constituted of grasses and bushes that can reach up to 70 cm of height and shrubs that

can reach up 1,7 m of height. In opened plots the vegetation is constituted by grasses and bushes that not transpose 15 cm of height. Opened-Grazed plots are still considered in the same environmental stage that the closed plots were before facing.

Data Collection - The sampling periods were seasonally in autumn (12 to 19 May 2015), winter (25 August to 01 September 2015), spring (17 to 24 November 2015) and summer (16 to 23 February of 2016).

The traps were made of ordinary plastic ice cream pots of 1L (10 cm depth, 20 cm diameter) inserted in a 20 cm PVC guide (Fig. 12), adapted from Uetz & Uzicker (1976) and filled 1/3 of volumen with formol 2% (preservative sampling fluid) adding some drops of neutral liquid soap for breaking superficial tension. The traps were disposed in a “Y” format, been installed eight pitfall traps in each area, four traps per “Y” (48 in total). The traps were distant 10 m of each other, 15 m distant from fences corner and diagonally at last 10 m distant from the border of the one hectare plot (Fig. 13). After each sampling event spiders were sorted out and transfereed to 80% ethanol as preservative.

Data Analysis - Spiders were examined using a stereo microscope and separated in vials containing 80% ethanol. Spiders were determinate using dichotomous key for families (Dipenaar-Schoemann & Jocqué 1997; Brescovit et al. 2002) and, in the lowest possible taxonomic level, with papers available on-line at NMBE World Spider Catalog (2016). Most abundant species were defined by their dominance, as those making up $\geq 3\%$ of the total of individuals (adapted from Spiller & Schorner 1998; Petcharad et al. 2016). All adult spiders are deposited at the aracnological collection of Museu de Ciências Naturais do Rio Grande do Sul (MCN, R. Ott).

For statistical analysis, Student’s tests were performed with all spiders, juveniles and adults, most abundant species and only adults’ spiders excluding singletons and

doubletons. These analyses were to test if abundance was significantly different between ungrazed and grazed plots in whole year and in each season. Individually, each of most abundant species was used as model for testing the same factors.

Rarefaction curves were performed to demonstrate spider richness difference between grazed and ungrazed plots through seasons, and an Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was performed to test significance of this result. Phenology curves for the most abundant species were performed to demonstrate seasonal activity; an ANOVA was performed to test significantly difference between curves. All statistical analyses were made in PAST (Paleontological Statistics 3.13 Hammer et al. 2001).

RESULTS

A total of 1,928 spiders of 29 families were sampled, 1,099 individuals in grazed plots (557 males; 181 females; 361 juveniles) and 829 in ungrazed plots (304 males; 120 females; 405 juveniles). Ninety-two species and morphospecies of 23 families were identified, being 36 nominal species, 43 in genera level and 13 only at family level (Table 5). Regarding Amaurobiidae, Idiopidae, Philodromidae, Pholcidae, Tengelidae and Theraphosidae only juveniles were sampled. Actinopodidae, Amaurobiidae, Palpimanidae, Philodromidae and Pholcidae were exclusively sampled in grazed plots. Idiopidae, Microstigmatidae, Mysmenidae, Nesticidae, Tengelidae and Thomisidae were exclusively sampled in ungrazed plots. Linyphiidae was the most abundant family in general with a total of 676 juveniles and adults, followed by Lycosidae (305), Hahniidae (273) and Theridiidae (198). In grazed plots, Linyphiidae was the most abundant family with 453 juveniles and adults, followed by Haniidae (207), Lycosidae (194) and Theridiidae (92). In ungrazed plots, Linyphiidae was the most abundant family with 223 juveniles and adults, followed by Lycosidae (111), Theridiidae (106) and Haniidae (66). The five most abundant species were *Agyneta* sp. 1 (167 individuals:

125 in grazed plots, 42 in ungrazed plots), *Neohania* sp. 1 (154: 134, 20), *Erigone* sp. 1 (94: 90, 4), *Neohania* sp. 2 (74: 57, 17), *Agyneta* sp. 2 (64: 42, 22) and represent 28.7% of all spiders.

Linyphiidae was the richest family too, with 23 species and morphospecies, 20 in grazed plots and 16 in ungrazed plots, followed by Lycosidae (14: 14, 4), Theridiidae (13: 11, 8) and Salticidae (11: 9, 4) (Table 5). In terms of species richness, grazed plots registered 76 morphospecies and ungrazed plots 56. Thirty-six morphospecies were exclusively found in grazed plots and sixteen were exclusively found in ungrazed plots (Table 5).

Summer was the season with largest number of morphospecies (53), followed by winter (52); spring and autumn (both with 46). However, in grazed plots, winter was richer season with 41 registered morphospecies, followed by summer (37), autumn (33) and spring (32); this was also true for ungrazed plots in which the winter registered 35 species, followed by spring (34), summer (27) and autumn (26). Thirty morphospecies were singletons and 12 were doubletons. Regarding rarefaction curves, both grazed and ungrazed plots appear to have reached the asymptote in species accumulation (Fig. 14; 15). Moreover, Test T demonstrate significant difference between grazed and ungrazed plots richness ($p = 7.94E-05$), with higher richness in grazed plots.

Winter was the most abundant season with 352 adult individuals (198 in grazed plots and 154 in ungrazed plots), followed by spring (215; 112), autumn (182; 95) and summer (143; 63). The most abundant species, *Agyneta* sp. 1 registered higher abundance in autumn (65 individuals, 44 in grazed plots and 21 in ungrazed plots) (Fig. 16); *Neohania* sp. 1 registered higher abundance in spring (54: 51, 3) (Fig. 17); *Erigone* sp. 1 registered higher abundance in winter (31: 28, 3) (Fig. 18); *Neohania* sp. 2

registered higher abundance in spring (31: 22, 9) (Fig. 18) and *Agyneta* sp. 2 registered higher abundance in winter (24: 10, 14) (Fig. 20) for other seasons, see Table 5.

The T Test performance, based in all adults, revealed no significant abundance difference between grazed and ungrazed plots in autumn ($p = 0.1651$), winter ($p = 0.5234$) and spring ($p = 0.1312$), being only significantly different in summer ($p = 0.0481$; higher abundance in grazed plots). The same test, based in the most abundant species, revealed significant abundance difference between grazed and ungrazed plots in autumn ($p = 0.0442$), winter ($p = 0.0294$), spring ($p = 0.0252$) and summer ($p = 0.0194$), always with higher abundance in grazed plots. Abundance, between grazed and ungrazed plots, considering all seasons summed revealed no significant difference using as models all spiders ($p = 0.6885$), only adults ($p = 0.1802$) and adults without singletons and doubletons ($p = 0.1813$); most abundant species, though, revealed significant difference, with more richness in grazed plots ($p = 0.0070$).

T Test was performed also with each of the most abundant species separately, comparing grazed and ungrazed plots. *Agyneta* sp. 1 revealed significant difference in abundance between grazed and ungrazed plots with the sum of seasons ($p = 0.0009$), winter ($p = 0.0018$) and spring ($p = 0.0099$) with higher abundance in grazed plots; autumn ($p = 0.0578$) and summer ($p = 0.1044$) weren't significant different. *Neohania* sp. 1 revealed significant difference in abundance between grazed and ungrazed plots in all parameters: the sum of seasons ($p = 2.0799E-07$), autumn ($p = 0.0020$), winter ($p = 0.0316$), spring ($p = 5.3047E-06$) and summer ($p = 0.0004$), with higher abundance in grazed plots. *Erigone* sp. 1 was significant different in abundance between grazed and ungrazed plots with the sum of seasons ($p = 1.9777E-07$), winter ($p = 0.0001$) and spring ($p = 0.0198$) with higher abundance in grazed plots; autumn and summer statistics couldn't be performed due the absence of variation in the raw data. *Neohania*

sp. 2 revealed significant difference in abundance between grazed and ungrazed plots with the sum of seasons ($p = 0.0252$) and winter ($p = 0.0278$) with higher abundance in grazed plots; autumn ($p = 0.3831$), spring ($p = 0.0826$) and summer ($p = 0.1012$) weren't significant different. *Agyneta* sp. 2 revealed significant different in abundance between grazed and ungrazed plots with the sum of seasons ($p = 0.0168$); winter ($p = 0.3818$) with higher abundance in grazed plots; spring ($p = 0.7979$) and summer ($p = 0.0854$) showed no significant difference; PAST programam could't performed *Agyneta* sp. 2 autumn statistics due the absence of variation on the raw data.

Most phenology curves demonstrate higher male activity trough seasons, more pronounced in grazed plots (Fig. 16, 17, 18; 19, 20). Males of *Agyneta* sp. 1 (Fig. 16) exhibit a consistent curve that follow a very close parameter in both, grazed and ungrazed plots; females present distinct curves, both decreasing in spring; however ANOVA demonstrate no significant difference in these results ($p = 0.5203$). Males of *Neohania* sp. 1 (Fig. 17), in spring, demonstrate a great abundance peak in grazed plots, not followed by any other curve; Abundance of grazed plots females raised in summer; Curves of males and females in ungrazed plots are very close related and ANOVA demonstrate no significant difference in these results ($p = 0.8519$). Grazed plots males of *Erigone* sp. 1 (Fig. 18) maintain practically the same abundance trough seasons, only decaying abundance in summer; Grazed plots females do the same, practically maintaining the same abundance trough seasons; Ungrazed plots males and females registered correlated curves, changing abundance of each other in winter to spring; ANOVA demonstrate no significant difference in these results ($p = 0.6836$). Grazed plots males and females of *Neohania* sp. 2 (Fig. 19) increase their abundance until spring, decaying it in summer; Ungrazed plots females raised their abundance in autumn to winter, maintaining it until summer; Ungrazed plots males oscillated their abundance

trough seasons; ANOVA demonstrate no significant difference in these curves ($p = 0.634$); Grazed plots males of *Agyneta* sp. 2 (Fig. 20) decay their abundance in autumn to winter, maintaining practically the same in spring and raising it in summer; Grazed plots females, ungrazed plots males and females registered the same parameter of curves, with low abundance in autumn, appearing to be more abundant in spring and decaying their abundance until summer; however, ANOVA demonstrate no significant difference in these curves ($p = 0.6407$).

DISCUSSION

In the raw data, in all the cases presented here (abundance of families, abundance of most abundant species, richness and exclusive species), grazed plots registered higher values than ungrazed ones. However, grazed and ungrazed plots abundance was only significant different when tested with most abundant species. Spiders respond differently from other arthropods when the impact is correlated with grazing (Ferrando et al. 2016; Woodcok et al. 2005; Polchaninova et al. 2016), being diversity directly affected by habitat structure, prey availability and competitive exclusion (Dennis et al. 2015; Rodriguez-Artigas 2016). The size-grain hypotheses (Kaspari & Weiser 1999) suggest that absence of grazing and a higher density of vegetation structure could lead, as shown in ungrazed plots, to an araneofauna dominated by smaller species. Some Lycosids species could represent exactly this case. The family is classified as cursorial/wandering spiders (Moring & Stewart 1994; Uetz et al. 1999) and is know to be much correlated with grasslands (Jocqué & Alderweireldt 2005). Although this family is richer and more abundant in grazed plots, *Lobizon humilis* (Mello-Leitão, 1944), a very small species of Lycosidae compared with *Schizocosa malitiosa* (Tullgren, 1905), was more abundant in ungrazed plots. In the other hand

many of the most abundant spiders represented by small species of hahniids and linyphiids were significantly more abundant in grazed plots.

Two possible explanations can be used here. First, regarding that pitfall trapping is based in activity, it is possible that the simple increment of vegetation density could have a deep impact on the mobility of some spiders, mainly ground web builders and ground runners in this case, and in this way the sampling methodology efficiency of pitfall trapping could be deeply affected by vegetation density factor. This would represent a reduction on the mobility or activity but not necessarily a reduction in the density of these spiders. Second it is to consider that these hahniids and linyphiids species indeed have a large preference for open areas, and in this case they are much more represented in grazed plots as in ungrazed ones.

Considering the edge effect, closed plots are surrounded by massive grazed areas and spiders are good dispersers and colonizers (Bishop & Riechert 1990; Uetz et al. 1999; Rodrigues et al. 2009; Baba & Tanaka 2016; Rodriguez-Artigas 2016). In this way, if closed plots would be always recolonized from the outside species since the begin of isolation, spider richness rather than abundance could be not greatly affected by the cattle absence in isolated grassland fragments (Horváth et al. 2009). Supposedly outside ungrazed plots species will be always present, even if in smaller abundance (Polchaninova et al. 2016). However, some species will be, probably, more related to the edge of the hectare, since vegetation density would hinder spider mobility (Kaspari & Weiser 1999).

About sampled species, *Actinopus* sp. was the only adult Mygalomorphae sampled. *Metaltella simoni* Keyserling, 1878 is a species commonly registered in many papers dealing with the Pampa region araneofauna (Costa & Simó, 2014; Zapata & Grismado 2015; Zanetti 2016) being recently introduced in USA and Canada (Dean

2016; World Spider Catalog 2017). This species showed higher abundance in ungrazed plots being even present in grazed ones. *Castianeira gaucha* Mello-Leitão, 1943 is only known for its type-locality, Rio Grande do sul state, Brazil (Buckup et al. 2010), *Asthenoctenus borellii* Simon, 1897 is known to inhabit periurban zones, being widely distributed in Atlantic Rain Forest and Pampa biomes (Simó et al. 2000; Buckup et al. 2010; Brescovit et al. 2011) and *Vesicapalpus* sp. were known to inhabit the south of Brazil (Rodrigues & Ott 2006); these three species were exclusively found in ungrazed plots. *Glenognatha lacteovittata* (Mello-Leitão, 1944), widely distributed in South America (World Spider Catalog 2017), was here more related to ungrazed plots, showing a supposedly preference for areas with less impact and higher vegetation structure, in accordance to its guild of web-builders (Battirola et al. 2016).

In contrast, *S. malitiosa*, is another widely distributed species (World Spider Catalog 2017) was more related to grazed plots showing a supposedly preference for open grasslands, also in accordance to the guild of wanderers (Uetz et al. 1999). *Agyneta* sp. 1, *Agyneta* sp. 2 and *Erigone* sp. are small species of linyphiidae. Species of these genus could be correlated with grasslands (Zapata & Grismado 2015) and riparian forests (Rodrigues et al. 2016). Here, they seem to be linked with grasslands, being more abundant in grazed areas. *Guaraniella mahnerti* Baert, 1984 is known from southern South America (Zapata & Grismado 2015; World Spider Catalog 2017); this species has already been sampled in impacted areas like silviculture and grasslands with cattle (Rodrigues et al. 2010). Here, it was the only species that presented a very similar abundance in both grazed and ungrazed plots. Although abundant here, hahniids species (*Neohania* sp. 1 and *Neohania* sp. 2) are not well studied (Buckup et al. 2010; Pompozzi et al. 2011; Zapata & Grismado 2015). This family is widely sampled in many works (Rodrigues et al. 2010; Zapata & Grismado 2015; Podgaiski & Rodrigues

2016); however, in these papers its abundance was every time low and cannot be compared to the high abundance presented here and also found in primary and secondary Araucaria forests, and in *Pinus* spp. silvicultures at São Francisco de Paula (R. Ott personal observation). The higher abundance of hahniids can be simply related, in this case, to the high effectiveness of pitfall sampling methodology (Topping & Sunderland 1992; Patrick & Hansen, 2013).

Most spiders are usually active during warm seasons, like spring and summer (Neimelä et al. 1994; Gibb et al. 2014; Haddad et al. 2015; Nekhaeva 2015). However, spiders with higher winter-activity patterns are reported as well (Aitchison 1984, Boreau de Roicé et al. 2013; Whitey et al. 2014). In part, the main period of activity of males is usually related to the reproductive season (Schmitt et al. 1990; Salvestrini & Gasnier 2001; Clark et al. 2015). In our results it is possible to see both patterns of activity; considering males based phenograms two main patterns seem to present: autumn active males as in *Agyneta* sp. 1 and *Agyneta* sp. 2, and spring active males as in *Neohahnia* sp. 1 and *Neohahnia* sp. 2. However, all species shows the lower activity peaks in the summer.

In the region summer can be a very hot and dry season (Suertegaray & Silva 2009) and in this way not very suitable for reproductive activities or any activity at all, at least for small spider species. Moreover, *Neohahnia* sp. 1 (Fig. 17) and *Agyneta* sp. 2 (Fig. 20) seem to reverse their male activity pattern when grazed and ungrazed plots are compared. This result may be related to some abiotic factor like humidity or temperature resilience (Hatley & Macmahon 1980; Gajdos & Toft 2000; Gibb et al. 2014), which could induce these species to delay or precipitate reproductive activity depending on the available microhabitat conditions (Jones and Parker 2000; Roberts & Uetz 2005; Moskalik & Uetz 2016).

Furthermore, Linyphiidae species (*Agyneta* sp. 1, *Agyneta* sp. 2 and *Erigone* sp.) seems to be active through the whole year, with peaks in autumn and winter; typically, species of erigonines and linyphiines have biennial life cycles (Aitchison 1984). These same linyphiid patterns have been registered in many different locations as Canada (Aitchison 1984), UK (Thorbeck et al. 2004) and Uruguay (Costa & Simó 2014). However, Topping & Sunderland (1992) found for species of the linyphiid genera *Agyneta* and *Erigone* a higher activity peak in the summer. Despite of been from the same family, phenology is particular outcome of each species (Niemela et al. 1994; Thorbeck et al. 2003; Santana 2015; Houser et al. 2016). A wise tip would be prudent and careful with any phenology generalization with these spiders.

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SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL



Figura 12 – Pitfall traps used to collect ground spiders at APA do Ibirapuitã, used in May, September and November of 2015 and February of 2016. A – PVC guide. B – Trap filled with formal 2%.

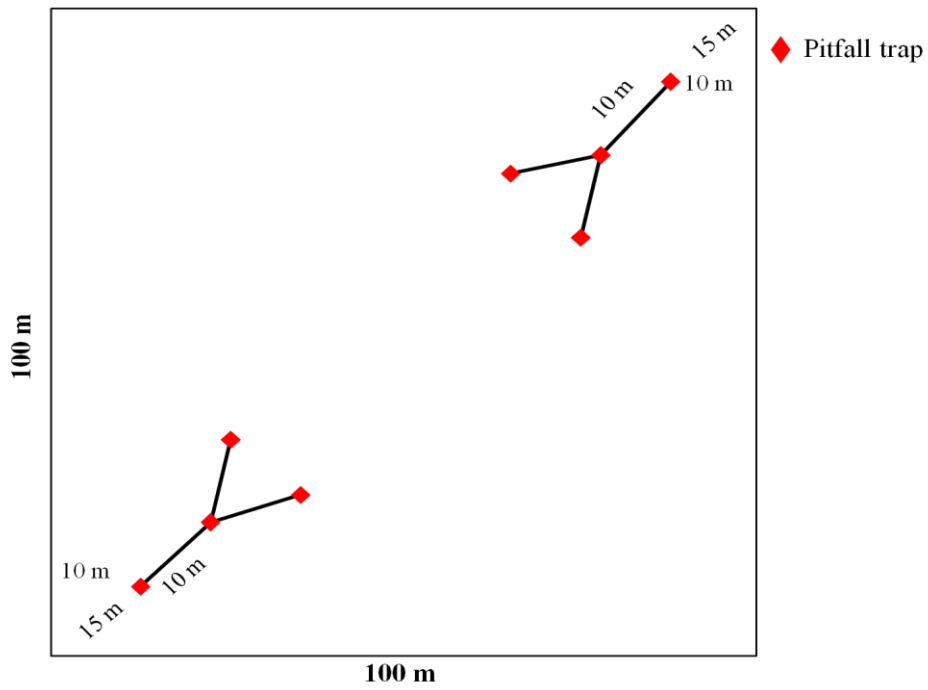


Figura 13 – Format used for exposal of pitfall traps in APA do Ibirapuitã during the campaign of 2015 and 2016. Red diamonds represent traps.

Ungrazed

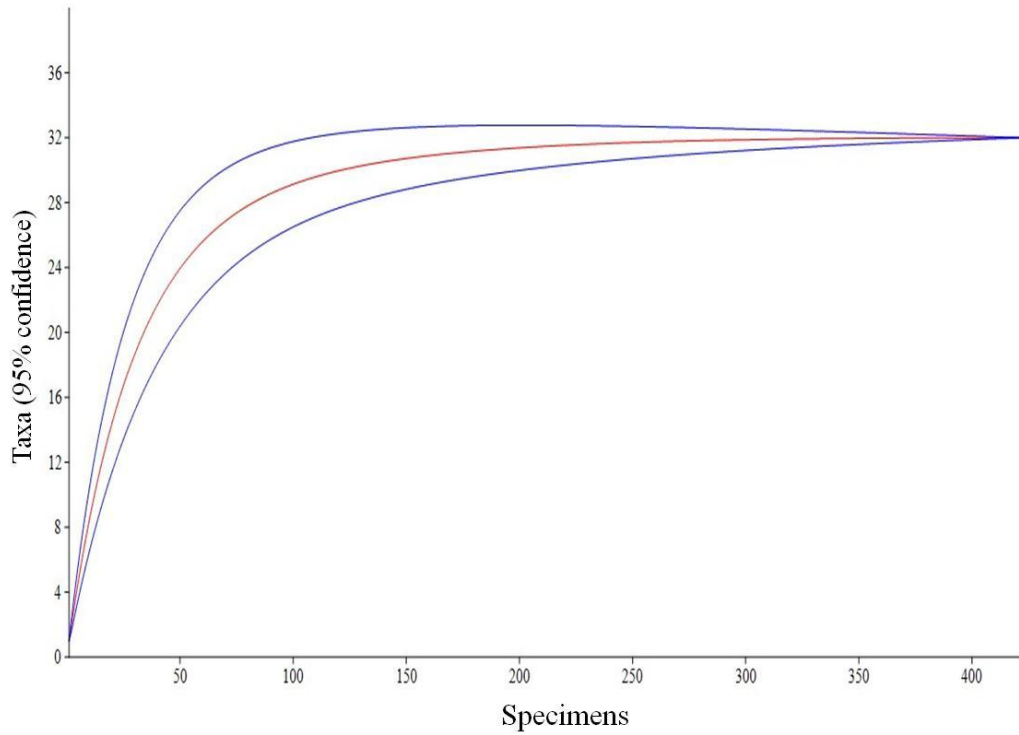


Figura 14 – Richness based rarefaction curves for spiders in grazed plots trough seasons of 2015 and 2016. Adjacent lines indicates 95% confidence intervals.

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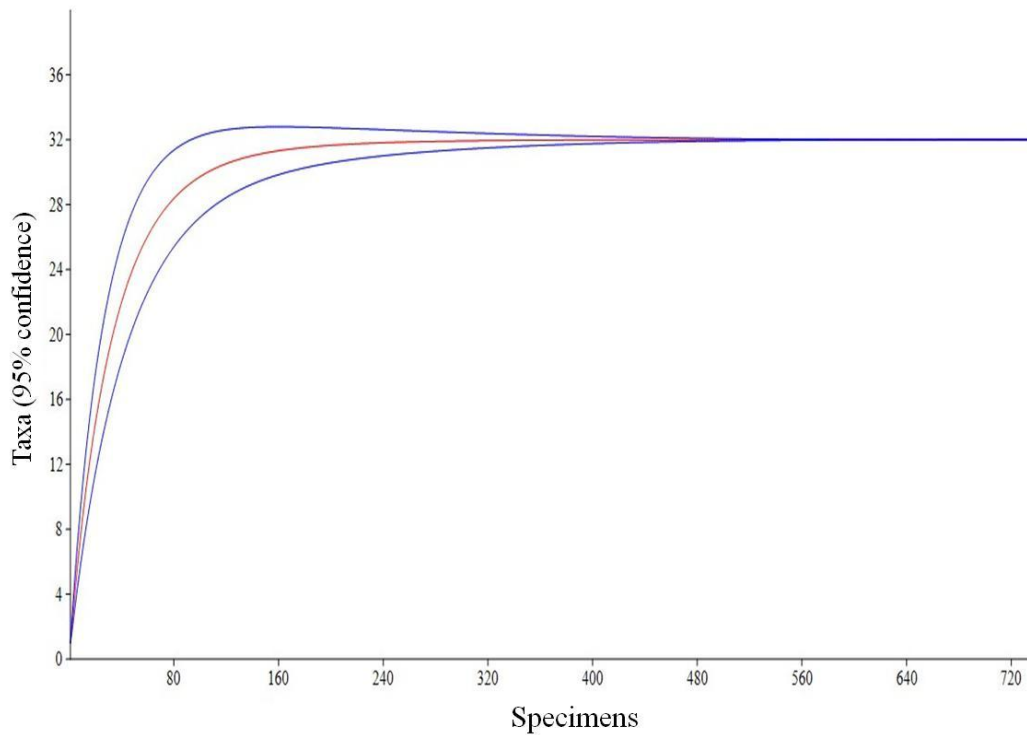


Figura 15 – Richness based rarefaction curves for spiders in ungrazed plots trough seasons of 2015 and 2016. Adjacent lines indicates 95% confidence intervals.

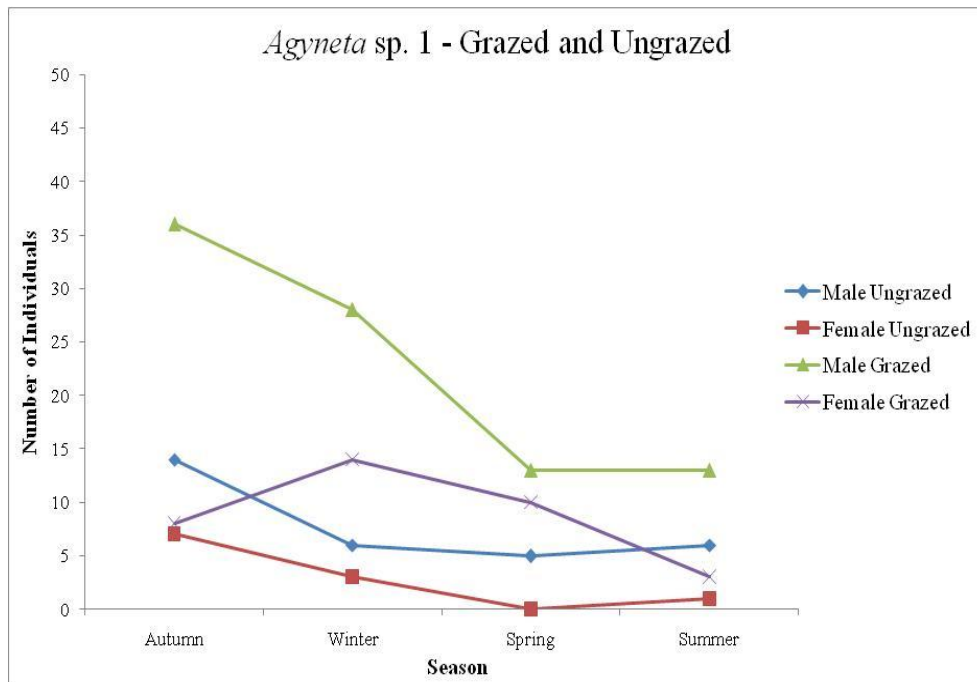


Figura 16 – *Agyneta sp. 1* phenology curve. Each line demonstrate male or female abundance trough season in grazed and ungrazed plots.

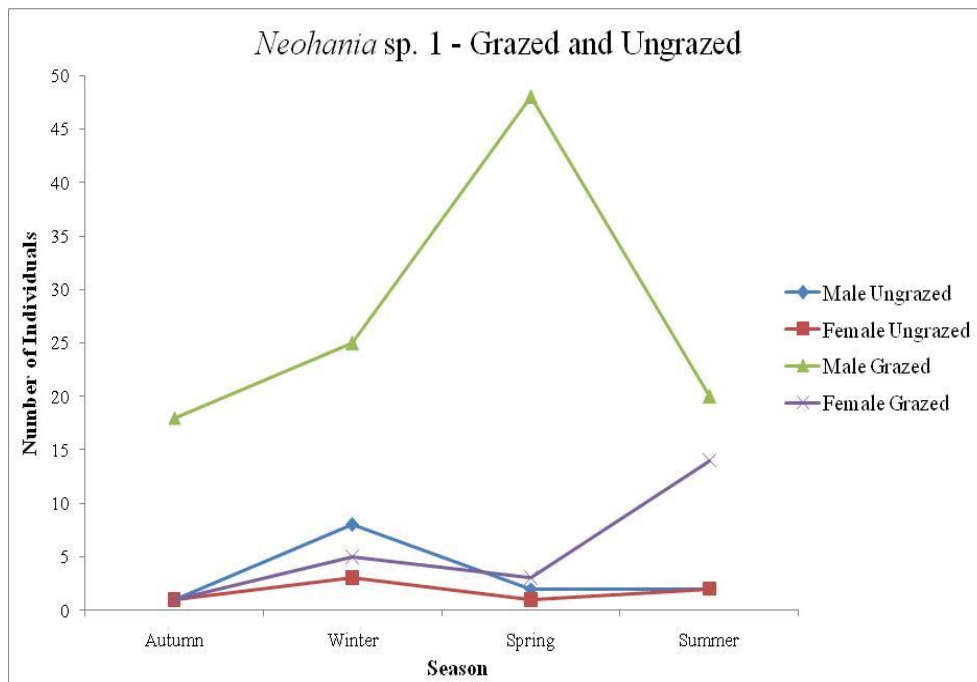


Figura 17 – *Neohania sp. 1* phenology curve. Each line demonstrate male or female abundance trough season in grazed and ungrazed plots.

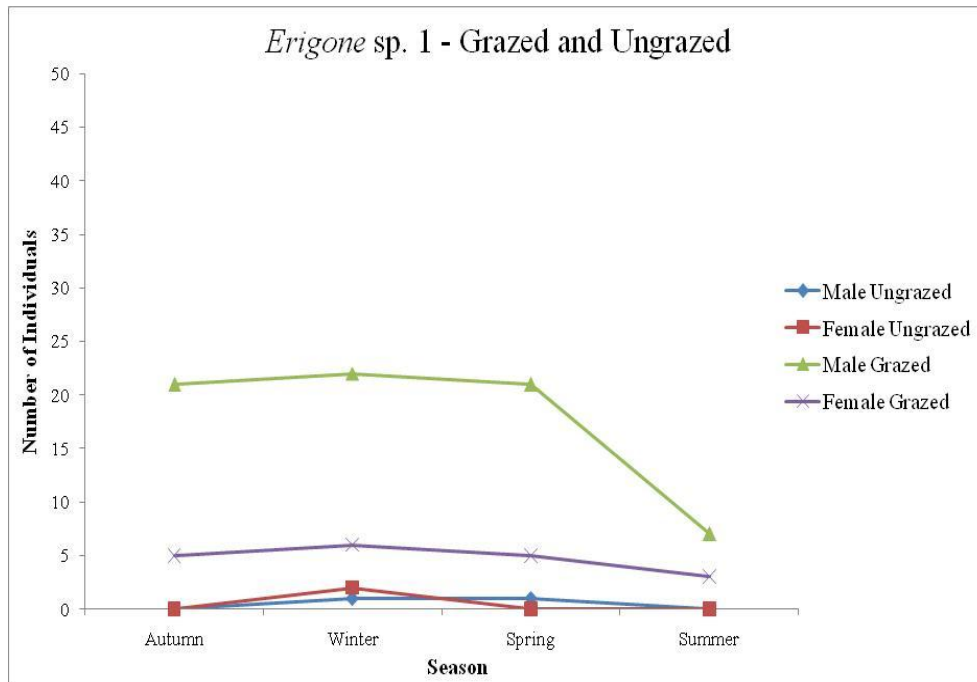


Figura 18 – *Erigone sp. 1* phenology curve. Each line demonstrate male or female abundance trough season in grazed and ungrazed plots.

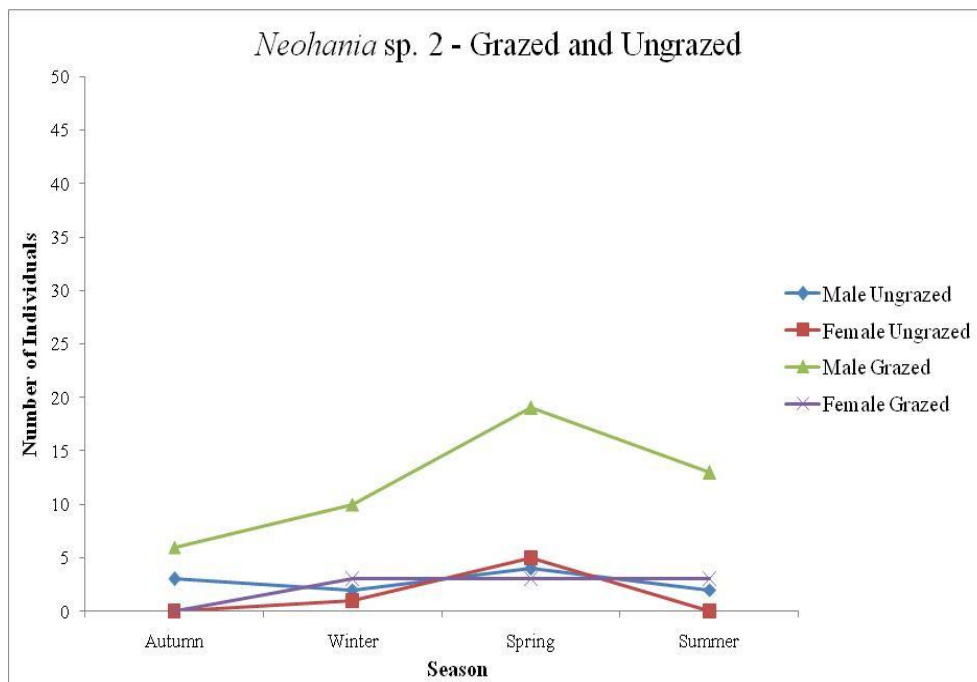


Figura 19 – *Neohania sp. 2* phenology curve. Each line demonstrate male or female abundance trough season in grazed and ungrazed plots.

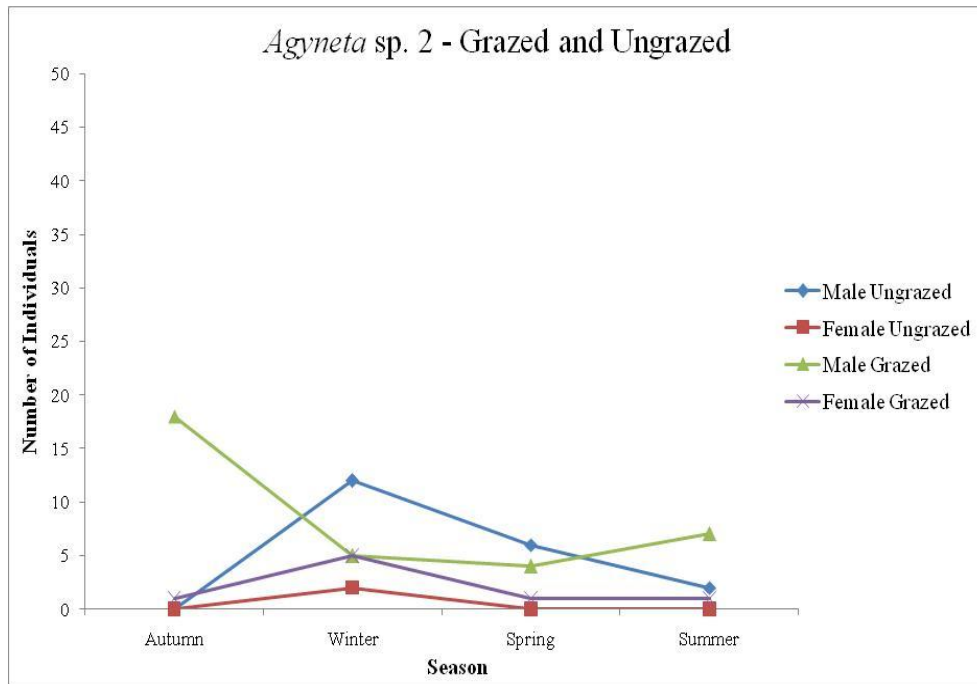


Figura 20 – *Agyneta sp. 2* phenology curve. Each line demonstrate male or female abundance trough season in grazed and ungrazed plots.

Tabela 5 – Ground dwelling spider species of Pampa biome, southern Brazil. Species listed here are from Autumn (Aut, May), Winter (Win, Sep), Spring (Spr, Nov) of 2015 and Summer (Sum, Feb) of 2016. Taxa are separate in families, genus and species. Numbers indicate the quantity of individuals, males and females. Juveniles identified only at family level and totals, indicated as adult/juveniles.

Taxa	Grazed				Ungrazed				Total
	Aut	Win	Spr	Sum	Aut	Win	Spr	Sum	
Actinopodidae	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/0
<i>Actinopus</i> sp.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Amaurobiidae	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/1
Amphinectidae	0	0	0	1	1	7	3	1	29/13
<i>Metaltella simoni</i> Keyserling, 1878	0	2	2	2	1	13	6	3	29
Anyphaenidae	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	7/5
<i>Arachosia</i> sp.	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	5
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Araneidae	1	4	0	4	3	9	8	2	1/31
<i>Alpaida</i> sp.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Corinnidae	0	1	2	1	5	2	0	1	26/12
<i>Castianeira chrysur</i> a Mello-Leitão, 1943	1	1	6	1	0	1	2	0	12
<i>Castianeira gaucha</i> Mello-Leitão, 1943	0	0	0	0	9	2	1	2	14
Ctenidae	1	0	6	3	2	2	2	19	24/35
<i>Asthenoctenus borellii</i> Simon, 1897	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5
<i>Isoctenus minusculus</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	8
<i>Parabatinga brevipes</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	1	2	0	0	1	5	0	2	11
Gnaphosidae	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	2	7/8
<i>Apopyllus iheringi</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1943)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Apopyllus</i> sp.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Camillina pulchra</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
<i>Echemos</i> sp.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hahniidae	3	0	5	5	0	1	1	4	254/19
Gen? sp. 1	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	7
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 1	19	30	51	34	2	11	3	4	154
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 2	6	13	22	16	3	3	9	2	74
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 3	1	1	0	0	1	15	1	0	19
Idiopidae	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Linyphiidae	27	45	20	3	23	13	17	6	522/154
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 1	44	42	23	16	21	9	5	7	167
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 2	19	10	5	8	0	14	6	2	64
<i>Erigone</i> sp. 1	26	28	26	10	0	3	1	0	94
<i>Erigone</i> sp. 2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
<i>Fissiscapus pusillus</i> Millidge, 1991	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Labicymbium</i> sp. 1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
<i>Labicymbium</i> sp. 2	3	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	10
<i>Laminacauda</i> sp. 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Moyosi</i> sp. 1	2	0	6	0	1	1	1	1	12
<i>Moyosi</i> sp. 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 2	3	3	5	0	4	4	10	5	34
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 4	0	1	1	0	0	9	12	5	28

<i>Pseudotyphistes</i> sp. 1	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	7
<i>Pseudotyphistes</i> sp. 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Psilocymbium lineatum</i> (Millidge, 1991)	6	6	0	3	0	1	2	0	18
<i>Scolecuroa parilis</i> Millidge, 1991	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	0	7
<i>Sphecozone</i> sp. 1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Sphecozone</i> sp. 2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Tutaibo</i> aff. <i>phoeniceus</i>	3	1	5	1	1	1	0	0	12
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 1	5	9	15	0	3	5	3	2	42
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 2	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Vesicapalpus</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	2	6
Lycosidae	30	24	43	48	18	19	29	16	78/227
<i>Allocosa</i> sp.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Birabenia</i> sp. 1	0	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	7
<i>Birabenia vittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1945)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Hogna bivittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1939)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Lobizon humilis</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	0	1	1	0	3	6	3	1	15
<i>Lycosa erythrognatha</i> Lucas, 1836	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Lycosa</i> sp. 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Lycosa thorelli</i> (Keyserling, 1877)	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	7
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 3	0	0	2	0	0	5	3	0	10
<i>Navira nagan</i> Piancentini & Grismado, 2009	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Schizocosa malitiosa</i> (Tullgren, 1905)	9	2	7	5	0	0	2	1	26
<i>Trochosa</i> sp.	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Microstigmatidae	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/0
<i>Xenomisia platensis</i> Goloboff, 1989	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Miturgidae	7	4	5	6	4	2	3	2	12/33
<i>Teminius insularis</i> (Lucas, 1857)	0	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	12
Mysmenidae	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/0
<i>Mysmena</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Nesticidae	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/0
<i>Nesticus</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Oonopidae	0	1	0	0	2	2	4	3	3/12
<i>Neotrops</i> aff. <i>tucumanus</i>	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
<i>Opopaea concolor</i> (Blackwall, 1859)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Oxyopidae	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	8/4
<i>Oxyopes salticus</i> Hentz, 1845	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	2	8
Palpimanidae	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1/0
<i>Otiothops birabeni</i> Mello-Leitão, 1945	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Philodromidae	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0/1
Pholcidae	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0/1
Phrurolithidae	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5/3
<i>Orthobula</i> sp.	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	
Salticidae	0	2	1	4	0	1	2	1	18/11

aff. <i>Phiale</i> sp.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Mopiopia</i> sp.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Neonella montana</i> Galiano, 1988	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Gen? sp. 3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Sarinda nigra</i> Peckham & Peckham, 1892	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Semiopyla cataphracta</i> Simon, 1901	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	6
Tengelidae	1	0	0	0	4	4	5	0	0/14
Tetragnathidae	1	0	0	0	4	4	5	0	41/14
<i>Glenognatha lacteovittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	1	2	0	0	10	11	14	3	41
Theridiidae	7	5	2	8	26	22	9	8	111/87
<i>Dipoena pumicata</i> (Keyserling, 1886)	3	3	1	0	1	2	2	1	13
<i>Episinus</i> sp. 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Episinus</i> sp. 2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
<i>Euryopis camis</i> Levi, 1963	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	8
<i>Euryopis</i> sp. 1	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Euryopis</i> sp. 2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
<i>Euryopis</i> sp. 3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Euryopis spinifera</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	2	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	13
<i>Guaraniella mahnerti</i> Baert, 1984	9	4	7	3	10	6	3	5	47
<i>Steatoda ancorata</i> (Holmberg, 1876)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Styopsis selis</i> Levi 1964	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	7
<i>Theridion</i> sp.	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
<i>Thymoites piratini</i> Rodrigues & Brescovit, 2015	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	7
Thomisidae	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	3/5
<i>Tmarus</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
Trachelidae	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	8/2
Gen? sp. 1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
Gen? sp. 2	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	5
Juveniles not identified	0	10	5	6	5	32	19	5	82
Total	261	294	308	235	195	277	112	137	1928

CONSIDERAÇÕES FINAIS

Contrariando nossas hipóteses, não houve diferença significativa entre as áreas com pastejo e sem pastejo. As áreas de exclusão do gado, não demonstraram maior riqueza e abundância de aranhas. Contudo, seria precoce afirmar que este resultado permanecerá o mesmo dando-se continuidade à retirada do gado das áreas.

Muitos trabalhos afirmam que o pastoreio do gado, se mantido de maneira moderada, aumenta a complexidade vegetal e conseqüentemente, a complexidade da fauna, devido à estrita ligação desta com a vegetação. Contudo, foi empiricamente observado que as áreas fechadas também apresentam alta complexidade de vegetação, com arbustos e gramíneas que se diferenciam, principalmente em relação à altura, das áreas com pastejo. Desta forma, o argumento da complexidade vegetal também haveria de ser usado para a remoção total ou parcial do pastejo. Infelizmente, dados de diversidade e abundância da flora não foram levantados para que corrobora-se com os dados apresentados neste trabalho.

Ressaltamos que as áreas sem pastejo são pequenas (1 ha), em pouco número (apenas três), distantes uma da outra e cercadas por vastos campos pastejados. Assim, as áreas de exclusão, mesmo se mantidas desta forma, provavelmente, nunca serão estritamente diferentes das áreas sem exclusão. Mesmo levando em consideração a Size-Grain Hypotheses citada nos artigos, com a rugosidade da vegetação aumentada, o efeito de borda sempre estará presente, permitindo espécies das áreas pastejadas permanecerem com certa abundância nas áreas sem pastejo. A dispersão (emigração/imigração), própria de cada grupo taxômico ou espécie, sempre influenciara na abundância destes organismos.

A exclusão do gado ainda é recente, ocorrendo a partir de Agosto de 2012. Tendo apenas pouco menos de quatro anos de exclusão, o ambiente ainda em

modificação e auto-regeneração. Portanto, consideramos que os estudos sobre a exclusão do pastejo ainda devem ser aprimorados, com levantamentos anuais da fauna, além da expansão das áreas sem pastejo, aumentando as que já existem e adicionando novas áreas a pesquisa. Ademais, uma meta-análises envolvendo a fauna e a flora se faz urgente. Sem isto, uma visão geral e mais acurada sobre ausência do gado no Pampa não é possível.

ANEXO



Figura 21 – Localização da APA do Ibirapuitã no Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil. APA localizada nos municípios de Alegrete, Quaraí, Rosário do Sul e Sant'Ana do Livramento. Autor: Comitê Ibicuí.

Tabela 6 – Aranhas de solo coletadas no experimento realizado em novembro de 2011 na APA do Ibirapuitã, Bioma Pampa, RS, Brasil. Taxa indica famílias de aranhas. Cada família contém espécies, morfoespécies e jovens respectivos. Números em jovens indicam indivíduos, em espécies e morfoespécies indicam indivíduos adultos, machos e fêmeas. C1: Com Pastejo da Estância do Açude; C2: Com Pastejo da Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes; C3: Com Pastejo da Fazenda Bela Vista. T1: Sem Pastejo da Estância do Açude; T2: Sem Pastejo da Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes; T3: Sem Pastejo da Fazenda Bela Vista.

Taxa	C1	C2	C3	T1	T2	T3	Total
Amphinectidae							
<i>Metaltella simoni</i> Keyserling, 1878	1	2	0	0	1	0	4
Jovem	2	1	0	0	1	0	4
Araneidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Caponiidae							
<i>Caponina notabilis</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1939)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Jovem	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Corinnidae							
<i>Castianeira</i> sp. 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Castianeira</i> sp. 2	0	0	2	0	0	2	4
Jovem	0	2	1	0	0	1	4
Ctenidae							
Jovem	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
Gnaphosidae							
<i>Camillina galianoae</i> Platnick & Murphy, 1987	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Camillina</i> sp.	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
<i>Eilica</i> aff. <i>trilineata</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Gen? sp. 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jovem	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Hahniidae							
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 1	20	6	11	22	10	13	82
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 2	19	6	7	10	11	6	59

Jovem	3	0	1	3	0	2	9
Linyphiidae							
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 2	3	2	0	4	1	1	11
<i>Erigone</i> sp. 1	7	2	0	1	0	0	10
<i>Moyosi</i> sp. 1	0	2	1	0	0	1	4
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 2	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Psilocymbium lineatum</i> (Millidge, 1991)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Sphecozone</i> sp. 2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
<i>Tutaibo</i> aff. <i>phoeniceus</i>	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 1	1	1	1	1	0	2	6
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Jovem	4	2	1	6	0	0	13
Lycosidae							
Gen? sp. 2	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
<i>Hogna bivittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1939)	1	2	0	2	0	0	5
<i>Lycosa erythrognatha</i> Lucas, 1836	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
<i>Schizocosa malitiosa</i> (Tullgren, 1905)	0	1	1	0	0	3	5
Jovem	13	71	4	2	5	2	97
Miturgidae							
<i>Teminius insularis</i> (Lucas, 1857)	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Jovem	1	1	0	0	0	1	3
Oonopidae							
<i>Neotrops</i> aff. <i>tucumanus</i>	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Oxyopidae							
<i>Oxyopes salticus</i> Hentz, 1845	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Pholcidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Phrurolithidae							
<i>Orthobula</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Salticidae							
<i>Neonella minuta</i> Galiano, 1965	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Semiopyla cataphracta</i> Simon, 1901	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
Jovem	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Theraphosidae							
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jovem	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Theridiidae							
<i>Euryopis camis</i> Levi, 1963	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Euryopis</i> sp. 4	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Euryopis spinifera</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Guaraniella mahnerti</i> Baert, 1984	8	1	0	3	2	0	14
<i>Thymoites piratini</i> Rodrigues & Brescovit, 2015	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Jovem	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Thomisidae							
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jovem	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Jovens não determinados	1	0	0	3	1	0	5
Total	104	112	35	67	37	42	397

Tabela 7 – Aranhas de solo coletadas no experimento realizado em novembro de 2012 na APA do Ibirapuitã, Bioma Pampa, RS, Brasil. Taxa indica famílias de aranhas. Cada família contém espécies, morfoespécies e jovens respectivos. Números em jovens indicam indivíduos, em espécies e morfoespécies indicam indivíduos adultos, machos e fêmeas. C1: Com Pastejo da Estância do Açude; C2: Com Pastejo da Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes; C3: Com Pastejo da Fazenda Bela Vista. T1: Sem Pastejo da Estância do Açude; T2: Sem Pastejo da Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes; T3: Sem Pastejo da Fazenda Bela Vista.

Taxa	C1	C2	C3	T1	T2	T3	Total
Amphinectidae							
<i>Metaltella simoni</i> Keyserling, 1878	4	0	0	2	0	0	6
Jovem	6	2	0	2	0	0	10
Anyphaenidae							
<i>Arachosia</i> sp.	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Araneidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	3	1	0	4
Corinnidae							
<i>Castianeira chrysur</i> Mello-Leitão, 1943	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
<i>Castianeira gaucha</i> Mello-Leitão, 1943	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Castianeira</i> sp. 2	0	0	1	0	0	6	7
<i>Mazax</i> sp.	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Jovem	0	1	0	6	0	2	9
Ctenidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Gnaphosidae							
<i>Apopyllus</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
<i>Camillina galianoae</i> Platnick & Murphy, 1987	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Camillina pulchra</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	2	1	0	1	0	0	4
<i>Camillina</i> sp.	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Eilica</i> aff. <i>trilineata</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Eilica trilineata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1941)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	1	3	0	1	5
Jovem	0	1	1	1	0	0	3
Hahniidae							
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 1	4	0	4	9	7	9	33
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 2	1	9	4	16	20	13	63
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Jovem	1	1	0	0	2	0	4
Linyphiidae							
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 2	0	0	0	2	5	1	8

<i>Erigone</i> sp. 1	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
<i>Moyosi</i> sp. 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
<i>Tutaibo</i> aff. <i>phoeniceus</i>	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 1	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Jovem	1	0	1	5	1	2	10
Lycosidae							
<i>Birabenia</i> sp. 1	1	1	0	4	0	0	6
<i>Birabenia vittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1945)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Gen? sp. 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 2	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
<i>Hogna bivittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1939)	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
<i>Lobizon humilis</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Lycosa erythrognatha</i> Lucas, 1836	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
<i>Lycosa thorelli</i> (Keyserling, 1877)	2	0	0	0	3	0	5
<i>Navira nagan</i> Piancentini & Grismado, 2009	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Schizocosa malitiosa</i> (Tullgren, 1905)	4	5	6	0	4	3	22
<i>Trochosa</i> sp.	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jovem	72	14	7	18	8	14	133
Ooteca	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Miturgidae							
<i>Teminius insularis</i> (Lucas, 1857)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jovem	0	0	2	2	0	2	6
Nemesiidae							
<i>Pycnothele</i> sp.	3	1	0	2	0	0	6
Oonopidae							
<i>Neotrops</i> aff. <i>tucumanus</i>	0	0	2	0	0	1	3
Jovem	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Philodromidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Phrurolithidae							
<i>Orthobula</i> sp.	1	0	1	0	0	1	3
Salticidae							
Gen? sp. 3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Neonella minuta</i> Galiano, 1965	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Neonella montana</i> Galiano, 1988	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Semiopyla cataphracta</i> Simon, 1901	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jovem	0	0	0	1	3	2	6
Sparassidae							
Jovem	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tengelidae							
Jovem	5	0	1	0	0	0	6
Theridiidae							
<i>Episinus</i> sp. 1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Euryopsis camis</i> Levi, 1963	0	1	0	0	1	0	2

<i>Euryopis</i> sp. 3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Euryopis</i> sp. 4	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
<i>Euryopis spinifera</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	2	1	0	1	0	0	4
<i>Guaraniella mahnerti</i> Baert, 1984	5	2	0	9	0	3	19
<i>Styposis selis</i> Levi 1964	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Thymoites piratini</i> Rodrigues & Brescovit, 2015	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Jovem	1	0	1	3	0	3	8
Thomisidae							
Gen? sp. 2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Jovem	1	2	0	0	0	1	4
Jovens não determinados	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	125	51	38	114	62	69	459

Tabela 8 – Aranhas de solo coletadas no experimento realizado em novembro de 2013 na APA do Ibirapuitã, Bioma Pampa, RS, Brasil. Taxa indica famílias de aranhas. Cada família contém espécies, morfoespécies e jovens respectivos. Números em jovens indicam indivíduos, em espécies e morfoespécies indicam indivíduos adultos, machos e fêmeas. C1: Com Pastejo da Estância do Açude; C2: Com Pastejo da Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes; C3: Com Pastejo da Fazenda Bela Vista. T1: Sem Pastejo da Estância do Açude; T2: Sem Pastejo da Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes; T3: Sem Pastejo da Fazenda Bela Vista.

Taxa	C1	C2	C3	T1	T2	T3	Total
Amphinectidae							
<i>Metaltella simoni</i> Keyserling, 1878	0	1	0	2	3	0	6
Jovem	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Anyphaenidae							
<i>Arachosia</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Araneidae							
<i>Argiope argentata</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Jovem	3	0	0	0	3	4	10
Corinnidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Ctenidae							
<i>Parabatinga brevipes</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jovem	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gnaphosidae							
<i>Camillina galianoae</i> Platnick & Murphy, 1987	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
<i>Eilica</i> cf. <i>obscura</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Neodrassex ibirapuita</i> Ott, 2013	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jovem	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Hahniidae							
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 1	39	4	8	4	8	8	71
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 2	8	4	5	4	4	8	33
Jovem	2	0	0	0	1	1	4
Linyphiidae							
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 2	0	1	4	2	3	6	16

<i>Erigone</i> sp. 1	5	2	2	0	3	0	12
<i>Laminacauda</i> sp. 1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Moyosi</i> sp. 1	0	0	1	1	1	1	4
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 2	1	1	0	1	1	2	6
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 3	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
<i>Pseudotyphistes</i> sp. 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jovem	3	0	1	1	0	4	9
Lycosidae							
<i>Agalenocosa</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Allocosa</i> sp.	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Birabenia</i> sp. 1	0	1	0	11	1	2	15
<i>Birabenia vittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1945)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Gen? sp. 2	3	0	0	1	3	0	7
<i>Hogna bivittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1939)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Lobizon humilis</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	0	0	0	3	1	0	4
<i>Lycosa erythrognatha</i> Lucas, 1836	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
<i>Lycosa thorelli</i> (Keyserling, 1877)	6	3	0	0	1	0	10
<i>Navira nagan</i> Piancentini & Grismado, 2009	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
<i>Schizocosa malitiosa</i> (Tullgren, 1905)	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
<i>Trochosa</i> sp.	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jovem	10	11	46	18	8	1	94
Microstigmatidae							
Jovem	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Miturgidae							
<i>Teminius insularis</i> (Lucas, 1857)	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Jovem	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Oonopidae							
<i>Neotrops</i> aff. <i>tucumanus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Oxyopidae							
Jovem	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Phrurolithidae							
<i>Orthobula</i> sp.	0	1	0	3	0	3	7
Jovem	0	0	0	6	3	2	11
Salticidae							
aff. <i>Phiale</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Neonella minuta</i> Galiano, 1965	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
<i>Neonella montana</i> Galiano, 1988	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Semiopyla cataphracta</i> Simon, 1901	0	0	0	5	5	1	11
Jovem	0	0	0	6	6	8	20
Tetragnathidae							
<i>Glenognatha lacteovittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	0	0	0	1	1	5	7

Jovem	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Theridiidae							
<i>Euryopis camis</i> Levi, 1963	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Euryopis</i> sp. 4	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
<i>Euryopis spinifera</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
<i>Guaraniella mahnerti</i> Baert, 1984	5	0	1	5	0	1	12
<i>Styopsis selis</i> Levi 1964	0	0	0	1	3	0	4
Jovem	0	2	0	2	3	0	7
Thomisidae							
Gen? sp. 3	2	1	0	0	1	0	4
Jovem	1	0	0	0	1	2	4
Trachelidae							
<i>Meriola</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jovens não determinados	1	0	0	1	1	0	3
Total	103	41	76	92	77	70	459

Tabela 9 – Aranhas de solo coletadas no experimento realizado em maio de 2015 na APA do Ibirapuitã, Bioma Pampa, RS, Brasil. Taxa indica famílias de aranhas. Cada família contém espécies, morfoespécies e jovens respectivos. Números em jovens indicam indivíduos, em espécies e morfoespécies indicam indivíduos adultos, machos e fêmeas. C1: Com Pastejo da Estância do Açude; C2: Com Pastejo da Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes; C3: Com Pastejo da Fazenda Bela Vista. T1: Sem Pastejo da Estância do Açude; T2: Sem Pastejo da Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes; T3: Sem Pastejo da Fazenda Bela Vista.

Taxa	C1	C2	C3	T1	T2	T3	Total
Amaurobiidae							
Jovem	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Amphinectidae							
<i>Metaltella simoni</i> Keyserling, 1878	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jovem	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Araneidae							
Jovem	0	0	1	0	1	2	4
Corinnidae							
<i>Castianeira chrysur</i> Mello-Leitão, 1943	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Castianeira gaucha</i> Mello-Leitão, 1943	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
Jovem	0	0	0	1	0	4	5
Ctenidae							
<i>Isoctenus minusculus</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	1	2	0	1	0	4	8
<i>Parabatinga brevipes</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Jovem	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
Gnaphosidae							
<i>Echemos</i> sp.	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hahniidae							
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 1	5	3	11	0	1	1	21
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 2	4	0	2	1	2	0	9
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 3	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Jovem	0	1	2	0	0	0	3

Idiopidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Linyphiidae							
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 1	8	11	25	7	7	7	65
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 2	8	5	6	0	0	0	19
<i>Erigone</i> sp. 1	7	12	7	0	0	0	26
<i>Labicymbium</i> sp. 2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Moyosi</i> sp. 1	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
<i>Moyosi</i> sp. 2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 2	1	1	1	1	2	1	7
<i>Pseudotyphistes</i> sp. 1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
<i>Psilocymbium lineatum</i> (Millidge, 1991)	0	1	5	0	0	0	6
<i>Scolecuroa parilis</i> Millidge, 1991	0	0	0	1	3	0	4
<i>Sphecozone</i> sp. 1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Tutaibo</i> aff. <i>phoeniceus</i>	0	3	0	0	0	1	4
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 1	0	2	3	2	0	1	8
<i>Vesicapalpus</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Jovem	2	13	12	9	9	5	50
Lycosidae							
<i>Birabenia</i> sp. 1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Gen? sp. 2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Lobizon humilis</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
<i>Lycosa erythrognatha</i> Lucas, 1836	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Lycosa</i> sp.1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Schizocosa malitiosa</i> (Tullgren, 1905)	2	4	3	0	0	0	9
Jovem	5	2	23	12	3	3	48
Miturgidae							
Jovem	1	3	3	2	1	1	11
Mysmenidae							
<i>Mysmena</i> sp.	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Oonopidae							
<i>Neotrops</i> aff. <i>tucumanus</i>	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
<i>Opopaea concolor</i> (Blackwall, 1859)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Oonopidae_jovem	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Oxyopidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Phrurolithidae							
<i>Orthobula</i> sp.	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Salticidae							
Gen? sp. 2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Tengelidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Tetragnathidae							
<i>Glenognatha lacteovittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	0	1	0	4	1	5	11

Jovem	0	1	0	2	0	2	5
Theridiidae							
<i>Dipoena pumicata</i> (Keyserling, 1886)	1	1	1	0	0	1	4
<i>Euryopsis camis</i> Levi, 1963	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Euryopsis</i> sp. 1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Euryopsis</i> sp. 4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Euryopsis spinifera</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Guaraniella mahnerti</i> Baert, 1984	4	4	1	5	2	3	19
<i>Styopsis selis</i> Levi 1964	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Thymoites piratini</i> Rodrigues & Brescovit, 2015	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jovem	0	7	0	7	10	9	33
Thomisidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Trachelidae							
Gen? sp. 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 2	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
Jovens não determinados	0	0	0	2	2	1	5
Total	61	88	111	65	56	71	452

Tabela 10 – Aranhas de solo coletadas no experimento realizado em setembro de 2015 na APA do Ibirapuitã, Bioma Pampa, RS, Brasil. Taxa indica famílias de aranhas. Cada família contém espécies, morfoespécies e jovens respectivos. Números em jovens indicam indivíduos, em espécies e morfoespécies indicam indivíduos adultos, machos e fêmeas. C1: Com Pastejo da Estância do Açude; C2: Com Pastejo da Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes; C3: Com Pastejo da Fazenda Bela Vista. T1: Sem Pastejo da Estância do Açude; T2: Sem Pastejo da Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes; T3: Sem Pastejo da Fazenda Bela Vista.

Taxa	C1	C2	C3	T1	T2	T3	Total
Amphinectidae							
<i>Metaltella simoni</i> Keyserling, 1878	2	0	0	3	8	2	15
Jovem	0	0	0	1	3	3	7
Anyphaenidae							
<i>Arachosia</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Araneidae							
<i>Alpaida</i> sp.	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Jovem	0	2	2	2	3	4	13
Corinnidae							
<i>Castianeira chrysur</i> Mello-Leitão, 1943	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
<i>Castianeira gaucha</i> Mello-Leitão, 1943	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Jovem	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
Ctenidae							
<i>Parabatinga brevipes</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	1	1	0	1	2	2	7
Jovem	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Gnaphosidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Hahniidae							
Gen? sp. 1	1	0	0	4	1	1	7
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 1	2	12	16	1	3	7	41

<i>Neohania</i> sp. 2	5	2	6	0	1	2	16
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 3	0	1	0	6	9	0	16
Jovem	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Linyphiidae							
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 1	3	18	21	2	4	3	51
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 2	3	5	2	4	5	5	24
<i>Erigone</i> sp. 1	8	12	8	0	1	2	31
<i>Erigone</i> sp. 2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Labicymbium</i> sp. 1	1	2	0	0	1	0	4
<i>Labicymbium</i> sp. 2	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
<i>Moyosi</i> sp. 1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 2	2	1	0	0	1	3	7
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 4	1	0	0	2	3	4	10
<i>Pseudotyphistes</i> sp. 1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Psilocymbium lineatum</i> (Millidge, 1991)	1	1	4	0	0	1	7
<i>Scolecuroa parilis</i> Millidge, 1991	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
<i>Sphecozone</i> sp. 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Sphecozone</i> sp. 2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Tutaibo</i> aff. <i>phoeniceus</i>	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 1	1	4	4	2	2	1	14
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 2	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Vesicapalpus</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Jovem	10	22	13	1	11	1	58
Lycosidae							
<i>Birabenia vittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1945)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 3	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
<i>Hogna bivittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1939)	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
<i>Lobizon humilis</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	0	0	1	2	3	1	7
<i>Schizocosa malitiosa</i> (Tullgren, 1905)	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Jovem	5	5	14	3	7	9	43
Microstigmatidae							
<i>Xenomnesia platensis</i> Goloboff, 1989	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Miturgidae							
Jovem	0	1	3	2	0	0	6
Nesticidae							
<i>Nesticus</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Oonopidae							
Jovem	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
Oxyopidae							
<i>Oxyopes salticus</i> Hentz, 1845	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
Jovem	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Salticidae							
Gen? sp. 6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Sarinda nigra</i> Peckham & Peckham, 1892	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jovem	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
Tetragnathidae							

<i>Glenognatha lacteovittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	0	1	1	5	5	1	13
Jovem	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
Theraphosidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Theridiidae							
<i>Dipoena pumicata</i> (Keyserling, 1886)	0	2	1	0	2	0	5
<i>Euryopis camis</i> Levi, 1963	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Euryopis</i> sp. 1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Euryopis</i> sp. 3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Euryopis</i> sp. 4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Euryopis spinifera</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Guaraniella mahnerti</i> Baert, 1984	2	0	2	1	1	4	10
<i>Styopsis selis</i> Levi 1964	1	0	0	2	1	0	4
<i>Theridion</i> sp.	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
<i>Thymoites piratini</i> Rodrigues & Brescovit, 2015	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
Jovem	1	3	1	1	12	9	27
Thomisidae							
<i>Tmarus</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Jovem	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Trachelidae							
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Gen? sp. 2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Jovens não determinados	1	9	0	7	12	13	42
Total	69	116	109	59	123	92	568

Tabela 11 – Aranhas de solo coletadas no experimento realizado em novembro de 2015 na APA do Ibirapuitã, Bioma Pampa, RS, Brasil. Taxa indica famílias de aranhas. Cada família contém espécies, morfoespécies e jovens respectivos. Números em jovens indicam indivíduos, em espécies e morfoespécies indicam indivíduos adultos, machos e fêmeas. C1: Com Pastejo da Estância do Açude; C2: Com Pastejo da Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes; C3: Com Pastejo da Fazenda Bela Vista. T1: Sem Pastejo da Estância do Açude; T2: Sem Pastejo da Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes; T3: Sem Pastejo da Fazenda Bela Vista.

Taxa	C1	C2	C3	T1	T2	T3	Total
Amphinectidae							
<i>Metaltella simoni</i> Keyserling, 1878	1	1	0	0	6	0	8
Jovem	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Anyphaenidae							
<i>Arachosia</i> sp.	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Jovem	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Araneidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	0	2	6	8
Corinnidae							
<i>Castianeira chrysur</i> Mello-Leitão, 1943	0	3	3	1	0	1	8
<i>Castianeira gaucha</i> Mello-Leitão, 1943	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jovem	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Ctenidae							

<i>Asthenoctenus borellii</i> Simon, 1897	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Jovem	3	3	0	1	0	1	8
Gnaphosidae							
<i>Apopyllus</i> cf. <i>iheringi</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1943)	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Camillina pulchra</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
Jovem	0	0	0	2	0	2	4
Hahniidae							
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 1	14	10	27	0	0	3	54
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 2	7	3	12	2	7	0	31
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jovem	1	0	4	0	0	1	6
Linyphiidae							
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 1	4	3	16	1	0	4	28
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 2	1	1	3	6	0	0	11
<i>Erigone</i> sp. 1	7	9	10	0	1	0	27
<i>Fissiscapus pusillus</i> Millidge, 1991	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Labicymbium</i> sp. 2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Laminacauda</i> sp. 2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Moyosi</i> sp. 1	2	0	4	0	1	0	7
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 2	2	2	1	7	0	3	15
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 4	1	0	0	3	1	8	13
<i>Pseudotyphistes</i> sp. 1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
<i>Pseudotyphistes</i> sp. 2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Psilocymbium lineatum</i> (Millidge, 1991)	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
<i>Scolecura parilis</i> Millidge, 1991	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Tutaibo</i> aff. <i>phoeniceus</i>	0	2	3	0	0	0	5
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 1	3	1	11	0	2	1	18
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp. 3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jovem	5	7	8	1	9	7	37
Lycosidae							
<i>Allocosa</i> sp.	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Birabenia</i> sp. 1	2	0	0	0	0	3	5
Gen? sp. 3	0	2	0	1	2	0	5
<i>Lobizon humilis</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	1	0	0	0	1	2	4
<i>Lycosa thorelli</i> (Keyserling, 1877)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Navira nagan</i> Piancentini & Grismado, 2009	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Schizocosa malitiosa</i> (Tullgren, 1905)	3	1	3	1	1	0	9
Jovem	10	12	21	4	22	3	72
Miturgidae							
<i>Teminius insularis</i> (Lucas, 1857)	4	3	1	0	0	0	8
Jovem	2	1	2	2	1	0	8
Oonopidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
Oxyopidae							

Jovem	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Palpimanidae							
<i>Otiothops birabeni</i> Mello-Leitão, 1945	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Philodromidae							
Jovem	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Phrurolithidae							
<i>Orthobula</i> sp.	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Jovem	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
Salticidae							
aff. <i>Phiale</i> sp.	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jovem	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
<i>Semiopyla cataphracta</i> Simon, 1901	0	0	0	0	3	2	5
Tetragnathidae							
<i>Glenognatha lacteovittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	0	0	0	5	1	8	14
Jovem	0	0	0	3	0	2	5
Theraphosidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Theridiidae							
<i>Dipoena pumicata</i> (Keyserling, 1886)	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
<i>Episinus</i> sp. 1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Euryopsis</i> sp. 3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Euryopsis spinifera</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
<i>Guaraniella mahnerti</i> Baert, 1984	3	1	3	0	2	1	10
<i>Styopsis selis</i> Levi 1964	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Thymoites piratini</i> Rodrigues & Brescovit, 2015	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Jovem	1	0	1	2	3	4	11
Thomisidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Trachelidae							
Jovem	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jovens não determinados	1	2	2	3	9	7	24
Total	92	78	138	55	88	83	534

Tabela 12 – Aranhas de solo coletadas no experimento realizado em fevereiro de 2016 na APA do Ibirapuitã, Bioma Pampa, RS, Brasil. Taxa indica famílias de aranhas. Cada família contém espécies, morfoespécies e jovens respectivos. Números em jovens indicam indivíduos, em espécies e morfoespécies indicam indivíduos adultos, machos e fêmeas. C1: Com Pastejo da Estância do Açude; C2: Com Pastejo da Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes; C3: Com Pastejo da Fazenda Bela Vista. T1: Sem Pastejo da Estância do Açude; T2: Sem Pastejo da Fazenda Rincão dos Moraes; T3: Sem Pastejo da Fazenda Bela Vista.

Taxa	C1	C2	C3	T1	T2	T3	Total
Actinopodidae							
<i>Actinopus</i> sp.	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Amphinectidae							
<i>Metaltella simoni</i> Keyserling, 1878	0	2	0	1	2	0	5
Jovem	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Anyphaenidae							
<i>Arachosia</i> sp.	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Jovem	1	0	0	1	1	0	3
Araneidae							
Jovem	2	2	0	2	0	0	6
Corinnidae							
<i>Castianeira chrysur</i> a Mello-Leitão, 1943	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Castianeira gaucha</i> Mello-Leitão, 1943	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Jovem	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Ctenidae							
<i>Asthenoctenus borellii</i> Simon, 1897	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
<i>Parabatinga brevipes</i> (Keyserling, 1891)	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Jovem	1	1	1	6	8	5	22
Gnaphosidae							
<i>Apopyllus</i> sp.	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jovem	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
Hahniidae							
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 1	13	11	10	3	1	0	38
<i>Neohania</i> sp. 2	6	1	9	0	2	0	18
Jovem	0	2	3	3	0	1	9
Linyphiidae							
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 1	1	7	8	4	1	2	23
<i>Agyneta</i> sp. 2	5	3	0	1	1	0	10
<i>Erigone</i> sp. 1	3	3	4	0	0	0	10
<i>Erigone</i> sp. 2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Labicymbium</i> sp. 2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
<i>Moyosi</i> sp. 1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 2	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
<i>Neomaso</i> sp. 4	0	0	0	4	1	0	5
<i>Pseudotyphistes</i> sp. 1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
<i>Psilocymbium lineatum</i> (Millidge, 1991)	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
<i>Tutaibo</i> aff. <i>phoeniceus</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp.1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
<i>Tutaibo</i> sp.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

<i>Vesicapalpus</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Jovem	0	1	2	1	2	3	9
Lycosidae							
Gen? sp. 1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Lobizon humilis</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Lycosa erythrognatha</i> Lucas, 1836	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Lycosa thorelli</i> (Keyserling, 1877)	0	5	1	0	0	0	6
<i>Schizocosa malitiosa</i> (Tullgren, 1905)	1	3	1	1	0	0	6
<i>Trochosa</i> sp.	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jovem	12	25	11	11	4	1	64
Miturgidae							
<i>Teminius insularis</i> (Lucas, 1857)	1	0	3	0	0	0	4
Jovem	0	4	2	0	2	0	8
Oonopidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Oxyopidae							
<i>Oxyopes salticus</i> Hentz, 1845	1	2	0	2	0	0	5
Pholcidae							
Jovem	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Phrurolithidae							
<i>Orthobula</i> sp.	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Salticidae							
<i>Mopiopia</i> sp.	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Neonella montana</i> Galiano, 1988	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Gen? sp. 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gen? sp. 7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Semiopyla cataphracta</i> Simon, 1901	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jovem	1	0	3	0	1	0	5
Tetragnathidae							
<i>Glenognatha lacteovittata</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Theraphosidae							
Jovem	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Theridiidae							
<i>Dipoena pumicata</i> (Keyserling, 1886)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Episinus</i> sp.2	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
<i>Euryopis camis</i> Levi, 1963	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Euryopis</i> sp. 1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Euryopis</i> sp. 4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Euryopis spinifera</i> (Mello-Leitão, 1944)	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
<i>Guaraniella mahnerti</i> Baert, 1984	1	2	0	1	0	4	8
<i>Steatoda ancorata</i> (Holmberg, 1876)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Styopsis selis</i> Levi 1964	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

<i>Thymoites piratini</i> Rodrigues & Brescovit, 2015	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Jovem	1	7	0	5	3	0	16
Thomisidae							
<i>Tmarus</i> sp.	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Jovem	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Trachelidae							
Jovem	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jovens não determinados	0	2	4	0	0	5	11
Total	64	104	69	53	52	32	374