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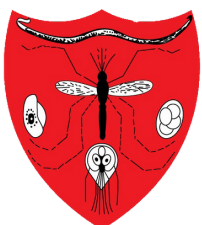
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### *Aponomma lucasi* Warburton 1910

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Two male *Aponomma lucasi* ticks were collected in Perlis in June 1986. These eyeless ticks were found infested on a venomous snake banded krait (*Bungarus fasciatus*). Both ticks were identified based on the reddish-brown, rounded bodies with five yellowish-green spots or ornamentations. In a recent taxonomic revision by tick specialist, this species has been classified as a junior synonym of *Amblyomma varanense*. Although the medical importance of this species remains to be determined, some literatures reported its potential to transmit *Rickettsia*, *Borrelia* and *Anaplasma*. These voucher specimens were preserved in the Acarology Unit, Institute for Medical Research, Malaysia.

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