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Minnivale Trapdoor Spider (*Teyl* sp.)

Description: The Minnivale trapdoor spider has a body length of 11-14mm with long, sparsely haired legs and are tan in colour. This spider belongs to the ancient sub-order of spiders called Mygalomorphae.

These spiders build their circular and flat trapdoor burrows near perched swamps on high terrain. When closed, the burrow is extremely difficult to find due to the trapdoor being made of compacted soil.

Conservation Status: **Critically Endangered**

Conservation: The majority of this spider's habitat has been destroyed through land clearing. This has left the remaining populations vulnerable to disturbance. Fires are also a threat to this species due to their poor dispersal ability.

Organizations such as the Department of Environment and Conservation, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Australia and the Avon Catchment Council are working towards conserving this species through preserving their known habitat, conducting searches for new populations and educating the public regarding the ecological importance of this species.



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If you have seen a Minnivale Trapdoor Spider or would like more information, please contact the Department of Environment and Conservation. Merredin: 9041 2488 Northam 9622 8940

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