

***Idiops pylorus* (Idiopidae), a remarkable trap-door spider from Thailand**

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*Idiops pylorus* Schwendinger, a small idiopid trap-door spider from northern Thailand employs a unique defence mechanism. When threatened, it pulls a fabricated soil pellet from a side chamber into the burrow and blocks the passage. A similar burrow-plugging device is otherwise known only from *Stanwellia nebulosa* (Rainbow & Pulleine), an Australian nemesiid.

Notes are given on habitat and distribution, mating and reproduction, annual cycle and life span.