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# A review of the Western Australian species of the keeled trapdoor spider genus *Stanwellia* (Araneae: Mygalomorphae: Pycnothelidae)

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# Abstract

Keeled trapdoor spiders of the genus *Stanwellia* (Pycnothelidae) are found in the mesic forest ecosystems of southern Australia and New Zealand, but they are rarely encountered in south-western Australia. After examining all *Stanwellia* specimens in the Western Australian Museum collection, we provide descriptions of four new species from the high rainfall zone of temperate Western Australia, each of which occupies a narrow distribution: *S. longinqua*, sp. nov., *S. mainae*, sp. nov., *S. oraria*, sp. nov. and *S. pauxilla*, sp. nov. We include three of these species in a multi-gene molecular phylogeny, along with other species of *Stanwellia* from eastern Australia and New Zealand. The phylogeny failed to recover the Western Australian species in a monophyletic clade, with *S. oraria*, sp. nov. and *S. pauxilla*, sp. nov. as sister-taxa, and *S. longinqua*, sp. nov. as sister to all other *Stanwellia* species.

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# Introduction

The mygalomorph spider family Pycnothelidae has been recently revalidated and newly diagnosed, and generic relationships within the family confirmed, based on two comprehensive phylogenomic analyses (Opatova et al. 2020; Montes de Oca et al. 2022). The family currently

contains 15 genera that are restricted to the southern continents (World Spider Catalog 2025). Most occur in South America (Montes de Oca et al. 2022) but *Afromygale* Zonstein, 2020 and *Pionothele* Purcell, 1902 occur in southern Africa, and *Stanwellia* Rainbow & Pulleine, 1918 is endemic to Australasia. Traditionally, two separate genera have been recognised in the Australasian

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fauna, with Stanwellia in Australia (Main 1972; Raven 1981) and Aparua Todd, 1945 in New Zealand (Forster & Wilton 1968; Todd 1945). Recent multi-gene molecular research (Harvey et al. 2018) has been unable to demonstrate reciprocal monophyly for each genus and *Aparua* was considered a synonym of Stanwellia, corroborating the synonymy of *Aparua* with *Stanwellia* by Main (1983). The New Zealand fauna was revised by Forster and Wilton (1968) who recognised 10 species of Aparua, and molecular data indicates that the common ancestor of the New Zealand fauna likely dispersed from Australia ca. 3.8-11.4 Mya, long after the separation of New Zealand from Gondwana (Harvey et al. 2018). The Australian fauna has been the subject of only one in-depth study in which the type species S. hoggi Rainbow & Pulleine, 1918 and several other species were redescribed, and various species-level synonymies and new species were proposed (Main 1972). Two other species have since been transferred to Stanwellia: Raven (1981) moved Aname minor and Rix et al. (2017) moved Mygale annulipes C.L. Koch, 1842. There are now eight recognised species from Australia: S. annulipes (C. L. Koch, 1841) and S. pexa (Hickman, 1930) from Tasmania; S. grisea (Hogg, 1901) and S. inornata Main, 1972 from Victoria; S. hoggi (Rainbow, 1914) and S. minor (Kulczyński, 1908) from New South Wales; and S. nebulosa Rainbow & Pulleine, 1918 and S. occidentalis Main, 1972 from South Australia.

The first record of *Stanwellia* from Western Australia was by Main (1972) who attributed three juvenile specimens collected from south-western Australia to *S. occidentalis*, a species that was otherwise known from the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia, ca. 1,800 km away. These specimens have been transferred from the University of Western Australia to the Western Australian Museum and the two specimens from the Porongurup Range are here assigned to *S. oraria* sp. nov., and a juvenile from near Mammoth Cave is attributed to *S. pauxilla* sp. nov.

Recent molecular research on the genera previously included in the family Nemesiidae included specimens of *Stanwellia* collected in south-western Australia (Harvey et al. 2018), which has led to the present study. In addition to these molecular exemplars, we studied all specimens of *Stanwellia* lodged in the Western Australian Museum collection (Figure 1) and obtained new sequence data to confirm the status of some of the populations.

Like many other species of *Stanwellia*, the Western Australian populations dig burrows in the soil but do not adorn the entrance with a lid, although they sometimes make small silken 'turrets' around the burrow entrance (Figure 2A). They are also strikingly coloured with banded legs and mottled abdomens (Figure 2B).

Here, we provide descriptions of four new species from the high rainfall zone of temperate Western Australia, each of which occupies a narrow distribution: *S. long*- inqua, sp. nov., *S. mainae*, sp. nov., *S. oraria*, sp. nov. and *S. pauxilla*, sp. nov. Three of these species were first recognised by B.Y. Main in the 1990s. However, her proposed manuscript was never finalised and was not located among her files after her death in 2019 (Harvey 2019). We have chosen to use one of the names she proposed (*Stanwellia oraria*) as it was used by Castalanelli et al. (2014) in a barcoding study of Western Australian mygalomorph spiders.

# Methods

The specimens examined in this study are lodged in the Western Australian Museum, Perth (WAM), and are preserved in 75% ethanol. Focus stacked images were taken at different focal planes (ca. 20–30 images) with a Canon 6D camera digital camera attached to a Leica MZ16 stereo microscope, using Helicon Focus 8.2.4 Pro software.

Morphological terminology follows Raven (1985) and Castalanelli et al. (2020). The following abbreviations are used: AME: anterior median eyes; ALE: anterior lateral eyes; PLE: posterior lateral eyes; PME: posterior median eyes. Pedipalp and leg measurements and ratios were calculated using the terminology and reference points defined by Castalanelli et al. (2020).

It was not possible to distinguish the new species from *S. annulipes* from Tasmania or *S. minor* from New South Wales due to the lack of modern descriptions or illustrations of the genital organs, but the chance of these eastern species being conspecific with any of the Western Australian taxa is highly implausible due to the vast distances between the localities. Comparisons of the morphology of each of the new species with the other Western Australian species was a relatively simple task but comparisons with the other six species from eastern Australia was hampered by the lack of high-quality images. Differences in the spermathecae were easier to detect thanks to the line drawings provided by Main (1972), but comparisons of the male palpal organs were rendered difficult by the lack of precision in the drawings.

The bioregions mentioned throughout the manuscript are those adopted in the Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia version 7.0 (Environment Australia 2000; Thackway & Cresswell 1995).

Taxon coverage for the molecular analysis included three of the four Western Australian species (*S. longinqua* sp. nov., *S. mainae* sp. nov., *S. oraria* sp. nov. and *S. pauxilla*, sp. nov., as well as *S. inornata* Main, 1972 from Victoria and *S. nebulosa* (Rainbow & Pulleine, 1918) from South Australia, *S. kaituna* (Forster, 1968) and *S. media* (Forster, 1968) from New Zealand, and nine species from New South Wales, Tasmania and Victoria that we could not align with any previously named species. These were given unique identifiers using alphanumeric codes commencing with the prefix MYG (Tables 1, 2).

We were unable to include samples from Wollongong, New South Wales, which is the type locality of the type species of *Stanwellia*, *S. decora* Rainbow & Pulleine, 1918, itself a synonym of *S. hoggi* Rainbow, 1918 from North Sydney, New South Wales.

The molecular analysis used fragments of three mitochondrial [cytochrome c oxidase subunit I (COI), 12S rRNA (12S) and 16S rRNA (16S)] and four nuclear genes [18S ribosomal RNA (18S), 28S ribosomal RNA (28S), Histone H3 (H3) and elongation factor 1-gamma (EF-1y)], all obtained using standard Sanger methodology following the methods outlined by Harvey et al. (2018). Chromatograms were edited using the Geneious software package (ver. 2021.2, Biomatters Ltd, see https://www.geneious.com/; Kearse et al. (2012)) and resulting nucleotide sequences for all taxa are deposited in GenBank (Table 2). Sequences were aligned using the MAFFT [ver. 7.490, see https://mafft.cbrc.jp/alignment/software/; Katoh et al. 2002; Katoh et al. (2002); Katoh and Standley (2013)] plug-in within Geneious, using the 'Auto' algorithm, which chooses the most appropriate option from the FFT-NS-2, FFT-NS-i and L-INS-i alignment strategies (Katoh and Standley, 2013). The concatenated alignment (of 5,245 bp) was analysed using maximum likelihood (ML) in the web version of IQ-TREE (ver. 3.3.0, see http://www.iqtree.org/; Minh et al. 2020; Trifinopoulos et al. 2016) with each gene representing a seperate partition. Substitution models were chosen using ModelFinder (Kalyaanamoorthy et al. 2017), and resulted in the following substition models per partition: COI = GTR+F+I+G4; 12S = TIM2+F+G4; 16S = TIM2+F+I+G4; 18S = TNe+I; 28S = TIM+F+G4; H3 =TVMe+I+G4; EF-1y = HKY+F+G4. Branch support was assessed using 5,000 ultrafast bootstrap replicates (UFBoot).

# Discussion

The consensus ML tree derived from the molecular analysis (Fig. 3) recovered *Stanwellia* as monophyletic, albeit without adequate coverage of the diverse South American or African faunas, which contain the bulk of the diversity of Pycnothelidae with 14 genera (World Spider Catalog 2025).

The inclusion of three of the four named Western Australian species of *Stanwellia* in the molecular analysis (Fig. 3) was augmented with two species from New Zealand and 11 species from southeastern Australia (Tables 1, 2). Even based on our limited sampling it is apparent that there is high taxonomic diversity in southeastern Australia that is not reflected in the current taxonomic framework. For example, we found three species in the Grampians Mountains (*S. inornata*, *S.* MYG430 and *S.* MYG431) and two species at Mount Macedon (*S.* MYG417 and *S.* MYG418), one of which, *S.* MYG417, also occurs in the Otway Ranges (Table 1).

Within *Stanwellia*, S. *longinqua*, sp. nov. from Cape Arid was found to be sister to all other taxa, including species

from eastern Australia, New Zealand and other regions of Western Australia (though with relatively low reciprocal branch support, UFBoot=64). While the New Zealand species were recovered in a strongly supported clade (UFBoot=99), sister to the bulk of the eastern Australian fauna (consistent with the hypothesis of dispersal from Australia, see Harvey et al. (2018)), the relationships within and among clades were in general poorly supported. Both the Western Australian and eastern Australian faunas were recovered as polyphyletic, indicating a possibly complex history of vicariance, dispersal or a combination of speciation patterns in temperate Australian Stanwellia. Further sampling of eastern Australian and New Zealand species will be required to better understand the biogeographic history of this genus, particularly in south-eastern Australia.

# Taxonomy

# Family Pycnothelidae Chamberlin, 1917

Subfamily Diplothelopsinae Schiapelli & Gerschman, 1967

# Stanwellia Rainbow & Pulleine, 1918

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Stanwellia Rainbow & Pulleine, 1918: 164.

Aparua Todd, 1945: 390. Synonymised by Main (1983).

# Type species

Stanwellia: Stanwellia decora Rainbow & Pulleine, 1918 (junior synonym of Chenistonia hoggi Rainbow, 1914), by monotypy.

Aparua: Aparua bipectinata Todd, 1945, by original designation.

# **Diagnosis**

Stanwellia is the only genus of the family Pycnothelidae known to occur in Australia (Montes De Oca et al. 2022). Members of the genus can be diagnosed from other mygalomorph genera in Australia by the presence of two rows of teeth on the paired tarsal claws, maxillae with cuspule patches that are confined to a thin anteromedial band (not extending laterally or onto the postero-medial corner of the maxillae) (e.g. see Fig. 4B, I; Main, 1972; Raven, 1985; Harvey et al. 2018). Males can be further diagnosed by the presence of keels on the embolus (e.g. Fig. 5L–N), and pseudosegmented tarsi on all legs (e.g. Fig. 5O). Females generally have smudges or bands on the legs in life (Fig. 2B).

# Remarks

The common name "keeled trapdoor spider" is applied to species of *Stanwellia* due to the presence of ridges and keels on the male palpal bulb (Figures 5L–N, 6 L–N, 7L–N, 8C–D, H–J).

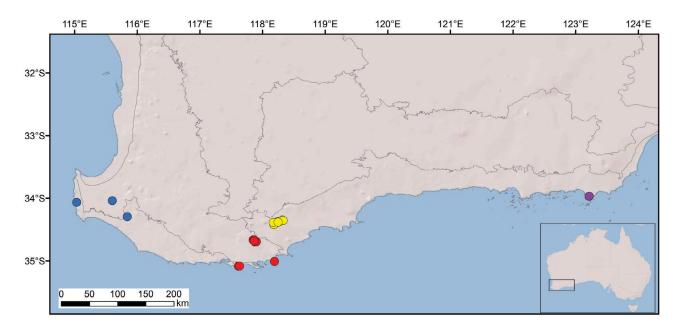


Figure 1. Map of south-western Australia showing known distribution of *Stanwellia* species: *S. longinqua*, sp. nov. (purple); *S. mainae*, sp. nov. (yellow); *S. oraria*, sp. nov. (red); *S. pauxilla*, sp. nov. (blue).

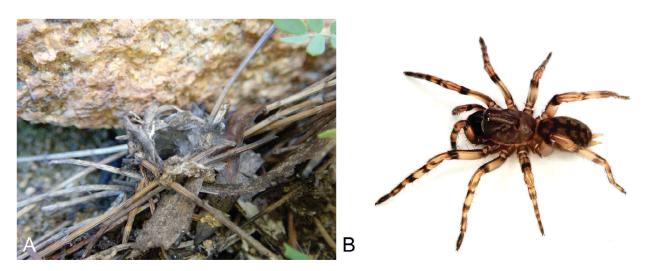


Figure 2. Stanwellia longinqua, sp. nov., specimen WAM T160675: A, burrow entrance; B, living female. Images by J.D. Wilson.

# Stanwellia longinqua, sp. nov.

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Stanwellia sp. 'MYG360': Castalanelli et al., 2014: figure 3.

# Holotype

AUSTRALIA: *Western Australia*: ♀, Cape Arid National Park, gorge c. 1 km NNE. of Mt Arid, 33°58′09.19″S, 123°12′54.79″E, 148 m, 3 April 2023, ex burrow, J.D. Wilson, M. Hughes, C. Etherington, R. Howe (WAM T160666).

# **Paratypes**

AUSTRALIA: *Western Australia*: 1 ♀, Cape Arid National Park, Mt Arid, high in gully, 33°58′09″S, 123°12′52″E, 16 November 2006, in burrow, M.L. Moir, O. Massenbaur (WAM T78538); 1

 $\$ , Cape Arid National Park, gorge c. 1 km NNE. of Mt Arid, 33°58′09.19″S, 123°12′54.79″E, 148 m, 3 April 2023, J.D. Wilson, M. Hughes, C. Etherington, R. Howe (WAM T160667); 1  $\$ , Cape Arid National Park, gorge c. 1 km NNE. of Mt Arid, 33°58′08.0″S, 123°12′53.3″E, 165 m, 3 April 2023, J.D. Wilson, M. Hughes, C. Etherington, R. Howe (WAM T160675).

# **Diagnosis**

Females of *Stanwellia longinqua* differ from all other species of *Stanwellia* by the medially inclined spermathecal ducts (Figure 4L) (anteriorly or laterally directed in the others).

Males are unknown.

# Description

Female (based on holotype, WAM T160666)

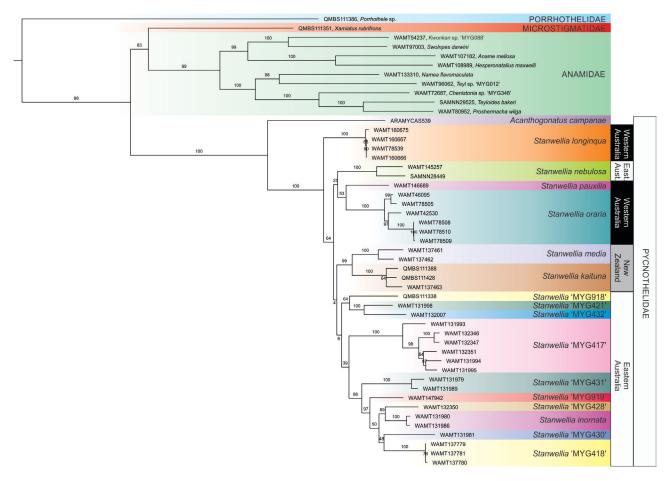


Figure 3. Maximum likelihood phylogeny of *Stanwellia*, based on alignment of concatenated sequence data (*COI*, 12S, 16S, 18S, 28S, *H3* and *EF–1y*). Ultrafast Bootstrap values are presented for each node. For clarity, the outgroup *Cethegus fugax* (Simon, 1908) was omitted.

Colour (in alcohol) (Figures 4A, 4B): carapace yellow-brown but slightly darker in pars cephalica region, and with lines radiating from fovea; legs distinctly banded, mostly yellow-brown, but with darker markings on distal end of femur, medial regions of patella, basal and distal ends of tibia, and distal end of metatarsus. Chelicerae uniformly red-brown. Abdomen dorsally grey-brown with darker markings including a median stripe and lateral chevrons, and ventrally mostly grey-brown with darker markings in posterior half and near epigastric region.

Cephalothorax: carapace (Figure 4A) 1.48 × longer than broad; sparsely pilose; clypeal edge slightly convex. Fovea (Figure 4D) procurved. Eyes (Figure 4C): on distinct mound; from above, anterior eye row straight, posterior eye row slightly recurved; ALE broader than AME; PLE larger than PME; ALE largest, PME smallest; eye group length 0.42, width 0.93. Chelicerae (Figure 4A, 4B) densely setose with setae arranged in thick bands; rastellum absent; promargin of tooth row with 8 teeth, retromargin without teeth. Labium (Figure 4E) fused to sternum, with 2 cuspules. Maxillae (Figure 4I) with 18 (left, right) cuspules, clustered near medial edge. Sternum (Figure 4E): oval, posteriorly pointed; 1.42 × longer than broad; uniformly setose, setae on lateral and pos-

terior margins longer than others; with 3 pairs of sigilla (Figure 4H), posterior pair larger than others.

Pedipalp: with sparse scopula on tarsus.

Legs (Figures 4J, 4K): coxal cuspules absent; sparse scopula present on tarsi of legs I and II, absent from legs III and IV; claws with 2 rows of teeth; claw tufts absent.

Abdomen (Figures 4F, 4G): 1.71 × longer than broad, sparsely setose. Spinnerets: 2 pairs of spinnerets; PMS unsegmented and separated by about diameter of spinneret; PLS 3–segmented, apical segment elongate, digitiform.

Genitalia (Figure 4L): with 1 pair of widely spaced spermathecae, each with short stalks and bulbous spermathecal head directed anteromedially, on a broad triangular base.

Dimensions (mm): total body length (with chelicerae, but excluding spinnerets) 11.45, total body length (excluding chelicerae and spinnerets) 9.64; carapace length 3.01, width 1.48; sternum length 2.29, width 1.61. Femur I length 2.97, depth 0.93, L/D 3.18; femur II 2.71, depth 0.85, L/D 3.20; femur III 2.12, depth 0.85, L/D 2.50; femur IV length 2.88, depth 1.02, L/D 2.83. Abdomen length 4.92, width 2.88.

Table 1. Specimens used in the molecular analysis.

Species	Locality	Repository and number
Family Euagridae		
Cethegus fugax (Simon, 1908)		WAM T129260
Family Porrhothelidae		
Porrhothele sp.		QMB S111386
Family Anamidae		
<i>Aname mellosa</i> Harvey, Framen Wojcieszkek, Rix & Harvey, 2012 <i>Chenistonia</i> sp. 'MYG348'	au,	WAM T107182
Hesperonatalius maxwelli Castalan	elli,	\4\4.4 T70007
Huey, Hillyer & Harvey, 2017		WAM T72687
Kwonkan sp. 'MYG088'		WAM T54237
<i>Namea flavomaculata</i> (Rainbow & Pulleine, 1918)		WAM T133310
Proshermacha wilga Leenders, Beach	ո &	WAM T80952
Harvey, 2023 <i>Swolnpes darwini</i> Main & Framen 2000	au,	WAM T97003
2009 <i>Teyl</i> sp. 'MYG012'		WAM T96062
Teyloides bakeri Main, 1985		SAM NN29525
Family Microstigmatidae		OAW NINESSES
Xamiatus rubrifrons Raven, 1981		QMB S111351
Family Pycnothelidae		QIIID CTTTOOT
Acanthogonatus campanae (Legendre Calderón, 1984)	e &	ARAMYCAS539
Stanwellia inornata Main, 1972	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: Grampians National Park, off Redman Track, 37°13'17"S 142°34'36"E	, WAM T131980
Stanwellia inornata Main, 1972	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: Grampians National Park, off Mafeking Road, 37°21′18″S 142°35′05″E	, WAM T131986
Stanwellia media (Forster, 1968)	NEW ZEALAND: BP, Katikati, Lindemann track, 37°32.68'S, 175°52.32'E	WAM T137461
Stanwellia media (Forster, 1968)	NEW ZEALAND: GB, East Cape, 37°41'27"S, 178°32'46"E	WAM T137462
Stanwellia kaituna (Forster, 1968)	NEW ZEALAND: Mid Canterbury, Prices Valley, "Wongan Hills", 43.766°S, 172.715°E	WAM T137463
Stanwellia kaituna (Forster, 1968)	NEW ZEALAND: Canterbury: Hinewai Reserve, Banks Peninsula, 43°48'41"S 173°01'53"E	, QMB S111428
Stanwellia kaituna (Forster, 1968)	NEW ZEALAND: Canterbury: Jollies Bush Scenic Reserve, Sumner, 43°35′15″S, 172°44′19″E	QMB S111388
Stanwellia nebulosa (Rainbow Pulleine, 1918)	& AUSTRALIA: South Australia: Bridgewater, Mount Lofty Ranges, 35°00'S, 138°46'E	SAM NN28449
Stanwellia nebulosa (Rainbow Pulleine, 1918)	& AUSTRALIA: South Australia: 15.9 km N. of Cleve, on Kimba-Cleve Road, 33°33'40"S 136°29'51"E	, WAM T145257
Stanwellia longinqua, sp. nov.	AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: Cape Arid National Park, Mt Arid, high in gully 33°58′09″S, 123°12′52″E	, WAM T78539
Stanwellia longinqua, sp. nov.	AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: Cape Arid National Park, gorge c. 1 km NNE. of Marid, 33°58'09"S, 123°12'55"E	t WAM T160666
Stanwellia longinqua, sp. nov.	AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: Cape Arid National Park, gorge c. 1 km NNE. of Marid, 33°58'09"S, 123°12'55"E	t WAM T160667
Stanwellia longinqua, sp. nov.	AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: Cape Arid National Park, gorge c. 1 km NNE. of Marid, 33°58'09"S, 123°12'55"E	t WAM T160675
Stanwellia oraria, sp. nov.	AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: Porongurup National Park, Hayward Peak 34°40′55.8″S, 117°51′58.6″E	, WAM T42530
<i>Stanwellia oraria</i> , sp. nov.	AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: Porongurup National Park, S. end of Millinup Pass 34°41'43"S, 117°53'51"E	, WAM T46095
Stanwellia oraria, sp. nov.	AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: Porongurup National Park, Millinup Pass, 34°41'45"S 117°54'00"E	, WAM T78505
Stanwellia oraria, sp. nov.	AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve, Fishermans Gully	, WAM T78508

	35°00'37"S, 118°11'30"E
Stanwellia oraria, sp. nov.	AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve, Fishermans Gully, WAM T78509 35°00′37″S, 118°11′30″E
Stanwellia oraria, sp. nov.	AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve, Fishermans Gully, WAM T78510 35°00'37"S, 118°11'30"E
Stanwellia pauxilla, sp. nov.	AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: near Blackwood River, at Jalbarragup Road, WAM T146689 34°02′28″S, 115°36′06″E
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG417'	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: Otway Range, off Binns Road, NW. of Apollo Bay, 38°43'45"S, WAM T131993 143°34'50"E
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG417'	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: Great Otway National Park, off road to Triplet Falls, 38°40'04"S, WAM T131994 143°29'40"E
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG417'	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: Great Otway National Park, track to Cora Lynn Cascades, WAM T131995 38°30′58″S, 143°55′45″E
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG417'	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: Mount Macedon, Zig Zag Road, 37°24′15″S, 144°36′13″E WAM T132346
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG417'	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: Mount Macedon, Zig Zag Road, 37°24′15″S, 144°36′13″E WAM T132347
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG417'	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: near Moggs Creek, 38°27′39″S, 144°03′48″E WAM T132351
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG418'	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: Mount Macedon, Taylors Road, "Braeside", 37°24′23″S, WAM T137779 144°35′49″E
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG418'	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: Mount Macedon, Taylors Road, "Braeside", 37°24′23″S, WAM T137780 144°35′49″E
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG418'	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: Mount Macedon, Taylors Road, "Braeside", 37°24′23″S, WAM T137781 144°35′49″E
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG421'	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: off Tamboon Road, S. of Cann River, N. of Croajingolong National WAM T131998 Park, 37°35'30"S, 149°08'53"E
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG428'	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: near Moggs Creek, 38°27′39″S, 144°03′48″E WAM T132350
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG430'	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: Grampians National Park, off Grampians Tourist Road, WAM T131981 37°13'18"S, 142°32'29"E
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG431'	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: Grampians National Park, Barney's Creek, off Redman Track, WAM T131979 37°13′24″S, 142°35′08″E
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG431'	AUSTRALIA: Victoria: Grampians National Park, off Glenelg River Road, 37°09'10"S, WAM T131989 142°27'22"E
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG432'	AUSTRALIA: New South Wales: Budderoo National Park, Minnamurra Falls Rainforest, WAM T132007 34°38′04″S, 150°43′40″E
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG918'	AUSTRALIA: Tasmania: Flinders Island, Cameron Inlet area, 40°06′S, 148°14′E QMB S111338
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG919'	AUSTRALIA: New South Wales: Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden, Mueller Track, WAM T147942 33°42′19″S, 151°10′41″E

Variation (n = 3): carapace length 3.56–4.70, width 2.46–3.25; L/W 1.44–1.46. Legs: femur I length 2.54–3.31; femur II length 2.20–2.97; femur IV length 1.78–2.37; femur IV length 2.46–3.22.

# Other material

AUSTRALIA: *Western Australia*: 1 juvenile, Cape Arid National Park, Mt Arid, high in gully, 33°58′09″S, 123°12′52″E, 16 November 2006, in burrow, M.L. Moir, O. Massenbaur (WAM T78539).

# Remarks

This species was known as 'MYG359' and 'MYG360' in the Western Australian Museum database. The use of two codes was intially based on divergent COI barcodes, but one was later found to be erroneous.

# Distribution

*Stanwellia longinqua* has only been collected from sheltered gullies near the summit of Mount Arid, which is situated in Cape Arid National Park (Figure 1).

# **Etymology**

The species epithet is an adjective referring to the isolated occurrence of this species (*longinquus*, Latin, far, remote, prolonged) (Brown 1956).

# Stanwellia mainae, sp. nov.

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# Holotype

AUSTRALIA: *Western Australia*: ♂, Stirling Range National Park, Bluff Knoll, 34°23′S, 118°15′E, 900–1140 m, 16 March 1996, S. Barrett (WAM T42526).

# **Paratypes**

Table 2. GenBank codes for specimens used in the molecular analysis.

	Repository and	COI	12S rRNA	16S rRNA	Н3	18S rRNA	28S rRNA	EF-1y
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Family Euagridae								
Cethegus fugax (Simon, 1908)	WAM T129260	KY295227	KY320448	KY320451	KY295101	KY294840	KY294963	-
Family Porrhothelidae								
Porrhothele sp.	QMB S111386	-	MT280964	MT281032	MT281253	MT281107	MT281179	-
Family Anamidae								
Aname mellosa Harvey, Framenau, Wojcieszkek, Rix & Harvey, 2012	WAM T107182	KJ745440	KY214184	KY241237	MG800294	KY241253	KY241268	MG800231
Chenistonia sp. 'MYG348'	WAM T72687	KJ745221	KY214180	KY241231	KY241284	KY241247	KY241262	MG800196
Hesperonatalius maxwelli Castalanelli, Huey, Hillyer & Harvey, 2017	WAM T108989	KJ744690	KY214190	KY241244	KY241293	KY241259	KY241275	MG800233
Kwonkan sp. 'MYG088'	WAM T54237	KJ745206	MG799864	MG799923	MG800267	MG799994	MG800071	MG800191
Namea flavomaculata (Rainbow & Pulleine, 1918)	WAM T133310	KY241282	KY214192	KY241246	KY241294	KY241261	KY241277	MG800253
Proshermacha wilga Leenders, Beach & Harvey, 2023	WAM T80952	MG800150	_	MG799939	MG800275	MG800010	MG800087	MG800209
Swolnpes darwini Main & Framenau, 2009	WAM T97003	KY241280	KY214183	KY241236	KY241289	KY241252	KY241267	MG800223
Teyl sp. 'MYG012'	WAM T96062	KJ745412	KY214182	KY241235	KY241288	KY241251	KY241266	MG800221
Teyloides bakeri Main, 1985	SAM NN29525	MG800144	MG799861	_	MG800265	MG799991	MG800068	MG800190
Family Microstigmatidae								
Xamiatus rubrifrons Raven, 1981	QMB S111351	MT656265	-	MT656260	MT656268	MT656262	MT656264	_
Family Pycnothelidae								
Acanthogonatus campanae (Legendre & Calderón, 1984)	ARAMYCAS539	KY017803	_	KY015977	_	DQ639843	DQ639938	JQ358720
Stanwellia inornata Main, 1972	WAM T131980	MG800039	MG800302	MG799898	MG800117	MG799964	MG800167	MG800240
Stanwellia inornata Main, 1972	WAM T131986	KY241260	-	KY214191	KY241276	KY241245	KY241281	MG800243
Stanwellia media (Forster, 1968)	WAM T137461	MG800058	MG800314	MG799913	MG800136	MG799981	MG800184	MG800256
Stanwellia media (Forster, 1968)	WAM T137462			MG799914	MG800137			
Stanwellia kaituna (Forster, 1968)	WAM T137463	MG800060	MG800316	-	MG800138	MG799983	MG800186	MG800258
Stanwellia kaituna (Forster, 1968)	QMB S111428	MT280817	_	MT281029	MT281252	MT281094	MT281176	MT281250
Stanwellia kaituna (Forster, 1968)	QMB S111388	_	_	MT281030	_	MT281095	MT281177	-
Stanwellia nebulosa (Rainbow & Pulleine, 1918)	SAM NN28449	MG799988	_		MG800065	MG799919	MG800141	MG800189
Stanwellia nebulosa (Rainbow & Pulleine, 1918)	WAM T145257	PV605363	PV605496	PV605510	PV645391	_	PV605526	_
Stanwellia longinqua, sp. nov.	WAM T78539	PV605352	_	PV605499	_		PV605515	-
Stanwellia longinqua, sp. nov.	WAM T160666	PV605366	_	PV605512	_	PV605545	PV605529	PV645393
Stanwellia longinqua, sp. nov.	WAM T160667	PV605367	_	_	_	_	_	_
Stanwellia longinqua, sp. nov.	WAM T160675	PV605368		_	_	_	_	_
Stanwellia oraria, sp. nov.	WAM T42530		PV605492	-	-	-	_	_
Stanwellia oraria, sp. nov.	WAM T46095	MG799992	_		MG800069			-
Stanwellia oraria, sp. nov.	WAM T78505	PV605350	_	PV605497	_		PV605513	_
Stanwellia oraria, sp. nov.	WAM T78508	MG800003	_		MG800080			MG800201
Stanwellia oraria, sp. nov.	WAM T78509	PV605351	-	PV605498	-		PV605514	_
Stanwellia oraria, sp. nov.	WAM T78510		MG800202		MG800081			-
Stanwellia pauxilla, sp. nov.	WAM T146689	PV605364	-	PV605511	-		PV605527	_
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG417'	WAM T131993	PV605355	-	PV605502	-		PV605518	-
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG417'	WAM T131994				MG800120			MG800244
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG417'	WAM T131995		PV605488		PV645388			- M0000011
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG417'	WAM T132346	MG800044	_	MG/99901	MG800122	MG/99969	IVIG8001/2	MG800246

Stanwellia sp. 'MYG417'	WAM T132347	PV605358	-	PV605505	-	PV605538	PV605521	-
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG417'	WAM T132351	PV605360	PV605489	PV605507	_	PV605540	PV605523	_
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG418'	WAM T137779	MG800063	MG800318	MG799917	MG800139	MG799986	MG800188	MG800261
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG418'	WAM T137780	PV605361	PV605490	PV605508	PV645390	PV605541	PV605524	_
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG418'	WAM T137781	PV605362	PV605491	PV605509	_	PV605542	PV605525	_
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG421'	WAM T131998	MG800043	-	MG799900	MG800121	MG799968	MG800171 N	MG800245
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG428'	WAM T132350	PV605359	_	PV605506	_	PV605539	PV605522	_
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG430'	WAM T131981	MG800040	-	-	MG800118	MG799965	MG800168 N	MG800241
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG431'	WAM T131979	PV605353	PV605493	PV605500	_	PV605533	PV605516	_
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG431'	WAM T131989	PV605354	PV605494	PV605501	_	PV605534	PV605517	_
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG432'	WAM T132007	PV605357	PV605495	PV605504	PV645389	PV605537	PV605520	_
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG918'	QMB S111338	MT280818	-	MT281031	-	MT281096	MT281178	MT281251
Stanwellia sp. 'MYG919'	WAM T147942	PV605365	_	_	_	PV605544	PV605528	PV645392

(WAM T132543); 1  $\,^{\circ}$ , Stirling Range National Park, Bluff Knoll, 34°22′56.1″S, 118°14′54.7″E, 950 m, 19 June 1996, wet pitfall trap, S. Barrett (WAM T42527).

# **Diagnosis**

Males of *Stanwellia mainae* differ from *S. oraria* from Western Australia, *S. grisea* from Victoria, *S. hoggi* from New South Wales, *S. pexa* from Tasmania, and *S. nebulosa* from South Australia by the shape of the palpal embolus, which has highly reduced keels (Figures 5L–N). They also differ from the New Zealand species known from males by the longer and thinner embolus.

Females of *Stanwellia mainae* differ from all other species of *Stanwellia* by the short spermathecal ducts on barely discernible bases (Figure 6L) (ducts longer and the bases broader in the others).

# Description

Male (based on holotype, WAM T42526)

Colour (in alcohol) (Figures 5A, 5B): carapace red-brown but darker in pars cephalica and posterior region, and with lines radiating from fovea; legs mostly brown, tarsi with pale transverse medial lines, prolateral face of femur I paler than other segments. Chelicerae uniformly dark red-brown. Abdomen dorsally with indistinct grey mottled markings on a yellow-red background, and ventrally with dark grey mottled marking near spinnerets on a yellow-brown background.

Cephalothorax: carapace (Figure 5A) 1.47 × longer than broad; pilose; with silvery setae, as well as black setae posteriorly; clypeal edge slightly convex. Fovea (Figure 5D) recurved. Eyes (Figure 5C): on distinct mound; from above, anterior eye row straight, posterior eye row slightly recurved; ALE broader than AME; PLE larger than PME; ALE largest, PME smallest; eye group length 0.42, width 0.93. Chelicerae (Figure 5A, 5B) densely setose with setae arranged in thick bands; rastellum absent; promargin of tooth row with 7 teeth, retromargin without teeth. Labium (Figure 5E) fused to sternum, with 3 cuspules. Maxillae (Figure 5I) with 33 (left, right) cuspules, clustered near medial edge. Sternum (Figure 5E): oval, posteriorly pointed; 1.46 × longer than broad; uni-

formly setose, setae on lateral and posterior margins longer than others; with 3 pairs of sigilla (Figure 5H), posterior pair larger than others.

*Pedipalp (Figures 5J–N):* tibia cylindrical, narrow; tarsus short, densely setose; bulb ovoid; embolus about as long as bulb, tapering to fine point, with subdistal flange.

Legs (Figures 50–R): coxal cuspules absent; tibia I slender, cylindrical, with several pairs of spines; metatarsus long and slender; scopula absent; claws with 2 rows of teeth; claw tufts absent.

Abdomen (Figures 5F, 5G): 1.89 × longer than broad, densely pilose. Spinnerets: 2 pairs of spinnerets; PMS unsegmented and separated by about diameter of spinneret; PLS 3–segmented, apical segment elongate, digitiform.

Dimensions (mm): total body length (with chelicerae, but excluding spinnerets) 13.01, total body length (excluding chelicerae and spinnerets) 11.45; carapace length 5.25, width 3.56; sternum length 2.97, width 2.03. Femur I length 4.32, depth 1.37, L/D 3.40; femur II 4.24, depth 1.36, L/D 3.12; femur III 3.65, depth 1.19, L/D 3.07; femur IV length 4.58, depth 1.27, L/D 3.61. Abdomen length 5.93, width 3.14.

Variation (n = 7): carapace length 4.66–5.34, width 3.39–3.81; L/W 1.38–1.46. Legs: femur I length 3.90–4.32; femur II length 3.47–4.15; femur IV length 3.81–4.58.

Female (based on paratype, WAM T27150)

Colour (in alcohol) (Figures 6A, 6B): carapace yellow-brown but darker in pars cephalica region, and with lines radiating from fovea; legs mostly brown, but with darker markings on distal end of femur, retrolateral face of patella, basal and distal ends of tibia, and distal end of metatarsus. Chelicerae uniformly red-brown. Abdomen dorsally grey-brown with darker markings including a median stripe and lateral chevrons, and ventrally mostly grey-brown with darker spots near spinnerets.

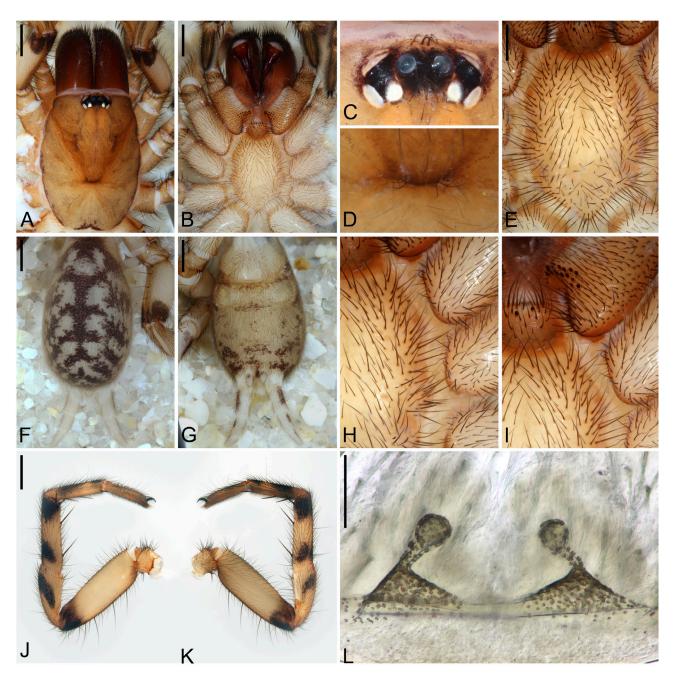


Figure 4. *Stanwellia longinqua*, sp. nov., holotype female (WAM T160666): A, cephalothorax, dorsal view; B, cephalothorax, ventral view; C, ocular region; D, fovea; E, sternum; F, abdomen, dorsal view; G, abdomen, ventral view; H, left sternal sigilla; I, left maxilla and anterior coxae; J, left leg I, prolateral view; K, left leg I, retrolateral view; L, spermathecae, dorsal view. Scale bars: A–B, F–G, J–K = 1.0 mm, E = 0.5 mm, L = 0.2 mm.

Cephalothorax: carapace (Figure 6A) 1.42 × longer than broad; sparsely pilose; clypeal edge slightly convex. Fovea (Figure 6D) straight. Eyes (Figure 6C): on distinct mound; from above, anterior eye row straight, posterior eye row slightly recurved; ALE broader than AME; PLE larger than PME; ALE largest, PME smallest; eye group length 0.34, width 0.85. Chelicerae (Figure 6A, 6B) densely setose with setae arranged in thick bands; rastellum absent; promargin of tooth row with 7 teeth, retromargin without teeth. Labium (Figure 6E) fused to sternum, with 2 cuspules. Maxillae (Figure 6I) with 30 (left), 32 (right) cuspules, clustered near medial edge. Sternum (Figure 6E): oval, posteriorly pointed; 2.00 ×

longer than broad; uniformly setose, setae on lateral and posterior margins longer than others; with 3 pairs of sigilla (Figure 6H), posterior pair larger than others.

Pedipalp: with thick scopula.

Legs: coxal cuspules absent; scopula present on metartarsi and tarsi I and II, but absent from legs III and IV; claws with 2 rows of teeth; claw tufts absent.

Abdomen (Figures 6F, 6G): 1.75 × longer than broad, sparsely setose. Spinnerets: 2 pairs of spinnerets; PMS unsegmented and separated by about diameter of spin-

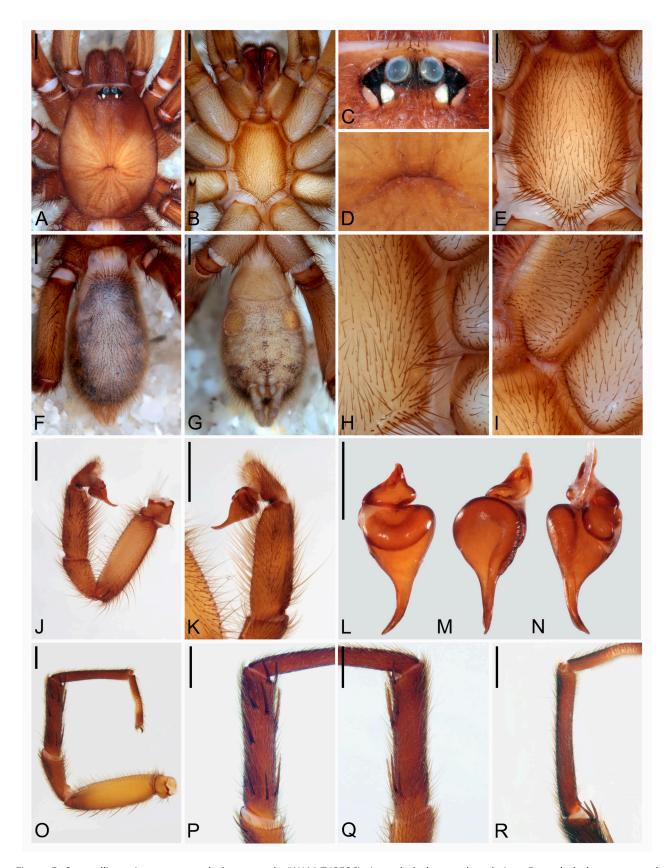


Figure 5. *Stanwellia mainae*, sp. nov., holotype male (WAM T42526): A, cephalothorax, dorsal view; B, cephalothorax, ventral view; C, ocular region; D, fovea; E, sternum; F, abdomen, dorsal view; G, abdomen, ventral view; H, left sternal sigilla; I, left maxilla; J, left pedipalp, prolateral view; K, left pedipalp, tibia and tarsus, retrolateral view; L, left bulb, retrolateral view; M, left bulb, dorsal view; N, left bulb, prolateral view; O, left leg I, prolateral view; P, left tibia I, prolateral view; Q, left tibia I, retrolateral view; R, left metatarsus I, prolateral view. Scale bars: A–B, F–G, J–K, O–R = 1.0 mm, E, L–N = 0.5 mm.

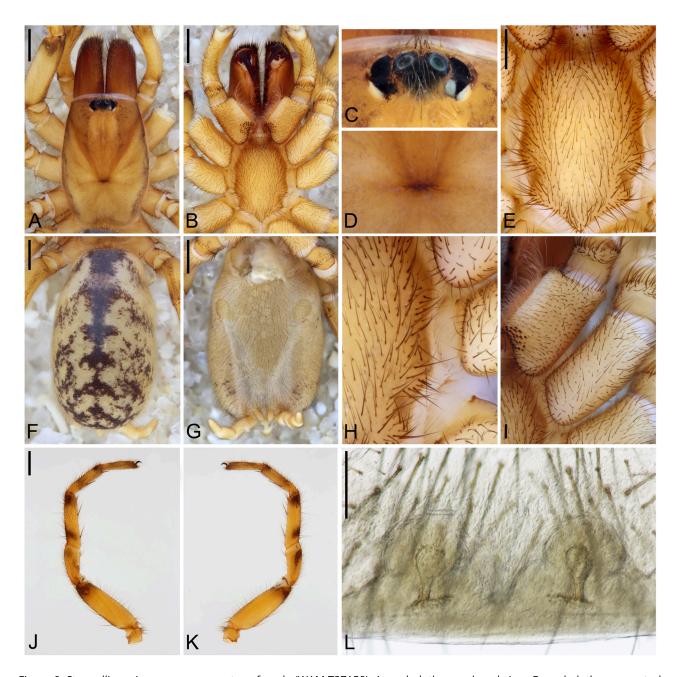


Figure 6. *Stanwellia mainae*, sp. nov., paratype female (WAM T27150): A, cephalothorax, dorsal view; B, cephalothorax, ventral view; C, ocular region; D, fovea; E, sternum; F, abdomen, dorsal view; G, abdomen, ventral view; H, left sternal sigilla; I, left maxilla and anterior coxae; J, right leg I, retrolateral view; K, right leg I, prolateral view; L, spermathecae, dorsal view. Scale bars: A–B, F–G, J = 1.0 mm, E = 0.5 mm, L = 0.2 mm.

neret; PLS 3–segmented, apical segment elongate, digitiform.

Genitalia (Figure 6L): with 1 pair of widely spaced spermathecae, each rather short with bulbous spermathecae head and on a small base.

Dimensions (mm): total body length (with chelicerae, but excluding spinnerets) 12.05, total body length (excluding chelicerae and spinnerets) 10.25; carapace length 3.73, width 2.63; sternum length 3.05, width 1.53. Femur I length 3.05, depth 0.93, L/D 3.27; femur II 2.63, depth 0.85, L/D 3.10; femur III 2.12, depth 0.76, L/D 2.78; femur

IV length 2.97, depth 0.85, L/D 3.50. Abdomen length 5.93, width 3.39.

Variation (n = 7): carapace length 4.15–6.61, width 2.80–4.32; L/W 1.40–1.63. Legs: femur I length 3.64–5.00; femur II length 2.54–4.49; femur IV length 3.05–4.92.

# Other material

AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: 1  $\, \updownarrow$ , Stirling Range National Park, Ellen Peak, 34°21′S, 118°19′E, 6 May 1996, S. Barrett (WAM T42528); 1 juvenile, Stirling Range National Park, Ellen Peak, 34°21′20″S, 118°19′45″E, 28 May 1996, wet pitfall trap, S. Barrett (WAM T42529); 3  $\, \updownarrow$ ,

6 juveniles, Stirling Range National Park, Wedge Hill,  $34^{\circ}23'17''S$ ,  $118^{\circ}10'18''E$ , 2 May–17 December 1996, wet pitfall trap, M.S. Harvey, J.M. Waldock, B.Y. Main (WAM T132542); 1  $\circlearrowleft$ , Stirling Range National Park, Wedge Hill,  $34^{\circ}25'17''S$ ,  $118^{\circ}10'58''E$ , 17 December 1996, B.Y. Main (WAM T41624); 1  $\circlearrowleft$ , Stirling Range National Park, Wedge Hill,  $34^{\circ}25'17''S$ ,  $118^{\circ}10'58''E$ , 2 May 1996, B.Y. Main (WAM T57431); 1 juvenile, Stirling Range National Park, Wedge Hill,  $34^{\circ}25'17''S$ ,  $118^{\circ}10'58''E$ , 17 December 1996, B.Y. Main (WAM T41625).

### Remarks

This species was known as 'MYG420' in the Western Australian Museum database.

# Distribution

Stanwellia mainae has only been collected from the eastern massif of the Stirling Range (Figure 1).

# **Etymology**

This species is named for the late Dr Barbara Main (1929–2019) in honour of her contributions to the study of mygalomorph spiders.

# Stanwellia oraria, sp. nov.

Figures 7-9

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*Stanwellia occidentalis* Main: Main, 1972: 109 (in part; misidentification of specimens from Porongurup Range).

Stanwellia 'oraria': Castalanelli et al., 2014: figure 3.

Stanwellia sp. 'MYG419': Harvey et al., 2019: 417, figure 18.

# Holotype

AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: ♂, Porongurup National Park, S. end of Millinup Pass, 34°41′43″S, 117°53′51″E, 28 April–2 September 1996, wet pitfall trap, M.S. Harvey, J.M. Waldock, B.Y. Main (WAM T165465).

# **Paratypes**

AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: 26  $\circlearrowleft$ , collected with holotype (WAM T32564, T95751, T95753); 40  $\circlearrowleft$ , same data as holotype except 2 September–16 December 1996 (WAM T40605, T132540, T165861); 2  $\circlearrowleft$ , 1  $\circlearrowleft$ , Porongurup National Park, 34°40′56″S, 117°52′30″E, 13 June 1996, wet pitfall trap, S. Barrett (WAM T42531, T165657, T165658).

# Diagnosis

Males of *Stanwellia oraria* differ from *S. mainae* from Western Australia, *S. grisea* from Victoria, *S. hoggi* from New South Wales, *S. pexa* from Tasmania, and *S. nebulosa* from South Australia by the shape of the palpal bulb, which is pyriform, and the embolus which has a distinctive terminal inflection (Figures 7L–N, 8C–E, H–J). They also differ from the New Zealand species known from males by the longer and thinner embolus.

Females of *S. oraria* differ from all other described species of *Stanwellia* by the short spermathecal ducts on a single broad trapezoidal base (Figure 9L) (ducts longer and the bases rounded in the others).

# Description

Male (based on holotype, WAM T165465)

Colour (in alcohol) (Figures 7A, 7B): carapace red-brown but slightly darker with lines radiating from fovea; legs mostly brown, tarsi with pale transverse medial lines, prolateral face of femur I slightly paler than other segments. Chelicerae uniformly dark red-brown. Abdomen dorsally with grey mottled markings on a yellow-red background, and ventrally with dark grey mottled marking near spinnerets on a yellow-brown background.

Cephalothorax: carapace (Figure 7A) 1.29 × longer than broad; pilose; with silvery setae, as well as black setae posteriorly; clypeal edge convex. Fovea (Figure 7D) recurved. Eyes (Figure 7C): on distinct mound; from above, anterior eye row recurved, posterior eye row slightly recurved; ALE broader than AME; PLE about same size as PME; ALE largest, PME and PLE smallest; eye group length 0.42, width 0.76. Chelicerae (Figure 7A, 7B) densely setose with setae arranged in bands; rastellum absent; promargin of tooth row with 9 teeth, retromargin without teeth. Labium (Figure 7E) fused to sternum, with 3 cuspules. Maxillae (Figure 7I) with 35 (left), 32 (right) cuspules, clustered near medial edge. Sternum (Figure 7E): oval, posteriorly pointed; 1.35 × longer than broad; uniformly setose, setae on lateral and posterior margins longer than others; with 3 pairs of sigilla (Figure 7H), posterior pair larger than others.

*Pedipalp (Figures 7J–N):* tibia cylindrical, narrow; tarsus short, densely setose; bulb pyriform; embolus shorter than bulb, tapering to fine point, with subdistal flange.

Legs (Figures 70–Q): coxal cuspules absent; tibia I slender, cylindrical, with several pairs of spines; metatarsus long and slender; scopula absent; claws with 2 rows of teeth; claw tufts absent.

Abdomen (Figures 7F, 7G): 1.91 × longer than broad, densely pilose. Spinnerets: 2 pairs of spinnerets; PMS unsegmented and separated by about diameter of spinneret; PLS 3–segmented, apical segment elongate, digitiform.

Dimensions (mm): total body length (with chelicerae, but excluding spinnerets) 11.93, total body length (excluding chelicerae and spinnerets) 9.76; carapace length 4.34, width 3.27; sternum length 2.29, width 1.70. Femur I length 3.22, depth 1.02, L/D 3.17; femur II 2.88, depth 1.02, L/D 2.83; femur III 2.46, depth 1.02, L/D 2.42; femur IV length 3.64, depth 1.10, L/D 3.31. Abdomen length 5.32, width 2.80.

*Variation* (*n* = 10): carapace length 3.73–4.41, width 2.63–3.05; L/W 1.37–1.58. Legs: femur I length 2.97–3.31;

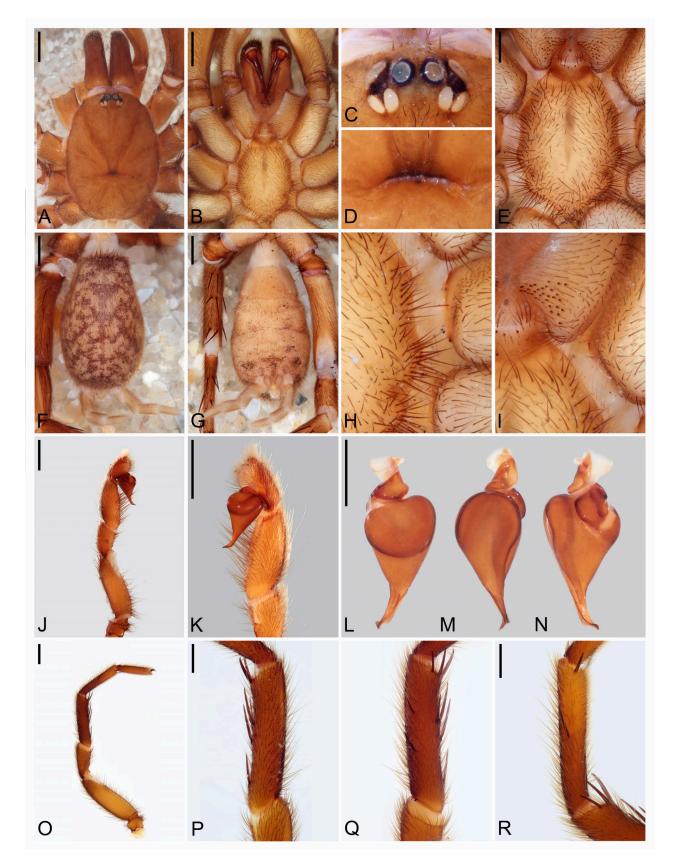


Figure 7. *Stanwellia oraria*, sp. nov., holotype male (WAM T165465) from Porongurup National Park: A, cephalothorax, dorsal view; B, cephalothorax, ventral view; C, ocular region; D, fovea; E, sternum; F, abdomen, dorsal view; G, abdomen, ventral view; H, left sternal sigilla; I, left maxilla; J, left pedipalp, prolateral view; K, left pedipalp, tibia and tarsus, retrolateral view; L, left bulb, retrolateral view; M, left bulb, dorsal view; N, left bulb, prolateral view; O, left leg I, prolateral view; P, left tibia I, retrolateral view; Q, left tibia I, prolateral view R, left metatarsus I, prolateral view. Scale bars: A–B, F–G, J–K, O = 1.0 mm, E, L–N, P–Q, R = 0.5 mm.

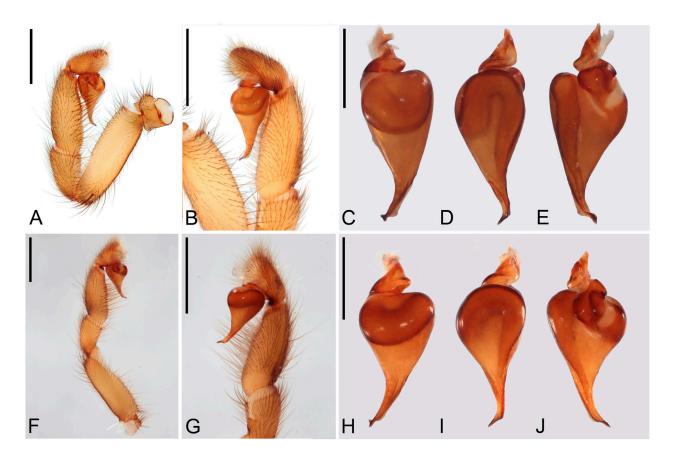


Figure 8. *Stanwellia oraria* sp. nov.: A–E, male (WAM T42530) from Porongurup National Park: A, left pedipalp, prolateral view; B, left pedipalp, tibia and tarsus, retrolateral view; C, right bulb, flipped horizontally, retrolateral view; D, right bulb, flipped horizontally, dorsal view; E, right bulb, flipped horizontally, prolateral view. F–J, male (WAM T47960) from Torbay Head: F, left pedipalp, prolateral view; G, left pedipalp, tibia and tarsus, retrolateral view; H, left bulb, retrolateral view; I, left bulb, dorsal view; J, left bulb, prolateral view. Scale bars: A–B, F–G = 1.0 mm, C–E, H–J = 0.5 mm.

femur II length 2.54–2.97; femur III length 2.20–2.54; femur IV length 2.97–3.31.

Female (based on paratype, WAM T165658)

Colour (in alcohol) (Figures 9A, 9B): carapace red-brown but darker in pars cephalica region, and with lines radiating from fovea; legs mostly brown, but with faint darker markings on femur, patella, tibia, metatarsus and tarsus. Chelicerae uniformly dark red-brown. Abdomen dorsally grey-brown with indistinct darker markings (but specimen poorly preserved), and ventrally mostly grey-brown with darker markings.

Cephalothorax: carapace (Figure 9A) 1.46 × longer than broad; sparsely pilose; clypeal edge slightly convex. Fovea (Figure 9D) slightly procurved. Eyes (Figure 9C): on distinct mound; from above, anterior and posterior eye rows straight; ALE broader than AME; PLE slightly larger than PME; AME largest, PME smallest; eye group length 0.42, width 0.85. Chelicerae (Figure 9A, 10B) densely setose with setae arranged in thick bands; rastellum absent; promargin of tooth row with 9 teeth, retromargin without teeth. Labium (Figure 9E) fused to sternum, with 1 cuspule. Maxillae (Figure 9I) with 34 (left), 35 (right) cuspules, clustered near medial edge. Sternum

(Figure 9E): oval, posteriorly pointed;  $1.31 \times longer$  than broad; uniformly setose except for central region, setae on lateral and posterior margins longer than others; with 3 pairs of sigilla (Figure 9H), posterior pair larger than others.

Pedipalp: tarsus with thick scopula.

Legs (Figures 9J, 9K): coxal cuspules absent; scopula present on metatarsi and tarsi I and II, but absent from legs III and IV; claws with 2 rows of teeth; claw tufts absent.

Abdomen (Figures 9F, 9G): 1.57 × longer than broad, sparsely setose. Spinnerets: 2 pairs of spinnerets; PMS unsegmented and separated by about diameter of spinneret; PLS 3–segmented, apical segment elongate, digitiform.

Genitalia (Figure 9L): with 1 pair of widely spaced spermathecae, each rather short with bulbous spermathecae head and on a broad base.

Dimensions (mm): total body length (with chelicerae, but excluding spinnerets) 10.84, total body length (excluding chelicerae and spinnerets) 9.40; carapace length 4.58, width 3.13; sternum length 4.66, width 3.56. Femur I length 3.05, depth 1.02, L/D 3.00; femur II 2.71, depth

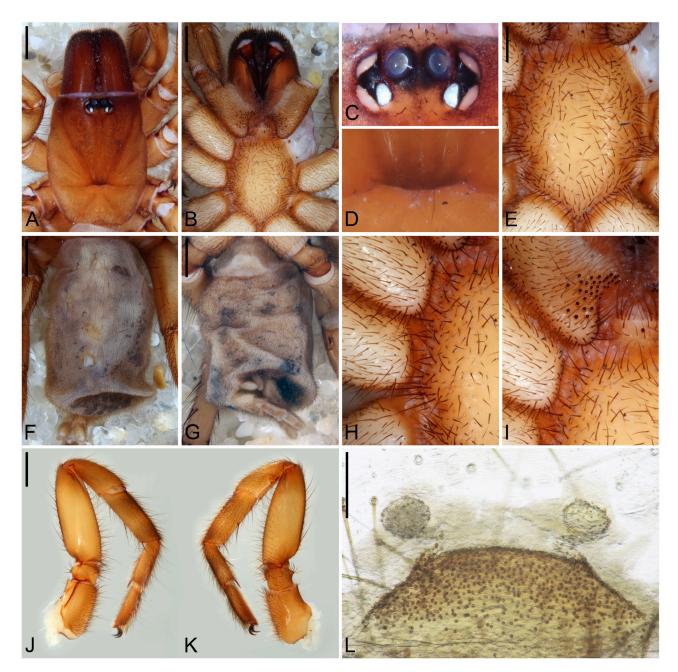


Figure 9. *Stanwellia oraria*, sp. nov., paratype female (WAM T165658): A, cephalothorax, dorsal view; B, cephalothorax, ventral view; C, ocular region; D, fovea; E, sternum; F, abdomen, dorsal view; G, abdomen, ventral view; H, right sternal sigilla; I, right maxilla and anterior coxae; J, left leg I, prolateral view; K, left leg I, retrolateral view; L, spermathecae, dorsal view. Scale bars: A–B, F–G, J–K = 1.0 mm, E = 0.5 mm, L = 0.2 mm.

1.02, L/D 2.67; femur III 2.20, depth 0.93, L/D 2.36; femur IV length 2.97, depth 1.02, L/D 2.92. Abdomen length 4.66, width 2.97.

Variation (n = 4): carapace length 3.90-4.66, width 2.71-3.39; L/W 1.30-1.47. Legs: femur I length 2.46-3.05; femur II length 2.37-2.63; femur III length 1.78-2.29; femur IV length 2.54-3.22.

# Other material

AUSTRALIA: *Western Australia*: 3 juveniles, Porongurup [National Park], above Bolganup Dam, 34°40′S, 117°52′E, 22 May 1970, pitfall trap, J. Springett (WAM T166013–T166015); 1 juvenile, Porongurup National

Park, Bolganup Creek, 34°40′S, 117°51′E, 8–16 June 1980, mini carrion traps, karri forest, S. & J. Peck (WAM T24161); 1 juvenile, Porongurup National Park, Porongurup Ranges, 34°42′S, 117°53′E, 22 May 1970, J.A. Springett (WAM T28258); 2 ♀, Porongurup Range, ca. 34°41′S, 117°52′E, 8 May 1993, B.Y. Main (WAM T166016, T166017); 1 juvenile, Porongurup National Park, 34°40′55.8″S, 117°51′58.6″E, 450 m, 22 March 1995, pitfall trap, S. Barrett (WAM T32563); 1 juvenile, Porongurup National Park, S. end of Millinup Pass, 34°41′43″S, 117°53′51″E, 31 March 1993, leaf litter, M.S. Harvey, J.M. Waldock (WAM T31405); 4 juveniles, same data except 28 April–2 September 1996, wet pitfall trap, M.S. Harvey,

J.M. Waldock, B.Y. Main (WAM T95752); 7 juveniles, same data except 2 September-16 December 1996 (WAM T40606, T132541); 1 ♀, same data except, 7 June 2002, under logs, M.S. Harvey (WAM T46095); 1 ♀, same data except 34°41′45″S, 117°54′00″E, 15 October 2006, in burrow, M.L. Moir, J.M. Waldock (WAM T78505); 1 3, Porongurup National Park, Hayward Peak, 34°40′55.8″S, 117°51′58.6″E, 570 m, 13 June 1996, wet pitfall trap, S. Barrett (WAM T42530); 1 3, Torbay Head, Lot 40, 35°05′S, 117°37′E, 3–19 March 1983, pit traps, B.Y. Main (WAM T166025); 1 ♂, same data except 16–31 June 1983 (WAM T166020); 2 ♂, same data except 8 March-26 August 1984 (WAM T166022, T166031); 2 ♂, 1 ♀, same data except 25 April-16 May 1984 (WAM T47958, T47959, T166018); 2 ♂, same data except 16 May–6 September 1984 (WAM T166027, T166029); 1 ♂, same data except 16-23 May 1984 (WAM T166036); 2 3, same data except 6 September 1984-7 January 1985 (WAM T166028, T166030); 1 3, same data except 23 September-15 October 1984 (WAM T166026); 1  $\circlearrowleft$ , same data except 15–28 October 1984 (WAM T166035); 2 3, same data except 28 October-19 November 1984 (WAM T47960, T47961); 2 3, same data except 20 November-15 December 1984 (WAM T166021, T166023); 1 ♂, same data except 15-26 December 1984 (WAM T47962); 2 ♂, same data except 21–26 March 1985 (WAM T166033, T166024); 1 ♂, same data except 10–26 April 1985 (WAM T166034); 1  $\delta$ , same data except 26 April–25 May 1985 (WAM T166037); 1 3, same data except 25 May-13 June 1985 (WAM T166019); 1 3, same data except 20 July–9 August 1985 (WAM T166032); 1 ♀, same data except 8 October 1987 (WAM T27148); 1 ♂, same data except 6 April 1985, in silk tube (WAM T27149); 1 ♂, Dingo Beach, near Torbay, 35°05′S, 117°38′E, 21 January 1976, pitfall traps, B.Y. Main (WAM T166045); 3 ♀, same data except 25 March 1978 (WAM T166038-166040); 2 ♀, same data except 13 January 1979 (WAM T166044, T166046); 3 3, same data except 7 May 1980 (WAM T166041–T166043); 2  $\circlearrowleft$ , same data except 14 June 1980 (WAM T166047, 166048); 2 ♀, 1 juvenile, Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve, Fishermans Gully, 35°00′37″S, 118°11′30″E, 19 October 2006, burrow in side of bank, M.L. Moir, J.M. Waldock (WAM T78508-78510).

# Remarks

We initially contemplated describing the different populations of *Stanwellia oraria* as different species due to high divergence levels of mitochondrial sequence data, and subtle differences in the morphology of the male palpal bulb. For example, the males have slightly different outlines and terminal keels of the palpal bulb (see Figures 7, 8). However, due to the lack of sequence data for some important specimens including the Torbay population, and the lack of males from the Two Peoples Bay population, we have adopted a cautious approach and included all populations in the same species. More detailed molecular research is required to

fully understand the relationships between the popula-

This species was known as 'MYG419' in the Western Australian Museum database.

# Distribution

This species occurs at several mesic sites in southwestern Australia, including Torbay, Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve, and the Porongurup Range (Figure 1).

# **Etymology**

The species epithet refers to the presence of this species at Torbay Head, where it was first encountered by Dr Barbara Main (*orarius*, Latin, of the coast) (Brown 1956).

# Stanwellia pauxilla, sp. nov.

Figure 10

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Stanwellia occidentalis Main: Main, 1972: 109 (in part; misidentification of specimen from Mammoth Cave).

# Holotype

AUSTRALIA: Western Australia:  $\bigcirc$ , Pine Creek on Pine Creek Road, 1 km S. of junction with Scatter Road, 34°17′45″S, 115°50′24″E, 23 June 1991, silk tube in litter and soil, B.Y. Main (WAM T27151).

# Paratype

AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: 1  $\, \stackrel{\bigcirc}{\circ} \,$ , collected with holotype (WAM T166012).

# **Diagnosis**

Females of *Stanwellia pauxilla* differ from all other species of *Stanwellia* for which females are known by the long, ovoid spermathecal heads, each on separate, broad quadrate bases (Figure 10L) (spermathecal heads less elongate in the others).

Males are unknown.

# Description

Female (based on holotype, WAM T27151)

Colour (in alcohol) (Figures 10A, 10B): carapace redbrown, and with faint lines radiating from fovea; legs mostly red-brown, but with darker markings on distal end of femur, subdistal regions of patella, and basal and distal ends of tibia, metatarsus without dark markings. Chelicerae uniformly red-brown. Abdomen dorsally grey-brown with darker markings including a median stripe and lateral chevrons, and ventrally mostly grey-brown.

Cephalothorax: carapace (Figure 10A) 1.52 × longer than broad; sparsely pilose; clypeal edge slightly convex. Fovea (Figure 10D) straight. Eyes (Figure 10C): on distinct mound; from above, anterior eye row straight, posterior

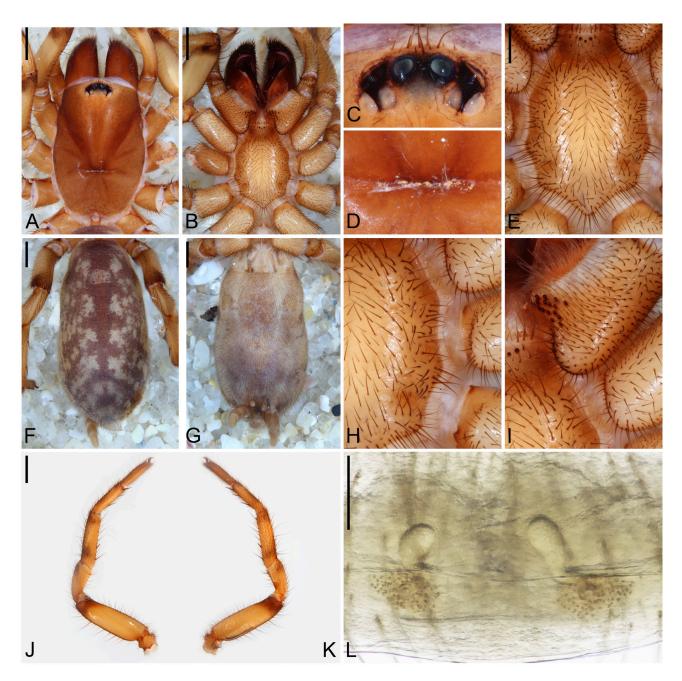


Figure 10. *Stanwellia pauxilla*, sp. nov., holotype female (WAM T27151): A, cephalothorax, dorsal view; B, cephalothorax, ventral view; C, ocular region; D, fovea; E, sternum; F, abdomen, dorsal view; G, abdomen, ventral view; H, left sternal sigilla; I, left maxilla and anterior coxae; J, left leg I, prolateral view; K, left leg I, retrolateral view; L, spermathecae, dorsal view. Scale bars: A–B, F–G, J–K = 1.0 mm, E = 0.5 mm, L = 0.2 mm.

eye row slightly recurved; ALE broader than AME; PLE larger than PME; ALE largest, PME smallest; eye group length 0.42, width 0.93. Chelicerae (Figure 10A, 10B) densely setose with setae arranged in bands; rastellum absent; promargin of tooth row with 10 (left) and 7 (right) teeth, retromargin without teeth. Labium (Figure 10E) fused to sternum, with 3 cuspules. Maxillae (Figure 10I) with 15 (left), 16 (right) cuspules, clustered near medial edge. Sternum (Figure 10E): oval, posteriorly pointed; 1.25 × longer than broad; uniformly setose, setae on lateral and posterior margins longer than others; with 3 pairs of sigilla (Figure 10H), posterior pair larger than others.

*Pedipalp:* with sparse scopula on distal half of tarsus.

Legs (Figures 10J, 10K): coxal cuspules absent; scopula absent on all legs; claws with 2 rows of teeth; claw tufts absent.

Abdomen (Figures 10F, 10G):  $2.05 \times longer$  than broad, sparsely setose. Spinnerets: 2 pairs of spinnerets; PMS unsegmented and separated by about diameter of spinneret; PLS 3–segmented, apical segment elongate, digitiform.

Genitalia (Figure 10L): with 1 pair of widely spaced spermathecae, each with very short stalks and long, ovoid

spermathecal head directed anteromedially, each on separate broad quadrate bases.

Dimensions (mm): total body length (with chelicerae, but excluding spinnerets) 13.13, total body length (excluding chelicerae and spinnerets) 11.81; carapace length 4.22, width 2.77; sternum length 2.12, width 1.70. Femur I length 2.63, depth 0.85, L/D 3.10; femur II 2.46, depth 0.85, L/D 2.90; femur III 1.86, depth 0.85, L/D 2.20; femur IV length 2.88, depth 0.93, L/D 3.09. Abdomen length 7.12, width 3.47.

# **Remarks**

The juveniles from the Blackwood River and Mammoth Cave are matched with the female from Pine Creek due to their proximity in forest ecosystems that were contiguous prior to the onset of land clearing in the 19th century.

This species was known as 'MYG631' in the Western Australian Museum database.

# Distribution

*Stanwellia pauxilla* is known from three sites situated in the Jarrah Forest and Warren bioregions (Figure 1).

# **Etymology**

The specific epithet refers to rarity of specimens in museum collections (*pauxillus*, Latin, paucity) (Brown 1956).

# Other material

AUSTRALIA: Western Australia: 1 juvenile, collected with holotype (WAM T166010); 1 juvenile, near Blackwood River, at Jalbarragup Road, 34°02′28″S, 115°36′06″E, 21 October 2018, in vertical silk-lined burrow in clay soil, M.S. Harvey, M.E. Blosfelds (WAM T146689); 1 juvenile, about 3 miles from Mammoth Cave, ca. 34°04′S, 115°02′E, 26 October 1953, ex burrow, B.Y. Main (WAM T166011).

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