

A Bug's Life

Yellow sac spider

Family: Miturgidae; Species: *Cheiracanthium mildei*

Fun facts

- Common spider inside and outside
- Mostly nocturnal
- Constructs tubular retreats with silk
- Outdoors retreats found on plants, shrubs and gardens
- Indoors retreats in corners of the room, where walls meet and ceiling meets walls

Identification

Eye arrangement (8): 2 rows of 4 eyes all the same size, curved inward and touching at sides
Spider: Small to medium (1/10" to 2/5" long), pale yellow color, narrow, pointed abdomen, front legs much longer than others, tips of tarsi are black, legs have spines, males have enlarged pedipalps

Management

- Sometimes get inside under exterior doors, so install tight door sweeps
- Turn lights off at night so not to attract prey organisms to the building
- Natural enemy of many garden pests
- Remove silk retreats in room corners
- Not harmful or aggressive to humans
- Bite may occur if pressed up against body



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