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ON FRONT COVER: The scorpion *Urodacus armatus* is abundant in remnant vegetation throughout the wheatbelt of Western Australia. Because it is abundant, it is not considered threatened. However, its abundance belies the extraordinary loss of individuals and biomass that accompanied land clearing for agriculture in the wheatbelt. The magnitude of these losses not only raise questions about the criteria used to decide the conservation status of species, but also raise questions about the ecological impact that the loss of even a single species may have on long-term ecological sustainability. Cover photograph by D. Steven, courtesy of Graham Smith.