

Common Name: Goliath Birdeater

Latin Name: *Thraphosa blondi*



Distribution: Northern South America

Natural Habitat: Rain forest

Adult Size: Leg span up to 12"

Diet: Insects

Life Span: Up to 20 years

NATURAL HABITAT

This terrestrial spider is found commonly in the Amazon rain forest in swampy and marshy areas, they like to live in deep burrows.

BEHAVIOUR

It is not recommend that you handle this tarantula as they can be aggressive if they felt threatened they can bite or flick hairs off their abdomen as a defence which can cause irritation to the skin or eyes.

HOUSING

These require a large terrarium or glass tank minimum 24"x18"x18" with deep substrate, a cave, plants for cover and small water bowl.

TEMPERATURE

The day time temperature should be 78 to 82 degrees Fahrenheit dropping down to low/mid 70s at night us low wattage heat mat on the side wall on a thermostat

FOOD & FEEDING

Despite their common name they rarely eat birds they feed mainly on insects occasionally eating small rodents.

All reptiles possess zoonotic properties so ensure you wash your hands after handling your reptile.