



Pinktoe Tarantula

Pinktoe Tarantula (*Avicularia avicularia*), also known as Guyana Pinktoe, Common Pinktoe or South American Pinktoe

Popularity: Make good pets

Origin: South America

Native habitat: tropical rain forest

Size: 5 inches

Lifespan: 10+ years

Appearance: As per the name, they have pink feet pads. An adult has a dark-colored body. Conversely, juveniles have pinkish bodies and dark-colored feet. The reversal happens after 4-5 years.

Diet: carnivore

Activities: Arboreal; mostly docile, but can be a bit nervous and jumpy

Misc characteristics: housing them in groups will likely lead to cannibalism

BASIC CARE

Housing

You can house a Pinktoe in a 5-gallon terrarium that has excellent ventilation. The substrate should consist of 2 to 3 inches of peat moss, potting soil, or wood chips, which should be changed every four or five days. There should be several climbing areas: branches, logs, and plants, and dark hiding places. Change moist moss every 4-5 days. Maintain a day temperature range of 78-84 degrees F. and a night temperature between 75-78 degrees F. Keep humidity levels high by misting.

Feeding

Feed the Pinktoe mostly crickets and mealworms. For drinking, provide a small shallow bowl with saturated cotton.