

New world Tarantula Care Sheet



PROFILE

Common Name: **New world spider**

Latin Name: ***Brachypelma spp*
Grammostola spp
*Euathlus spp***

Native To: **Central and south America**

Size: **4 - 8"**

Life Span: **5 – 20 years**

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Environment:

Found throughout subtropical forested regions of central and south America, enjoying moderate temperatures and humidity.

Vivarium Size:

New world tarantulas (of the above mention species) will attain a maximum size of 8", the largest enclosure you will need will be a 24x12x12".

Substrate:

We recommend a slightly damp substrate of forest floor, mixed soil and sphagnum moss of minimum 4" depth. Not only will this provide a natural look to the vivarium, it will also help to raise the humidity. The ideal humidity for new world tarantulas is 40% – 60% Loose substrate such as forest floor will allow the spider to create burrows and display natural behaviours.

Food and Water:

New world tarantulas will need a shallow water bowl for drinking, we stress shallow as tarantulas are not swimmers and can drown in deep dishes. As with all spiders and their scorpion cousins, new world tarantulas are carnivorous and will prey upon appropriate sized insects. 2-3 insects per week is adequate food.

Heat/Light Requirements:

At night it is best to allow the temperature to drop 2-5°C to mimic the natural nightly temperature drop of the wild and to allow the spider to become active.

Lighting for your spider can be minimal, from a low wattage UV coil to a broad spectrum LED.

Below are the ideal temperatures for your new world tarantula:

Day: 24-27°C
Night: 19-22°C

FURTHER READING:

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Any Problems?

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