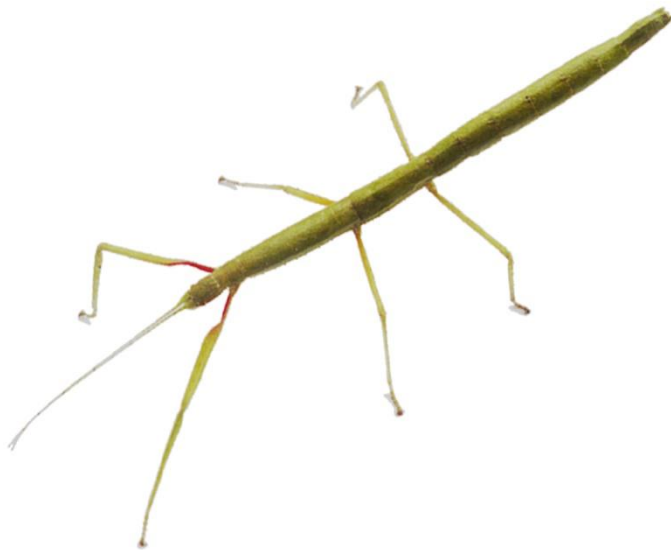


# Stick insect Care Sheet



## PROFILE

**Common Name:** Indian stick insect  
Zompro stick insect  
Metallic stick insect

**Latin Name:** *Carausis morosus*  
*Parapachymorpha zomproi*  
*Achrioptera fallax*

**Native To:** India, Thailand and Madagascar

**Size:** 3"-13"

**Life Span:** 12 months - 2 years

## HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

### **Environment:**

Found throughout subtropical forested regions of India, Thailand and Madagascar, enjoying moderate temperatures and moderate humidity.

### **Vivarium Size:**

Dependent on the species of insect you keep will dictate the size of enclosure you need. Large well ventilated jars will suffice for Indian stick insects whereas metallic stick insects will need very large enclosures.

### **Substrate:**

We recommend a slightly damp substrate of forest floor, mixed soil and sphagnum moss. Not only will this provide a natural look to the vivarium, it will also help

to raise the humidity. The ideal humidity for the majority of stick insect species is 50% – 70%.

### **Food and Water:**

All stick insects are herbivorous and will consume a wide range of plant matter. Bramble, hawthorn, oak and ivy being some of the best staples. Water should not be provided in any kind of bowl as stick insects will drown themselves. You can spray the enclosure every day to allow the insects to drink.

### **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 stick insects to become active.

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

Below are the ideal temperatures for your stick insect:

Day: 22-26°C  
Night: 18-22°C

### **FURTHER READING:**

[www.keepinginsects.com](http://www.keepinginsects.com)

### **Any Problems?**

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