

Lasiadora parahybana - Salmon pink birdeater

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1. Species Overview

- **Native Habitat:** *Lasiadora parahybana* is a terrestrial tarantula native to Brazil. In the wild, these impressive spiders inhabit the rainforest floor where soft, moist soils allow natural burrowing and help provide camouflage among leaf litter.
- **Size & Appearance:** One of the largest tarantula species, adults can reach a diagonal leg span of approximately 25 cm. Their robust build and natural defense mechanisms—including urticating hairs—make them a species best observed rather than handled.

2. Enclosure Recommendations

- **Adult Enclosure Size:** For an adult, an enclosure measuring approximately 20 cm in height, 30 cm in width, and 45 cm in depth is recommended.
- **Substrate:** Provide at least 15 cm of substrate to encourage natural burrowing behavior, replicating the soft, damp conditions of the rainforest floor.
- **Decor & Hiding Places:**
 - **Recommended:** Use curved cork bark pieces as hides. These secure retreats simulate the natural crevices found in the tarantula's native environment and offer a safe refuge.
 - **Not Recommended:** Avoid rock decor, as rocks can be hazardous and may cause injury or even death if they shift or fall.

3. Environmental Conditions

- **Humidity:** Maintain a humidity level between 70% and 80%—mirroring the humid rainforest floor where these tarantulas live.
 - **Monthly Maintenance:** Overflow the water dish once a month to help maintain stable humidity levels within the enclosure.
- **Temperature:** Aim for an ambient temperature between 20°C and 24°C. Typically, the room temperature of a house is sufficient for this species. If an external heating source is required, use a heat mat on a thermostat attached to the exterior side of the enclosure rather than underneath, ensuring even and safe temperature regulation.

4. Hydration

- **Fresh Water:** Provide a shallow water dish filled with fresh water that is available at all times. Regular cleaning and refilling of the dish will keep the water safe for your tarantula.

5. Handling & Safety

- **Handling:** Handling is not recommended. *Lasiadora parahybana* can be defensive and possesses irritating urticating hairs which can cause harm. It is best to observe these

magnificent creatures from a safe distance.

By following these guidelines—including proper enclosure size, careful substrate depth for burrowing, the use of curved cork bark hides, and attentive monitoring of temperature and humidity—you can create a secure, naturalistic environment for your *Lasiodora parahybana*. This setup ensures the tarantula thrives while you safely enjoy observing one of nature's most remarkable species.

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