

Amazon Tree Boa Care

Sheet



Overview

- Scientific Name: *Corallus hortulana*
- Origin: South America
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: Upwards of 5 feet
- Life Span: Upwards of 20 years
- Behaviour: Crepuscular
- Diet: Carnivore
- Handling: Intermediate
- Humidity: 60-80%

TOP TIPS

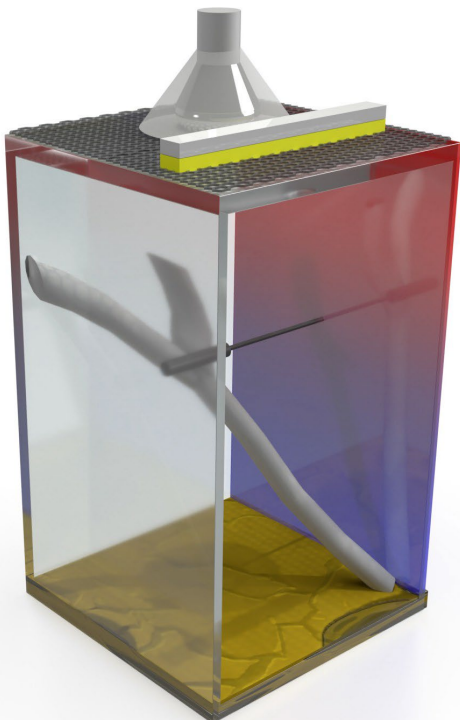
- ✓ After feeding, let your snake digest its meal for 2 days before any necessary handling.
- ✓ Offer a smaller or larger food item if your snake refuses to feed.
- ✓ If your snake is refusing its food when it's about to shed, wait until the snake has fully shed before offering food.
- ✓ A bad shed is normally a sign of something wrong in the snake's environment.

HOUSING

We recommend a Glass Terrarium such as the Glass Terrarium 36x18x36" (HGT9190) for your Snake.

ENVIRONMENT

Terrarium Setup



EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: Jungle Bio
- Water: Water Dish

Heating

The Amazon Tree Boa (*Corallus hortulana*) is considered a crepuscular reptile and requires a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Heating a Vivarium

- Background Temp: 22 - 25°C (72-75°F)
- HOT Spot: 30°C (86°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 15 - 22°C (59-72°F)

Provide a warmer/hot area towards the top section of the enclosure, using an overhead heat source to offer a heat gradient. Use an Arcadia Reflector Clamp Lamp with Ceramic Holder (RARMG160) using the supplied safety cage on the mesh roof of the Terrarium and a Heat Bulb (HBB100). All running in conjunction

with a Dimming Thermostat (HTDW).

Dimming thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal.

Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

Place the Arcadia Pro T5 6% (RARTP39F) on the mesh roof of the Terrarium. This will supply realistic UVB levels within the enclosure.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommend distances.

Using the Arcadia JungleDawn LED Bar (RAJDP3) alongside the above-mentioned

Arcadia Pro T5 will add more light into the enclosure which will benefit both living plants, and the animal.

Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as examples:

- Jungle Bio (HSJB10), or Coir (HSC10F)
- Cork Branch (HDB1), Grapevine (HSGV) and Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB) will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Amazon Tree Boa to use as shelter

DIET & WATER

Amazon Tree Boas are a thawed Rodent and Poultry eating species.

Always provide a source of fresh water. The Water Dish (HRSSCEL) will provide a safe and sturdy option.

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

Use a combination of the Humidifier (HDH01) and Rainmaker (HSRM) to deliver realistic humidity and rain conditions within your enclosure.

ADDITIONAL INFO

- The Amazon Tree Boa will shed its skin every so often, depending on how big the snake is and how quickly its growing. As a rule, a young snake will shed every 3 to 6 weeks, and an older snake every 2 to 6 months.
- The best way to tell that your Snake is about to shed their skin, is to look at their general colour and eyes.
- The Snake will appear duller than normal and may have a washed-out look. This will become more obvious as the Snake nears shedding its skin.
- The Snake's eyes will also appear clouded at first and will eventually turn a bluey/grey colour. Normal colouration will return once the Snake has shed its skin.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Amazon Tree Boas do not require additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder if the diet is kept varied.

HEALTH & HYGIENE

We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Amazon Tree Boa healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build up and to allow any dirty bedding to be removed	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling your animal, their food, enclosure, and any other equipment.

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