



# Green Bottle Blue Tarantula



## OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Chromatopelma cyaneopubescens*
- Origin: South America
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 4 to 6-inch leg-span
- Life Span: Males up to 5 years; females up to 14 years
- Behaviour: Crepuscular
- Diet: Carnivore/Insectivore
- Handling: Intermediate

## TOP TIPS

- ✓ Use a taller Terrarium to accommodate the semi-arboreal needs of the species.
- ✓ Allow for a few inches of substrate to enable the humidity and webbing needs to be met.
- ✓ Provide a water-bowl for hydration, if needed.

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED



- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat -Mat
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Spider Bedding, HabiStat Jungle Bio, HabiStat Coir Block with HabiStat Sphagnum Moss
- Water: Water bowl

## HOUSING

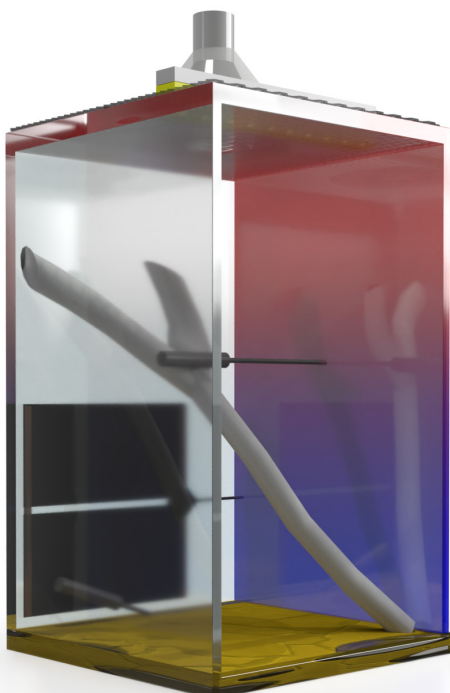


- We recommend an arboreal enclosure such as the HabiStat Glass Terrarium 30x30x45cm (HGT3045), or the bigger HabiStat Glass Terrarium 45x45x45cm (HGT4545). These are ideal for the life of the species.

## ENVIRONMENT



### Arboreal Terrarium Setup



### Heating

Green Bottle Blue Tarantulas are crepuscular invertebrates and require a suitable light and heat gradient in their terrarium.

- Background Temp: 21°C to 25°C (70°F-77°F)
- HOT Spot: Not needed
- Night-Time Temp: 21°C to 25°C (70°F-77°F)

The species can be kept without an external heat-source providing the room temperature is maintained within the suggested range. If not use a HabiStat Heat-Mat (HHM\*\*) on the outside rear of the terrarium running in conjunction with a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMW1). This can be on 24/7, or just used overnight if there is a chance the temperatures will drop below the recommended range.

Mat 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 Green

bottle blue tarantula.

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

## Lighting

In captivity, use the Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7% (RARTP8S) on top of the mesh of the terrarium. This will supply realistic UVB levels within the enclosure.

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

## Substrate and Decoration

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

HabiStat Spider Bedding (HSS5), HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), or Coir Block (HSCB) with some HabiStat Sphagnum Moss (HSMS250) added into the mix.

Wood/branches/Cork bark for climbing and webbing on, hiding, and sleeping on/under.

Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for shelter and to aid building intricate webs.

## DIET & WATER

Green Bottle Blue Tarantulas are mainly insectivores but they will eat mice, rats, and chicks in the wild, should the opportunity present itself.

Offer a varied range of appropriately sized insects the majority of the time but the occasional small mouse (ZMPD25) or rat pup (ZRPU10) as a treat once every few months wouldn't be an issue.

Always provide a source of fresh water. The HabiStat Round Plastic Water Bowl (HWS) is ideal.

Misting the enclosure as needed will also allow for the maintenance and regulation of the enclosure humidity.

## SUPPLEMENTATION

Green Bottle Blue Tarantulas need additional supplementation in the form of calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80). Follow the on-pack instructions.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Green Bottle Blue Tarantulas are not particularly fast-moving, but they do not handle well with nervous people - so caution must be taken.

Although the Green Bottle Blue does have venom, it's not harmful to humans. They do have urticating hairs on their abdomen though which can cause irritation - so again, handle with caution.

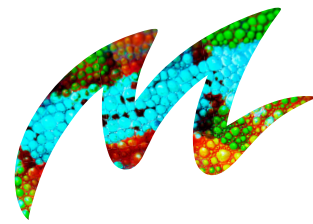
# HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Green Bottle Blue Tarantula 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 or feeding your Green Bottle Blue Tarantula, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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