

Brazilian White Knee (*Acanthoscurria geniculata*)



Diet: Small and large insects, lizards and mice.

Habitat: Native to the Amazon basin in northern Brazil. These habitats are tropical, wet climates, and are abundant in rainfall with little to no dry season.

Predators: Birds, lizards, weasels and snakes.

Behavior: This semi-aggressive tarantula will ambush anything food wise but is rather hesitant and skittish in human care. This tarantula will stand in a defensive pose but would rather retreat than fight.

Lifespan: Males typically live around 4 years, while females can live upwards of 20 years.

Growth and Development: Males tend to be smaller and less intensely colored than females. This species of tarantula is larger than the norm, with the length of the body reaching 3.5 inches. Sexual maturity usually takes 3 to 4 years, which around this time the females can have leg spans up to 8.5 inches.

Endangered Status: The status of this species is undocumented.

Fun Fact: This species of tarantula is sought after as a pet due to its large size and beautiful markings.