

Mexican Fireleg (*Brachypelma boehmei*)



Diet: Crickets, other large insects such as lobster roaches, and occasionally small geckos.

Habitat: Endemic to Mexico and Central America and lives in the dry scrub lands.

Predators: Biggest threat to this species is car-strikes and the pet-trade.

Behavior: Mexican fireleg tarantulas tend to be active after dark, but can also occasionally be active during daylight, particularly in the morning and evening.

Lifespan: Females up to 20 years/ males about 10 years

Growth and Development: Tarantulas of this genus are long-lived, with males reaching maturity at seven to eight years, females at nine to ten. While males only live up to a year after their final molt, females may live for a further ten years. Sub-adults and adults molt at the end of the dry season, after which males begin their search for mating females. Mated females will produce an egg sac which, if successful, will generally hatch three to four weeks before the rainy season begins.

Endangered Status: Endangered

Fun Fact: Endangered due to the pet trade.

[Brachypelma boehmei - Wikipedia](#)