



## BUTTERFLY PAVILION

### Brazilian Black Tarantula (*Grammostola pulchra*)



**Diet:** The diet of Brazilian blacks includes most large insects and occasionally small mice or lizards.

**Countries:** Brazil and Uruguay

**Habitat:** Brazilian blacks are found in the grasslands of Brazil and Uruguay.

**Predators:** Snakes and birds are this tarantula's most common predators.

**Behavior:** Brazilian blacks will burrow if given the chance, but will commonly roam the forest floor as well. Their dark color helps camouflage them against the dark soil and shade of the grassland.

**Lifespan:** Females can live up to 18 years, and males 10.

**Growth and Development:** Brazilian blacks reach maturity in approximately 8 years, achieving a max size of 8 inches. Young spiderlings are a velvety brown color, and they darken with each molt. Although these tarantulas do have urticating hairs like most other New World tarantulas, they have a very low tendency to kick them.

**Endangered Status:** The status of this species is undocumented.

**Fun Fact:** Brazilian blacks are very common pet tarantulas because of their large size, docile nature, and jet black coloration