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Pumpkin Patch (*Hapalopus formosus*)



Countries: Colombia

Habitat: Pacific coast of Colombia

Diet: Small invertebrates

Behavior: This is a dwarf species of terrestrial tarantula who likes to burrow. They are more likely to run and hide but can bite. Pumpkin patch tarantulas do have urticating hairs, but it has been described that their hairs are less irritating than those of other new world species

Lifespan: Females eight to ten years, males three to four years under human care

Endangered Status: Not Listed

Fun Fact: The name “hapalo-” means ‘simple’ and “-pus” means foot in Latin. The common name comes from this small tarantula’s black and orange markings, which could be compared to a pumpkin patch!