



**BUTTERFLY  
PAVILION**  
Amazon Bluebloom (*Xenesthis intermedia*)



Country: Venezuela

Habitat: Arid, mountainous forests

Diet: Small insects

Predators: unknown

Behavior: This species is terrestrial but will burrow given the opportunity. They are recently described, and therefore not much information is widely available.

Lifespan: Females can live 12-15 years, while males live 3-4 years.

Growth and Development: This species exhibits sexual dimorphism with the females being larger and darker in color. Grows quickly and females can reach up to 8”.

Endangered Status: Not Listed

Fun Fact: The Amazon Blue Bloom is mostly seen with a slight degree of alopecia (baldness) over the abdomen. This is most likely because of her tendency to flick urticating hairs.

It's considered one of the most exotic and expensive tarantulas on the market. When she was described for the first time, her market price rose to over \$500.