



BUTTERFLY PAVILION

Burgundy Goliath Birdeater (*Theraphosa stirmi*)



Country: South America, including regions in Venezuela, Brazil, and Guyana.

Habitat: These tarantulas are found in the tropical rainforests of South America, where they inhabit burrows in the ground. They create burrows by digging into the soil, which provides them with a safe and concealed place to live and ambush prey.

Diet: Primarily consists of a variety of small animals, including insects, other invertebrates, and occasionally small vertebrates.

Predators: Large birds, mammals, and other invertebrates.

Behavior: They are a terrestrial tarantula species who are nocturnal hunters. Despite their intimidating appearance, they are generally not considered aggressive toward humans but may defend themselves if provoked.

Lifespan: Males 3-6 years, Females 25 to 30 years.

Growth and Development: Mating in tarantulas can be a risky endeavor for males, as they may be cannibalized by the larger female after copulation.

IUCN Endangered Status: Not currently listed as endangered or threatened by the IUCN.

Fun Fact: These tarantulas are named after their striking burgundy or reddish-brown coloration, which is particularly vivid in freshly molted individuals. They have robust bodies covered in dense, fine hairs called setae, which help them sense their environment.



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