



## BUTTERFLY PAVILION

### Caribbean Diamond (Tapinauchenius rasti)



**Country:** Lesser Antilles

**Habitat:** They are known to inhabit a variety of habitats, including rainforests, dry forests, and even urban areas. These spiders are ground-dwelling and prefer to burrow in soil or leaf litter.

**Diet:** The Caribbean Diamond Tarantula is an opportunistic feeder, preying on a variety of insects and other small arthropods. Their diet may include crickets, cockroaches, mealworms, and even other tarantulas.

**Predators:** Birds, Reptiles, and larger vertebrates.

**Behavior:** Females typically reach a size of 4-5 inches, while males grow to an average size of 3-4 inches.

**Lifespan:** This species has a relatively long lifespan, with females living up to 15 years and males living up to 5 years.

**Growth and Development:** During mating season, male Caribbean Diamond Tarantulas will often wander in search of a female mate. Once a suitable mate is found, the male will perform a courtship dance, using his legs and body to signal his intentions.

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

**Fun Fact:** This tarantula has a black body covered in fine, short hairs with pinkish-red highlights on the legs and abdomen. The hairs on their legs are longer and thicker than those on their body, which gives them a furry and soft appearance.



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