



BUTTERFLY PAVILION

Greenbottle Blue Tarantula (*Chromatopelma cyaneopubescens*)



Country: Northern Venezuela

Habitat: This showy tarantula lives in burrows under bushes and tree roots in desert and scrubland areas

Diet: Small invertebrates

Predators: Birds, lizards, snakes and weasels

Behavior: This is a heavy-webbing tarantula that creates a tunnel of webbing to protect the entrance to its burrow from the harsh desert surroundings, and to catch prey. These are very active tarantulas that require lots of food. Greenbottle Blue females are some of the more aggressive tarantulas in terms of mating. They will often kill a male after mating, which contributes to the very short lifespan for males of this species.

Growth and Development: Newborn spiderlings can be as large as 12mm when they hatch, much larger than most species. This is a fast growing species, and matures in 1.5-2.5 years. Females reach a max size of 6 inches, and males 4.5 inches.

Lifespan: Males and females have different lifespans, with females living up to 12 years and males only 2-3.

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

Fun Fact: These tarantulas are one of the few naturally occurring blue animals.



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