

## **Peruvian Black Bird-eating Spider**

(Pamphobeteus nigricolor)



Country: Brazil, Colombia and Peru

**Habitat**: Native to tropical rainforests, these tarantulas are ground-dwelling and prefer to live in burrows they dig themselves.

**Diet:** Primarily feeds on insects, small vertebrates, and other arthropods.

**Predators**: Larger birds, reptiles, and mammals

**Behavior**: Considered to have a docile temperament, but when threatened they may rear up on their hind legs and display their fangs as a warning.

Lifespan: Females can live up to 20 years, while males live around 3 to 4 years.

**Growth and Development:** These tarantulas are among the larger species in the tarantula world. Adult females can have a leg span of up to 8 inches (20 centimeters) or more, while males tend to be smaller.

IUCN Endangered Status: This species is not currently listed as endangered or threatened

**Fun Fact**: When tarantulas molt, the colors are at their most vibrant. Over time, between molts, the colors can gradually fade. The tarantula's appearance can change slightly over time.

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