



Amazon Blue Bloom (*Xenesthis intermedia*)



Country: Venezuela

Habitat: Arid, mountainous forests

Diet: Small insects and invertebrates

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. They grow quickly and females can reach up to 8 inches.

IUCN Endangered Status: The status of this species is undescribed

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 their tendency to flick urticating hairs. It's considered one of the most exotic and expensive tarantulas on the market. When it was described for the first time, their market price rose to over \$500.