

# Cleopatra and Antony



## Species

Giant lime green stick insects (*Diapherodes gigantea*)

## Habitat

Native to the Caribbean.

## Care

Cleopatra and Antony live together in a tall terrarium that has plenty of room for them to climb and a mesh roof for them to hang off. They need daily misting.

## Food

Cleopatra and Antony eat brambles and have a constant fresh supply in their terrarium.

## Characteristics

Cleopatra is about 16cm long and bright green. Antony is about 10cm long, brown and has wings.

## Why we love Cleopatra and Antony

They may look rather strange, but Cleopatra and Antony are very gentle and fascinating to watch. They are also very much loved and always want to be together.

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## Cleopatra and Antony's story

Cleopatra and Antony are very much in love and it's rare to ever see them apart. Antony likes to constantly cling to Cleopatra's back, whether she wants him there or not! We think she secretly likes it, as she's much bigger than him and could knock him off if she wanted!

Stick insects and leaf insects are known as *phasmids* and are among the largest of all insects. In the wild, they generally rely on camouflage to escape predators. Unlike some other insects, Cleopatra and Antony do not have any defensive abilities and cannot sting, bite or make loud noises. They are gentle giants and very safe for children and adults to handle.



Cleopatra



Antony