

Twiglet the Honduran curly haired tarantula



Species

Honduran curly haired tarantula (*brachypelma albopilosum*)

Habitat

Native to rainforests of Honduras

Care

A 5-10 gallon tank with a heat mat, hides and logs helps Twiglet feel safe and gives her space to wander around

Food

Live crickets and locust

Characteristics

Twiglet has curly hair all over her body. She has eight eyes, eight legs and two feelers at the front (known as pedipalps) to help her investigate her surroundings.

Why we love Twiglet

Twiglet is a fascinating, beautiful creature. She feels light as a feather on your hand and doesn't scuttle like house spiders.

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Twiglet's story

Twiglet really is a chilled out spider. She likes to burrow and spends a lot of time lazing under her log. But she'll venture out for the odd walk about or to munch on a cricket.

Honduran curly haired tarantulas are known to be very calm and docile, and Twiglet is definitely both of these. She doesn't like being stroked as her hairs are very sensitive, but she's quite happy to sit on your hand. This lets you get a really good look at her beautiful coloured hairs.



Twiglet is very, very hairy, and it's not hard to see why these tarantulas are known as curly haired. She's covered in dark hair with a layer of lighter, almost golden curly bristles on top, which gives her a woolly look.

She's considered to be a medium-sized tarantula and will grow to have a leg span of up to approx. 14cm. She has not quite reached full size yet.

When she's ready to get bigger, she will shed off her old skin and this allows her to grow. This process is called moulting and can be quite stressful for spiders, so it's important that she rests during and after moulting.

Female Honduran curly haired tarantulas can live up to 8-10 years. Males have much shorter lifespans of around 4 years.