

Wayne the Vinegaroon



What am I?

Giant Vinegaroon (*Mastigoproctus giganteus*)

Where do I live in the wild?

Southern states of North America, especially Florida, Texas, & Arizona & Mexico. The vinegaroon has been found in a variety of habitats.

How am I looked after as

A tank with plenty of coco bark soil, as vinegaroons like to burrow, and plenty of places to hide.

What do I eat?

I'm a carnivore. I eat other creepy crawlies, mainly crickets and locusts.

What do I look like?

I'm an arachnid, like a spider or a scorpion, so I have eight legs. My front two legs are very long and are used more like feelers than legs. I have eight eyes! I have pincers a bit like a scorpion. I'm called a vinegaroon because I can squirt a substance a bit like vinegar, which can be irritating to other animals.

Why do we love Wayne?

He's a bit different. A lot of people we meet have never seen a vinegaroon before, so it's exciting being able to show Wayne off!