

Lucy the Leaf Insect



What am I?

Giant Leaf Insect (*Phyllium giganteum*)

Where do I live in the wild?

These large leaf insects come from the tropical rainforests in Malaysia, where they are very well camouflaged up in the trees!

How am I looked after as a pet?

A tall tank with lots of leaves to hide in and munch on. They need to be kept quite warm and damp, like being in the rainforest.

What do I eat?

Leaf insects are herbivores. They just eat leaves! As pets they can be fed bramble, oak and rose leaves.

What do I look like?

Just like a walking leaf! Their camouflage is so amazing, their bodies even mimic the veins on a leaf and show little brown bits, just like a real leaf. They are a beautiful, vivid green colour.

Why do we love Lucy?

She is just stunning. Sometimes, really young children don't believe she can really be a real animal!