

## CARE SHEET

# **Lynx Spider**



## **OVERVIEW**



- · Scientific Name: Peucetia lucasi
- Origin: Madagascar
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- · Potential Adult Size: 2 to 5cm (including leg-span)
- · Life Span: 1.5 years on average
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- · Diet: Insectivore
- · Handling: Only if necessary
- Humidity: 40-50%







#### **TOP TIPS**

- Provide climbing opportunities throughout the enclosure.
- ✓ Add live plants to help maintain humidity

# EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- · Housing: Terrarium
- · Heating: Heat-Mat
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), HabiStat Coir (HSCB)
- Water: HabiStat Round Plastic Water Bowl (HWS)

## HOUSING



The HabiStat Glass Terrarium 30cm x 30cm x 32cm (HGT3032) is ideal for this species.

The HabiStat Spider Starter Kit (HSSSK) has everything you need to get started in one handy box.

## **ENVIRONMENT**



#### **Terrestrial Terrarium Setup**



#### **Heating**

Lynx Spiders are ectothermic (cold-blooded) animals and take all their heat requirements from external sources.

- · Background Temp: 24-30°C (75-86°F)
- · HOT Spot: N/A
- · Night-Time Temp: 20-24°C (70-75°F)

To ensure the required temperatures are reached, use a HabiStat Heat Mat (HHM6) on the outside rear of the Terrarium, running in conjunction with a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMW1),

Mat thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal.

Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

#### **Substrates and Decoration**

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as a guide:

- HabiStat Spider Bedding (HSS10)
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB500), HabiStat Moss Hide (HSNMH)
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter

#### **DIET & WATER**



Ensure the Lynx Spider is offered a variety of appropriately sized insects throughout its lifetime.

Always provide a source of fresh water using the HabiStat Round Plastic Water Bowl (HWS).

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

## **SUPPLEMENTATION**



Lynx Spiders need additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80).

Follow the on-pack instructions.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



- Lynx Spider's do not build webs to catch their prey, instead, they actively hunt and stalk prey. While this Spider doesn't build a web, they spin safety threads when climbing, and to protect themselves from predators.

## **HEALTH & HYGIENE**



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Lynx Spider healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build up and to allow any dirty bedding to be removed	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling your animal, their food, enclosure, and any other equipment.

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