

## Giant Prowling Spider (Miturga sp. 1) Care guide



Miturga sp. 1 is a species of prowling spider found in SA's far northern mallee, under logs in thick woven retreats.

This species is very large, growing to 30mm in body length with adult males having extremely long legs, up to 110mm.

This species is a light tawny colour with a series of dark stripes on the head and abdomen, on the underside of the abdomen there's a series of broken lines and spots. If you combine those markings with the way the lines meet up at the front of the cephalothorax, it suggest this species is closely related to *Miturga lineata*, the Striped prowling spider. These spiders prefer mallee sandplain habitat or mulga.

### Enclosure:

A plastic enclosure about 15x15 cm will do fine, the type of substrate isn't overly important but we recommend natural sand from their habitat or coco peat mixed with a bit of building sand or sandpit sand.

Provide some leaf litter for ground cover (dried broad-leaved eucalyptus is ideal) and some large, thick pieces of bark stacked against each other for the creation of their web.

### Food:

Crickets about ½ the total body length of your spider are ideal, drop them onto the web (near the funnel) to feed. Feed once or twice a week, less on cooler months.

### Water:

These spiders get everything they need from the environment and the fluids of their prey, however a light mist spray once a week or once a fortnight doesn't hurt.

### Recommended temperatures

This species does best at 16-28 degrees but will tolerate cooler or warmer temperatures than that for short times.

Recommended humidity:

50-80%



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