

Cinnamon huntsman (Isopeda sp. “rufescens”) Care guide



The Cinnamon huntsman is a small undescribed species of huntsman from The Eucalyptus forests of the Adelaide hills. It is a light brown with a pink tinge and contrasting bands on the underside of the legs. They make ideal first huntsmen for kids and adults alike, as they are small, hardy and rather calm compared to other huntsman which can be nervous and bolty.

All huntsmen are nocturnal, sheltering under tree bark in the day and emerging to hunt at night. They can be spotted with a torch at night because their eyes reflect light like a cat's.

Huntsmen are mildly venomous, and their bite is rather similar to a large ant or a bee sting, however huntsmen are timid and rely on their speed and agility to escape danger rather than biting.

Most huntsmen (excluding Neosparrasus) are flat and extremely fast (at times they seem to teleport) and as a result care must be taken when handling or transferring to an enclosure.



Food:

Cinnamon huntsman have a higher metabolism than most spiders and should be fed 2 - 4 times a week. Prey insects should be around ½ the body length of the spider. Small crickets, cockroaches and flies are ideal. Remove any uneaten insects after a couple of hours if your spider is not hungry and try again in a day or two.

Water:

Mist spray around your spider every second day, if thirsty, it will drink the droplets, but they obtain a lot of moisture from their prey.

Enclosure:

A Mesh enclosure makes an ideal enclosure for even a large huntsman. The bottom should be lined with foil and a mix of 50-50 sand and coco-peat should cover the bottom with a depth of about 1-2cm. A bark hide should also be included to give your spider an option to hide on the ground or on the side.

Temperature:

As it is a southern species, they do best at 19-24 degrees Celsius.

Humidity

30-90%

Life span:

1-3 years.

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