

Peacock spider (Maratus vespertillio) Care Guide

This is a species of peacock spider found in SA's mid north, preferring drier areas. They prey on smaller invertebrates and can jump over 5x their body length to capture prey.

Jumping spiders are mildly venomous but shy and unwilling to bite. They are incredibly curious and will often come to the top of the enclosure and investigate you.

If handling, care must be taken not to hurt the spider or let it escape! If you are planning to handle it, we suggest doing so in an open, clean room such as a shower or bathroom. Let the spider walk around on your hands, it will want to jump every now and again, so put your finger near its jump path, and it will jump to your other finger. If the spider bites you, apply ice or vinegar.

Food:

Pinhead crickets (x3) once a week, make sure all food is eaten before replenishing.

Water:

Jumping spiders get all of the water they need from their food. Mist spray once a fortnight to maintain humidity and offer a water supplement.

