

Chilean Rose Tarantula

Latin Name	Grammostola rosea
Native to	Chile
Maximum Length	5 inches
Life Span	males: 6 years, females: 20 years
Enclosure	Use screen-top terrarium, 10–20 gallon for single adult spider. Provide shelter such as a half-log, cork wood, or mopani wood.
Substrate	cypress mulch (Forest Floor), orchid bark (ReptiBark), ground walnut shell Wearing gloves, break up and turn over substrate weekly to prevent mold.
Temperature	78–82°F infrared heat lamp, heating pad
Light	nocturnal ambient light or incandescent/LED lighting for viewing, 10–12 hours daily
Humidity	subtropical, 65–75% Lightly mist substrate on cool side of enclosure, once daily. Mist inside one shelter to provide a humid zone.
Water	Provide purified water in a small shallow dish.
Food	insectivorous/carnivorous Feed 1–2 times weekly: crickets introduced directly onto webwork May sometimes offer adult spiders other farmed insects or pinkie/fuzzie mice.
Molt Cycle	small spider: every 2–3 months adult spider: once a year Spider will likely weave a silk hammock and flip onto its back before molting. Do not disturb spider or offer it food. Molting may last hours to more than a day. ▲ Keep enclosure warm and substrate moist during molting. Fatal bleeding can occur if humidity is too low!
Sexing	male: tibial hooks under both front legs, palpal bulbs on pedipalps
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Remove waste and uneaten crickets.▪ Clean water dish, replace water.▪ Feed crickets.