

Amazon Tree Boa



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Corallus hortulana*
- Origin: South America
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: Upwards of 5 feet
- Life Span: Upwards of 20 years
- Behaviour: Crepuscular
- Diet: Carnivore
- Handling: Intermediate

TOP TIPS



- ✓ After feeding, let your snake digest its meal for 2 days before any necessary handling.
- ✓ Offer a smaller or larger food item if your snake refuses to feed.
- ✓ If your snake is refusing its food when it's about to shed, wait until the snake has fully shed before offering food.
- ✓ A bad shed is normally a sign of something wrong in the snake's environment.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED



- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Thermostat: Dimming Thermostat
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio
- Water: HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish

HOUSING

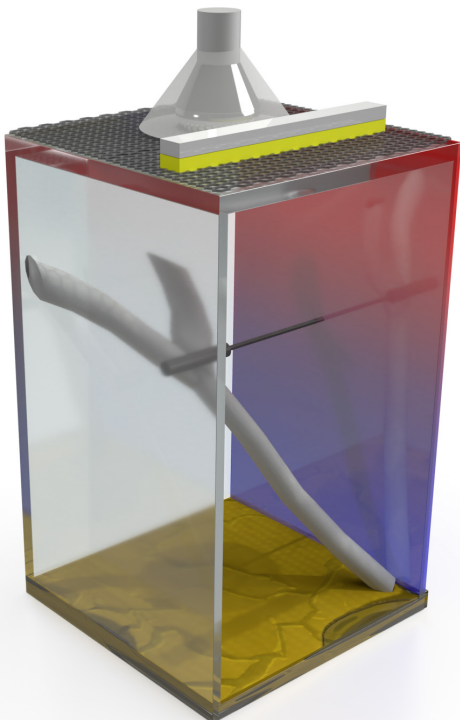


HabiStat Glass Terrarium 91.4x45.7x90cm (HGT9190)
HabiStat Standard Vivarium 36x18x36" (HV3636)

ENVIRONMENT



Terrarium Setup



Enclosure Readings

- Background Temp: 22 - 25°C (72-75°F)
- Hot Spot: 30°C (86°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 15 - 22°C (59-72°F)
- Humidity: 60-80%
- UVI: 2-3

Heating

The Amazon Tree Boa (*Corallus hortulana*) is considered a crepuscular reptile and requires a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Provide a warmer/hot area towards the top section of the enclosure, using an overhead heat source to offer a heat gradient. Use an Arcadia Reflector Clamp Lamp with Ceramic Holder with a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW).

Dimming 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.

Lighting

Place the Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit 6% (RARTP39F) or alternatively the LumenIZE Pro T5 UVB Kit 6% (RARLZ39F) on the mesh roof of the Terrarium. This will supply realistic UVB levels within the enclosure.

Using the Arcadia JungleDawn LED Bar (RAJDP3) or the LumenIZE JungleDawn LED Bar (RARLJ3) alongside the above-mentioned Arcadia Pro T5 will add more light into the

enclosure which will benefit both living plants, and the animal.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommend distances.

Substrates and Decoration

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

- HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), or HabiStat Coir (HSC10F)
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB1), HabiStat Grapevine (HSGV) and HabiStat Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB) will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Amazon Tree Boa to use as shelter

DIET & WATER

Ensure the Snake has a varied diet, with a mixture of thawed Rodents and Poultry.

- Hatchling - Every 5-7 days
- Juvenile - Every 7-10 days
- Adult - Every 14-21 days

In general, we would suggest a feeder that is approximately the size (in width) of the largest part of the snake. If the food is too big then it could cause regurgitation and stress to the snake.

Always provide a source of fresh water. The HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCL) will provide a safe and sturdy option.

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

SUPPLEMENTATION

Amazon Tree Boas do not require additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder if the diet is kept varied.

Although using Arcadia Shed Support (RAREPSS30) once a month on the chosen rodent can be beneficial in aiding their natural shedding process by supplying essential vitamins and minerals.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Amazon Tree Boa will shed its skin every so often, depending on how big the snake is and how quickly its growing. As a rule, a young snake will shed every 3 to 6 weeks, and an older snake every 2 to 6 months.
- The best way to tell that your Snake is about to shed their skin, is to look at their general colour and eyes.
- The Snake will appear duller than normal and may have a washed-out look. This will become more obvious as the Snake nears shedding its skin.
- The Snake's eyes will also appear clouded at first and will eventually turn a bluey/grey colour. Normal colouration will return once the Snake has shed its skin.

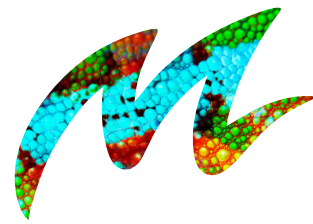
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Amazon Tree Boa healthy and happy:

| | Water | Substrate | Enclosure |
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| 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 using HabiStat Anti Bac-Spray (HABS) for any surface, and HabiStat Hand Sanitiser (HABG) for hands.



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DATA MONITORING



Complete this Sheet at the same time every day e.g. 12pm

| | Hotspot Temp 30°C (86°F) | Background Temp 20°C-25°C (77°F-82°F) | Humidity 70%-80% | UVI 1-2 | Night Time Temp 20°C-23°C (68°F-73°F) | Feeding |
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