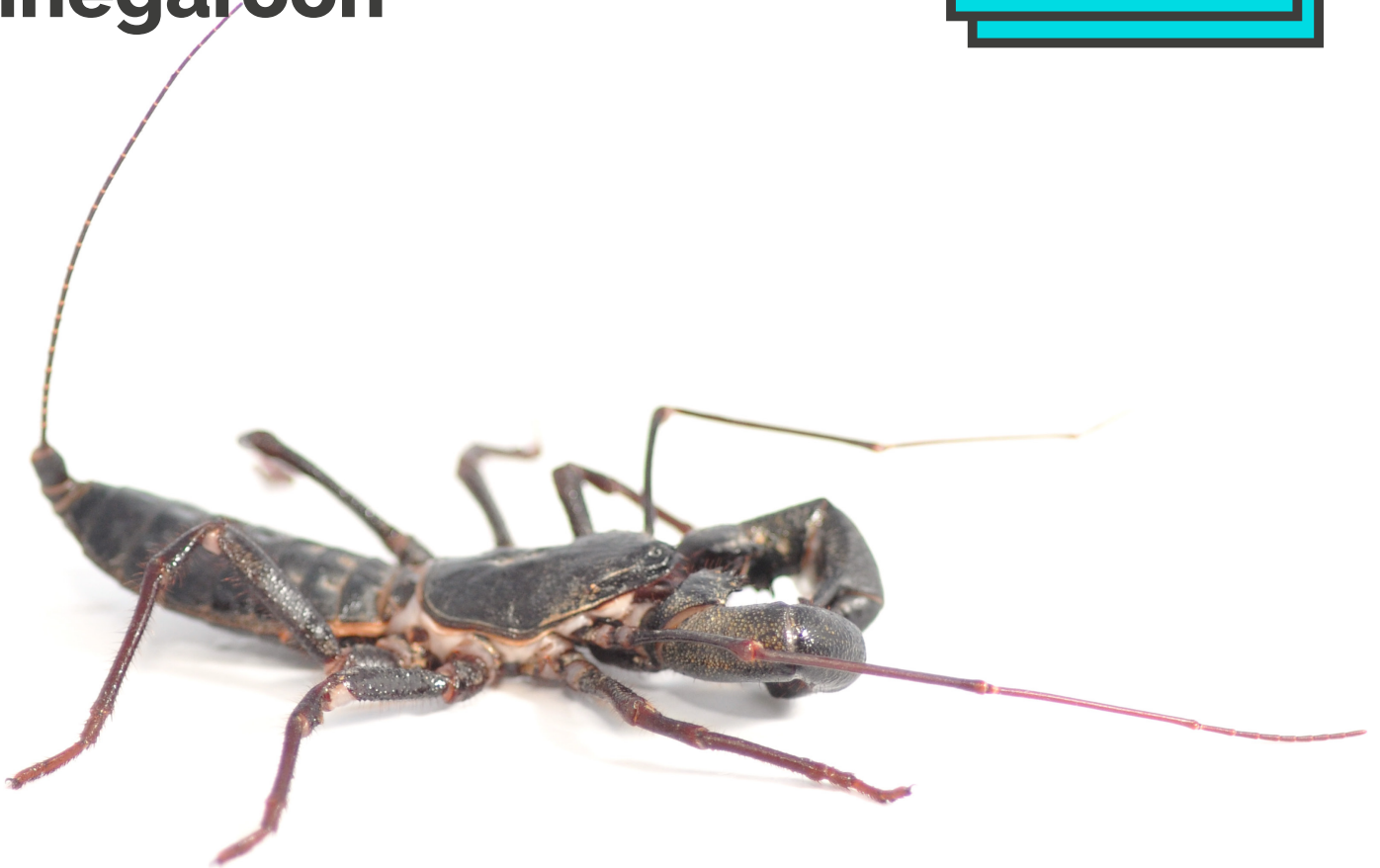


Giant Black Vinegaroon



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Mastigoproctus giganteus*
- Origin: Southern USA and Northern Mexico
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 4 to 6cm
- Life Span: Males up to 8 years; females up to 20 years.
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Humidity: 60-90%
- Diet: Insectivore
- Handling: Intermediate

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Allow for a few inches of substrate to enable the scorpion to burrow.
- ✓ Provide a sturdy water bowl for the Giant Black Vinegaroon to hydrate.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED



- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Mat (if needed)
- Lighting: Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7%
- Substrate: HabiStat Spider Bedding, HabiStat Coir Substrate, HabiStat Sedge Peat
- Water: Water bowl

HOUSING

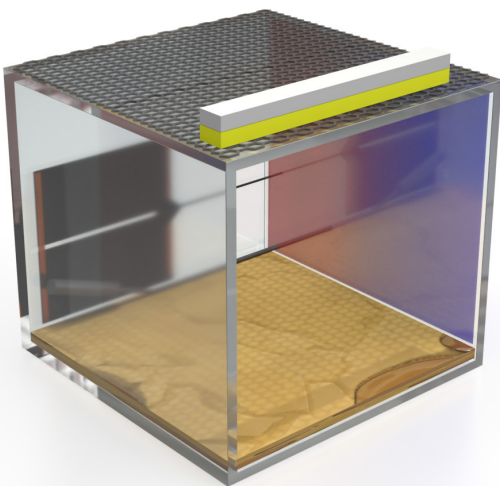


- The HabiStat Spider Kit (HSSSK) will provide you with everything essential for the care of the Giant Black Vinegaroon, including a 30x30x32cm glass tank.

ENVIRONMENT



Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



Heating

Giant Black Vinegaroons are nocturnal animals and require a suitable light and heat gradient in their terrarium.

- Background Temp: 20°C-25°C (68°F-77°F)
- HOT Spot: Not Needed
- Night-Time Temp: 20°C-25°C (68°F-77°F)

If the room temperature remains within the suggested range, this scorpion could be kept without an external heat source. If this isn't achievable, you can use a HabiStat Heat Mat on the outside rear of the terrarium, running in conjunction with a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMW1). This can be on 24/7, or just used overnight if there is a chance the required temperatures drop below the recommended range.

Mat 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 Giant Black Vinegaroon.

Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

The Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit ShadeDweller 7% (RARTP8S) can be used on top of the mesh of the terrarium – this will supply realistic UVB levels within

the enclosure.

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

Substrate and Decoration

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

HabiStat Spider Bedding (HSS5), HabiStat Coir Substrate (HSC5F), or HabiStat Sedge Peat (HSSP5).

Wood/branches/Cork bark for climbing on, hiding, and sleeping on/under.

Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Vinegaroon to use as shelter.

DIET & WATER



Feed your Giant Black Vinegaroon during the evening or night when it is likely to be most active and offer a varied range of insects.

Always provide a source of fresh water, ideally something like the HabiStat Round Plastic Water Bowl (HWS).

Misting the enclosure as needed will also allow for the maintenance and regulation of the enclosure humidity.

SUPPLEMENTATION



Giant Black Vinegaroons need additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80). Follow the on-pack instructions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Despite the Giant Black Vinegaroon being slow-moving, any handling still must be done with extreme caution.

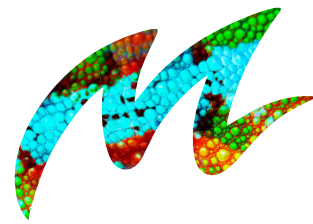
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Giant Black Vinegaroon healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
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 or feeding your Giant Black Vinegaroon, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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