

RED EYED TREE FROG

- The red-eyed tree frog natural habitat extends from northern Colombia, through Central America and into southern Mexico.
- Inhabiting tropical rainforests, especially moist, low-lying areas near rivers and streams, they climb trees and often attach themselves to the underside of leaves during the day to rest.
- The red-eyed tree frog is vibrantly colored with large, bright red eyes, a green body, and light blue sides with yellow strips. Its feet are bright orange and its legs are mostly green. The underside is a light-cream color. Young red-eyed tree frogs are brown and gain their distinct coloration as they mature. Adult red-eyed tree frogs can temporarily change their color to a darker green or reddish brown color.
- Is a delicate nocturnal frog, with a slender body about 3" long. Large toe pads enable it to adhere to smooth surfaces such as leaves, branches and glass. Adult females are almost twice the size of males.

Diet

Red Eyed Tree Frogs will eat a variety of insects including crickets, flies, moths, spiders and grasshoppers. Feed adult tree frogs medium-sized gut-loaded or calcium/vitamin D dusted crickets every other day; younger frogs should be fed daily.

Provide a shallow plastic water dish sunk into the substrate allowing the frog to easily get in and out. The water should be no deeper than ½ the frog's height when at rest. Frogs absorb water through their skin, so the water should always be clean. Change the water at least every other day with de-chlorinated water; more often if the water is dirty.

Housing

Tree frogs are arboreal, or tree-dwelling, needing taller habitats such as a 15 or 20 gallon "tall" aquarium with a screen top for ventilation. Plant the tank with various plants, vines and branches to climb on. These frogs do well alone, in pairs, or in colonies, requiring an extra 10 gallon space for each pair.

Cover the bottom of the tank with 3-5" of a coconut-fiber or bark substrate and damp sphagnum moss to help keep the tank's humidity at 50-70%. Keep the substrate damp and mist the cage every 2 days. Keep the temperature of the tank around 75-80°F with an under-tank heater.

Red Eyed Tree Frogs do not like bright light; UVB light is not essential. Provide a 12 hour light/dark cycle with a low 20-40 watt bulb, using a red light at night for viewing. A nocturnal frog, they will spend their days under cover or clinging inactively to the side of the tank and become active and feed at night. You may notice your frog turn a dark brown color to blend in with the substrate to aid in hunting.

Handling

Tree frogs do not normally jump, preferring a hand over hand motion of moving. However, their leaps can be quite large if startled. As these animals absorb substances through their skin, it is important that you wash your hands with antibacterial soap before and after handling the frog, for its own safety and for yours.



TREE FROG CHECKLIST

- Tall Terrarium
- Water Dish
- Misting Bottle
- Decor
- Vitamin/Mineral Supplement
- Heat Source
- Lighting with timer
- Substrate & Moss
- Thermometer
- Hygrometer
- Small Transport Carrier
- Tree Frog Book