



Giant Vinegroom Care Sheet

Species Name:

Mastigoproctus giganteus.

Adult Size:

4-6cm

Lifespan:

5 years

Breeding Age:

3 years



The Giant Vinegroom, *Mastigoproctus giganteus*, is an arachnid resembling a fearsome scorpion but belonging to the order Thelyphonida. Found in arid regions of the southwestern United States and Mexico, it boasts a striking appearance with its elongated body, formidable pincers, and whip-like tail. Despite its menacing appearance, the vinegaroon is relatively harmless to humans, using its acidic spray, resembling vinegar, as a defence mechanism against predators. It's a nocturnal hunter, preying on insects and small arthropods. Due to its unique morphology and intriguing behaviour, the Giant Vinegroom captivates enthusiasts and researchers alike, contributing to the biodiversity of its desert habitat.

Housing:

Enclosure: As terrestrial creatures your Giant Vingeron will enjoy a vivarium which is longer than it is tall, a 60x45x45cm glass terrarium is ideal.

Substrate: Using a substrate that retains moisture is important for Vingerons, ideally a mix of orchid bark and a loose substrate like coconut coir or moss.

Temperature:

Maintain a temperature gradient between 24-27 °C. Placing your heat source at one end of the enclosure to ensure a cold end and a hot end to the enclosure.

Lighting:

Vingerons do not require any UVB lighting however, they will benefit from a 10-12-hour day/night cycle.

Diet:

Feeding: Offer a varied diet of insects (locusts, crickets, and worms) every 2-3 days



Humidity and Hydration:

A humidity of 60-70% should be maintained.

Provide a shallow dish for drinking water or a dish with bug gel to allow the scorpion to drink droplets from the surface. Mist the enclosure occasionally to maintain humidity levels and aid in shedding.

Enrichment and Handling:

Place hiding spots, rocks, and branches for climbing to create a stimulating environment.

Provide a secure hide for them to retreat and feel safe.

Health Considerations:

Regularly monitor for signs of illness, such as lethargy, changes in appetite, or difficulty shedding.

Quarantine new animals before introducing them to existing enclosures.

Remember that the care requirements for Vingeroons may vary slightly based on individual needs, so observe your animals behaviour and make adjustments accordingly. Always prioritize the well-being and health of your pet by providing a well-maintained and enriched environment.