



Indonesian Tree Boa

Candoia carinata carinata

Care Sheet

Average Size

18 - 24 inches long

Average Lifespan

10 - 15 Years

Diet

Indonesian Tree Boas are strict carnivores. Most individuals will only eat lizards and frogs. Some may switch over to pinkies after being scented with lizards or frogs.

Feeding

Indonesian tree boas can eat bi weekly. Indonesian Tree Boas have a slow metabolism and may only eat once a month. The prey size should equal the largest part of the snake's body in girth.

Housing

Habitat - Indonesian Tree Boas occur on the islands of Papua New Guinea, Irian Jaya as well as other offshore Indonesian Islands. Keep the cage warm and humid and provide plenty of branches for climbing. Indonesian Tree Boas can be housed alone or in groups. If housed together snakes should be of similar size to avoid injury.

Size - Indonesian Tree Boas are a tree dwelling snake, and their cage should reflect a tree dwelling environment. A single adult must have a minimum of a 10-gallon tank.

Substrate - Due to humidity requirements, coconut fiber and peat moss are perfect substrates. These substrates hold humidity and are easy to clean. Since this species does not generally burrow, a thinner substrate of 2 - 4 inches is acceptable.

Temperature - Indonesian Tree Boas require a basking spot of 80°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F. Proper temperature is extremely important with this species. If an Indonesian Tree Boa becomes too cool for an extended period of time, they will quickly develop respiratory infections.

Humidity - Humidity levels should be between 50% - 80%.

Watering - Provide fresh drinking water daily. This species will sometimes soak their body in water. Provide a bowl of water large enough so that the snake can fully submerge its body.

Lighting - Since this is a nocturnal species, it requires only one light bulb. This is the heat lamp which also emits UVA. There is no current proof that the animal requires UVB light, although some keepers prefer to provide UVB.

Plant and Fish bulbs are not UVB bulbs.



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