**Mexican Red Rump Tarantula**

**Native to:** Forests and Scrub lands of Mexico

**Predators:**  Toads, Lizards, Birds, Medium Sized Mammals, Snakes

**Food:**  Insects, small mammals, lizards, frogs

**Facts:**.

* They are about 6.5 inches in diameter when they are full grown with Males generally being smaller and thinner in their body design than the females .
* They get their names because of their red coloration of their abdomen
* Generally they are extremely docile tarantulas and would rather run away than even urticate their hairs on their abdomen when threatened.
* There are populations of this species in Southern Florida those numbers are decreasing due to eating insects sprayed with pesticides.
* This species of tarantula is a burrower they spend most of their days in the burrow to avoid daytime predators in the rainforest and come out at night to hunt and for mating purposes.
* Because of Habitat destruction in the wild and collection for the pet trade they are now listed a species to be considered vulnerable for extinction

**Defense Mechanisms:**

* Urticating hairs
* Venom

**Reproduction:**

* Females give birth to an egg sac that can contain up to 80 spiderlings in it.

**Lifespan:** Males can live up to around 4 to 7 yrs and Females can live for over 18+ years in captivity.

**Handling Tips:**

Crimson can be a little harder to handle because they can move more quickly than the other larger species of tarantula. You can handle her on your hand or with a towel or display her in a small display container.