**Red Tail Boa**

**Vocabulary:** Semi-arboreal

**Native to:** A large portion of South America

**Predators:** humans, jaguars, birds of prey and crocodiles

**Prey:**  small mammals, rodents, birds, eggs, amphibians

**Facts:**

* Live 30+ years
* Can be up to 13 ft long, and 100 lbs
* Females grow to be larger than the males
* Semi-arboreal
* One of the larger species of Boa Constrictor
* Have small hooked teeth to help grab and hold their prey
* Can take up to 6 days to digest prey
* Can make it up to one month without feeding
* Spend most of their time in the understory of middle level of the rain forest in low lying trees and branches.
* Prefer very warm and humid environments

**Defense Mechanisms:**

* Strong muscles
* Camouflage

**Reproduction:**

* Temperature determines how many young are born 10-65 with average being 25
* Give birth to live young

**Handling Tips:**

Cinnamon is a 4 year old female. Support her weight.