**Brazilian Black Tarantula**

**Native to:** Rainforest of Brazil and Uruguay

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

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

**Facts:**.

* They are about 6 to 7 inches in diameter when they are full grown.
* They get their names because of their solid satin black color they have across their entire body.
* Generally they are extremely docile tarantulas and would rather run away than even urticate their hairs on their abdomen when threatened.
* Brazilian black tarantulas are extremely slow growing compared to other tarantula species it can take them up to 8 or 9 nine years to reach completely mature sizes.
* 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 their size and gentle nature Brazilian Black Tarantulas are sought after animals in the pet trade this lead to a decline in their numbers in the wild for the last 20 yrs or so.

**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 8 to 12 yrs and Females can live for over 25+ ears in captivity.

**Handling Tips:**

Velvet is a very easy tarantula to handle she is still young and small though so you must be very careful not to drop her or handle her to roughly.