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Rose Hair Tarantula

Grammostola rosea

The rose hair tarantula's first line of defence is not its fangs. Like most New World tarantulas it carries urticating hairs on its abdomen, and when threatened it turns its back on the danger and ki…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Theraphosidae
Habitat: Arid scrublands and deserts
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-20 years
Weight: 12-16 grams
Scientific name: Grammostola rosea

Did you know?

- When threatened, Rose Hair Tarantulas may rear up and display their fangs, but they rarely bite and their venom is mild to humans.
- Its main defence is kicking barbed, irritating hairs off its abdomen at an attacker — biting is a last resort. The bald patch on an old tarantula's b…

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