

Prehistoric Pets Care Sheet

Red-Eyed Tree Frog (*Agalychnis callidryas*)

General Information

Red-eyed tree frogs are one of the most beautiful frogs available. They are an arboreal species and can be found hunting for food at night, when they are most active. Red-eyed tree frogs range throughout Central America and parts of Mexico. Females are larger than males and adults can reach 2-2 ½ inches. Sexing these frogs is not very difficult, males are noticeably smaller than females. Another way to determine sex is to listen to them, if you hear your frog calling or singing it's definitely a male.

Temperature

Red-eyed tree frogs need to be maintained between 78-85 degrees during the day. Nighttime temperatures can drop into the mid 60's. During the summertime you probably won't need any supplemental heating. However, during the winter months you should probably use a low wattage heat light. A red or other dark colored light can be used at night and these lights will not disturb your frogs day and night cycle. UVB lighting is not necessary but is recommended for red-eyed tree frogs. The UVB light will benefit any live plants and enhance the colors of your frogs. Humidity is important and you should mist your cage every couple of days in the evening hours. Make sure you don't soak the entire cage, a fine misting will be sufficient. Ideally, the humidity should be kept around 50 percent.



Housing

Red-eyed tree frogs can be housed comfortably in 20-29 gallon or larger terrariums. The cage should include plants (live or silk), branches and a water bowl. Do not use distilled or purified water for any amphibians. Never place a cage near a window where sunlight can directly shine on your cage. Cages placed in direct sunlight can easily overheat and ultimately lead to the death of your frog.

Bedding

We recommend using bark, Zoo Meds' Eco Earth, or coconut bark. The substrate should be deep enough for potted plants if you choose to setup a live vivarium.

Food

Red-eyed tree frogs should be fed appropriate sized crickets, waxworms, and earthworms. Ideally, you should feed your red-eyed tree frogs 3-5 times each week. These frogs also need a vitamin/mineral supplement and you should dust its crickets at least twice a week.

Cleaning and Handling

The terrarium should be cleaned as necessary. Any fecal matter or left over food should be cleaned out several times a week. Fresh clean water should be provided at all times. The inside of the terrarium can be cleaned out with an appropriate reptile cage cleaner, we recommend Natural Chemistry's Healthy Habitat. Red-eyed tree frogs can be handled on a limited basis and always wash your hands before and after handling them.

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