



Brazilian Giant Cockroach *Blaberus giganteus*

Description: Brazilian giant cockroaches are a species that grows to be about 3 inches in length. Although they have wings as adults, they do not fly. The adults are tan with dark brown patches and black heads.

Range: Tropical climates in South America.

Habitat: They live on the forest floor where there is lots of debris to eat and hide under. They need a moist environment to remain healthy.

Life span: 2-3 years.

Natural Diet: Cockroaches are considered carrion eaters, which means they eat decaying things, like fruits and vegetables that have fallen off trees.

Zoo Diet Produce and dry dog chow.

Behavior: Most are native to undeveloped areas and do not inhabit human homes. They are a shy invertebrate and spend most of their time hiding under rocks and logs. When startled, they will emit a foul smelling musk.

Reproduction: Brazilian giant cockroach nymphs molt several times before reaching adult size. Males will use their wings to impress females.

Conservation Status: Has not been assessed by the IUCN.

