



Brazilian Rainbow Boa

Epicrates cenchria

Description: The Brazilian Rainbow Boa gets its name from its iridescent skin. These arboreal boas can grow to four to six feet long. They have a wider head than neck and are usually covered in distinctive reddish brownish blotches or markings.



Habitat: Rainbow Boas are usually found in humid woodlands forests and are occasionally found in open savannas.



Range: Brazilian Rainbow Boas are not just found in Brazil, but throughout much of South America, especially the Amazon Basin.

Life Span: Up to 20 years in captivity

Behavior: Like most boas, these snakes are mainly arboreal, which means they spend most of their time in the tree tops. This is a good place to capture prey and stay safe from much larger predators.

Natural Diet: In the wild, they eat small mammals like rats and mice, birds and their eggs, and they have been known to eat young or small monkeys.



Zoo Diet: At the zoo they are fed a diet of mice and rats.

Reproduction: Rainbow Boas give birth to 2 to 35 live young after a gestation period of about 5 months.

Conservation Status: Common

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