

 5-10 years

 2-3 inches

 Intermediate

 75-85° F

 Insects



Red-eyed tree frogs are one of the most beautiful amphibians in the world. Their brightly colored green bodies have yellow and blue sides, large orange colored pads, and huge red eyes, make them a striking sight! These stunning amphibians make an excellent choice for your home or office terrarium. These guidelines are the basic necessities for your new pet. Please do your research and consult your veterinarian for further guidance.

TANK SET UP

Two juvenile or adult red-eyed tree frogs can live in a 10-20 gallon terrarium. The terrarium must be taller than it is long, as they are tree dwellers, and need branches and leaves for climbing.

BEDDING

Because the red-eyed tree frogs are tropical, you will need a substrate that will hold moisture and humidity. Eco-earth or coconut fiber bedding mixed with Repti-bark makes an excellent choice for substrate. The bedding should have sphagnum moss on top of it to keep moisture in the tank. Do not leave standing water on the bedding; you want a humid environment, not a wet/moldy substrate.

TEMPERATURE

As tropical amphibians, red-eyed tree frogs should be provided with moderately warm temperatures during the day. Ambient cage temperatures should not exceed the mid-80's, with optimal temperatures between 75 and 85°F. Nighttime temperatures can safely drop into the lower 70's, but slightly warmer nocturnal environments are advised for smaller frogs. A heat pad, adequate for the size of the tank, can go on the back or side of the glass aquarium, but not on the bottom.

LIGHTING

Blue day bulbs for a day/night cycle are necessary for red-eyed tree frogs. Some say UVB lighting is not necessary, however, UVB rays have shown to increase the appetite of the tree frogs, and are beneficial to any plants you may have in the terrarium. If the temperatures are too cool at night, using a low wattage red bulb will help heat the tank, and is excellent for viewing these nocturnal frogs.

HUMIDITY

Red-eyed tree frogs need moderate to high humidity. There should be no need to use a fogger; moss above the proper substrate, sprayed regularly, a clean dish of water, and the correct amount of heat, will produce the necessary humidity. You do not want to spray the frogs directly; rather spray the moss, the substrate, the sides of the terrarium, and the plants.

FEEDING

Red-eyed tree frogs are insectivores, and in captivity will thrive on a diet of appropriately sized crickets with D3 calcium and other readily available feeder insects. While some adult frogs will accept a variety of worms, most frogs prefer crickets during all life stages.

ACCESSORIES

Your terrarium should have greenery, plants, cork bark, and moss. Always make sure any plants you are adding are safe for the frogs.

HANDLING

Like most tree frogs, red-eyed tree frogs have very sensitive skin and should not be handled.