

# Brazilian Rainbow Boa - cbb



## Care Sheets

Item code: 1503

**Scientific Name:** Epicrates cenchria cenchria

**Native to:** Brazil and surrounding countries

**Average Length:** 5-7 feet long

**Life Span:** up to 20 years



### General Information

Our Brazilian rainbow boas are captive bred. Brazilian Rainbow Boas are very popular because of their small size and richly colored markings which shimmer and create an iridescent effect. Baby Brazilian Rainbow Boas can be nippy, but generally calm down with regular handling. It is recommended that you use a snake hook when moving them from their enclosure. Once out of the enclosure you may be able to handle them with out any problems.

### General Care

**Enclosure:** Baby Brazilian Rainbow Boas can be kept in 10 gallon terrariums. The larger the snakes gets, the more room you will want to provide. Make sure the enclosure is secure and provide a large water bowl and a place to hide. If you are using a glass cage or fish tank, be sure to cover the top to limit the loss of heat.

**Substrate:** Use sphagnum peat moss, cypress mulch, paper towels, craft paper, or newspaper.

**Habitat:** Brazilian Rainbow Boas are secretive snakes and love hiding. Provide a damp hiding place filled with sphagnum moss as well as branches for the boa to climb on. Clean cage at least once a week.

**Temperature:** Temperature during the day should be kept around 80-85° F and should never exceed those temperatures. Night temperature should range between 75-80° F. High humidity is essential. Daily misting should be used to maintain humidity between 75-90%

**Food and Water:** Provide a water bowl that is large enough for the boa to swim in. Baby and juvenile Brazilian Rainbow Boas eat pinky, fuzzy or small adult mice. Night feeding is ideal because the boas are more active. Feed your baby Brazilian Rainbow Boa 1-2 times per week. Adults can be feed every 7-10 days. Brazilian Rainbow Boas may not eat when they are preparing to shed.

**Shedding:** Typically baby Brazilian Rainbow Boas shed every 3-6 weeks. Adults will shed less frequently once they are full grown. The duration between sheds depends on the growth rate. If your boa is shedding in pieces, the humidity is too low. Daily misting should be used to maintain humidity between 75-90 %