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FROGS

Magnificent Tree Frog

Ranoidea splendida

Ranoidea splendida is a large, sturdy tree frog of 10-11 cm from the Kimberley in north-western Australia. It is green with clearly yellow undersides to the legs and feet and often small pale spots on the back, and older animals develop huge glandular swellings above the head. It is nocturnal, calm and hardy in captivity, but easily becomes overweight.

Family: Pelodryadidae Former name: *Litoria splendida; Pelodryas splendida* **Mild skin toxins**

KEY FACTS

THE ANIMAL

Adult size	**10-11 cm** snout-vent length
Lifespan	**7-20 years**
Active	**At night**
Lifestyle	**Arboreal**
Habitat	**Savanna and rocky terrain**
Skin toxins	**Mild** Wash your hands after contact and keep your fingers away from your eyes and mouth
Difficulty	**Beginner**

CARE

Min. enclosure	**45 × 45 × 60 cm** L × W × H for 2 adults
Temperature, day	**24-28 °C**
Basking spot	**28-30 °C**
Temperature, night	**19-23 °C**
Humidity	**70-90%**
Water	**Water section** depth 2-10 cm
UVB	**Optional** Ferguson zone 1
Diet	**Insects**
Kept	**Singly, in pairs or in groups**

BREEDING

Reproduction	**Egg-laying**
Development	**Tadpoles in water**
Egg-laying site	**In water**
Eggs per clutch	**150-2,000**
Clutches per year	**3-4**
Hatching	**1-3 days**
Larval period	**30-60 days** from hatching to metamorphosis
Larval diet	**Algae/plants and complete diet**
Parental care	**None**

PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

CITES	**Not listed**
IUCN	**Least Concern (LC)**

Care at a glance

THE ENCLOSURE	There is relatively little knowledge about keeping *Ranoidea splendida* in captivity.
TEMPERATURE	Keep the terrarium at 24-28 °C by day and 19-23 °C at night. There should be a slightly warmer spot at the top, up to 30 °C, and cooler spots lower down, so that the frog can choose for itself.
HUMIDITY AND MISTING	Humidity must be high, 70-90 %, with a slight drop during the daytime. Mist the terrarium every day or every other day, preferably in the evening when the frog wakes up.
WATER AND WATER QUALITY	*Ranoidea splendida* must always have access to clean water.
LIGHTING AND UVB	The frog is nocturnal and does not need strong light. A fluorescent tube in the terrarium mainly serves the plants, and tubes are better than incandescent bulbs, which heat and dry the air.
FEEDING	*Ranoidea splendida* eats live crickets, flies, moths, earthworms and other insects that it can fit in its mouth. It takes only prey that moves.
BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING	*Ranoidea splendida* is calm and settles into captivity quickly. Most animals become tame when they are seen daily, but the species is nocturnal, so it often sits hidden by day.
NATIVE RANGE	Australia.