



Mission Golden eyed Treefrog *Trachycephalus resinifictrix*

- Also commonly called the “Amazon Milk Frog”.
- The Mission golden eyed tree frog is a chubby, medium to large sized tree frog with warty or lumpy skin ranging in color from grayish to pale bluish or greenish-gray with 2-3 wider darker brown bands.
- Indigenous to tropical to the Amazonian rainforests and surrounding regions of South America.
- If provided the proper care, mission golden eyed tree frogs can attain longevity of 5-10 years or more.

Size

Adult Misison Golden eyed Treefrogs typically reach up to 2-5”.

Housing

Housing must be sealed and escape proof with a secured top or aquarium hood. A 15-20 gallon tall aquarium or terrarium is suitable for a single Mission golden eyed tree frog. They can be housed communally in accordingly larger housing as well. Provide several horizontal perches for the frog to climb and rest on. Provide additional live or artificial foliage, logs, cork bark, or other cage furnishings for added security and aesthetic appeal. Substrates that retain some moisture and humidity should be used such as paper towels, or sphagnum moss, cypress mulch, or potting soil for more naturalistic enclosures. Substrate should be pesticide free. Provide a large, shallow water dish in the enclosure and change at least 2-3 times weekly. Spot clean daily.

Maintain these tree frogs at higher humidity. Mist the enclosure at least once daily. Mission golden eyed tree frogs do not require additional UV lighting, but can be provided a low wattage daylight spectrum or florescent form of lighting. Maintain these frogs at ambient temperatures of between 75 and 80 degrees F, but do not allow for temperatures to drop below or rise above this range. A 12-14 hour light cycle can also be provided.

Feeding/Diet

Mission golden eyed tree frogs are voracious insectivorous, and will eat insects, arachnids, and other invertebrates they can catch and swallow. They will occasionally catch and consume smaller amphibians or even small rodents on occasion.

These tree frogs in captivity should be fed 2-3 times weekly. Feed them crickets, roaches, earthworms, mealworms. These tree frogs will eat pinky mice, but offer these sparingly, if at all. Do not overfeed these frogs, or obesity and other health issues may become an issue.

Feeder insects should be gut loaded (provided a quality diet containing vitamins and minerals). Dust insects with vitamin D3 and calcium supplements 1-2 times weekly for added nutritional value.

Handling

As with many amphibians, Mission Golden eyed tree frogs are fragile animals that are sensitive to frequent handling. This species will tolerate some level of careful but deliberate handling when they are larger adults, but prolonged handling in general may unnecessarily stress these frogs. As with all amphibians, their skin is soft and permeable; Wash hands thoroughly and avoid any lotions, creams, or oils before handling any amphibian.

****Also be sure to practice basic cleanliness and hygiene associated with proper husbandry after touching or handling any animals or animal enclosures to prevent the possibility of contracting salmonellosis or any other zoonotic pathogens****