

Jungle Carpet Python

Native to: Australia

Size: 4 1/2 – 7 ft

Lifespan: 20-30 years

Enclosure: Arboreal cage, 40 gallon or larger breeder

Diet: Rodents

Feeding: Juveniles weekly, adults every 10 days. Feed food items that are no thicker than the thickest part of the snake's body. I prefer to feed all my snakes frozen / thawed. This is much safer for the snake and it is much easier for me to keep a freezer full of rodents. I prefer to feed all my snakes frozen / thawed. This is much safer for the snake and it is much easier for me to keep a freezer full of rodents.

Temps: 75-80, basking spot at 90, night 70-80 gradient

Lighting: 10-12 hour photoperiod

Furniture: Climbing sticks and vines, hide box. Keep in mind that if you take sticks and rocks from the wild, they must be boiled for 5 minutes or baked in the oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Make sure you know if any of the materials are toxic to your pet (i.e. cedar), and be certain it is not illegal to collect it from the wild!

Maintenance: Fresh water daily, spot clean cage

* Carpet pythons are by far my favorite snakes. They are medium bodied, and never get much thicker than an average arm. Make note than when they are young they are typically very nippy. As carpets get older and are handled more often they calm down significantly and make great pets.*