## Cruziohyla calcarifer

Splendid Leaf Frog

Distribution: Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama

*Habitat:* Tree dweller often found 30 feet or higher in the canopy of the rainforest, mainly in areas where water collects under the trees.

Size: 2.5" - 4" (females larger than males)

Trade availability: Scarce



## **Captive Care**

Space: A 30 gallon high or 24x18x24 Exo Terra is suitable for 2-3 adults.

Substrate: Peat sphagnum (at a 2-3" depth) with an inch of pea gravel (or similar) underneath for drainage.

Plants: Live plants such as pothos, large leafed philodendron, monstera, and rubber plants are good for this

species. Keep in mind this frog prefers to sleep on horizontal surfaces.

Branches: Branches are appreciated by this species. Be sure to clean branches using a mild bleach solution and

allow to air dry before adding to the enclosure.

*Water*: A shallow water dish with distilled water is recommended.

*Temperature:* Day temperatures no higher than 84°F

Night temperatures around 72-74°F

Humidity: 80% covered, 20% ventilated is recommended. Glass, plexiglass, or Saran Wrap on a screen lid works

well.

Lighting: 2% UVB for 10-12 hours a day is required for frogs 2 months and older, no more than 3% UVB.

UVB is essential for the frog's growth! It will also help eliminate excess bacteria growth in the tank.

Food: Juveniles: ½" crickets

Adults: 5/8"-3/4" crickets and similarly sized roaches

Dust all food with a 3:1 ratio of Rep-Cal Herptivite to Rep-Cal Calcium without Vitamin D3.