



CARE SHEET

Jungle Nymph

Heteropteryx dilitata

Papua New Guinea



- Keep above 18C at all times.
- Care not to accidentally throw away in dead bramble leaves
- If dry, spray or drip pipette over head only, or leaf above head, to allow them to drink. Needs doing every day in certain vivs, but especially if room is cold which means the heating light will burn stronger at night and dry them out.
- Feeding: new bramble leaves every two days. Too many stems leads to water going off quicker. Putrid water needs changing immediately. Best to use RO or rain water.
- Adult females can attack with their spiny back legs. Let them walk off brambles or cut around them as their legs/claws can easily be damaged.
- Avoid opening the glass door if their legs are on it or near the top or bottom (guillotining)
- Cover water in food jam jar with moss or sticks esp with smaller instars.
- Check heat thermostat hasn't be moved from 23C and check lights work. Check temperature minimum on thermometer daily.
- Experience: By far the greatest threat is new staff/volunteers not seeing them and throwing them away in the compost esp the males. Count them in and out. We have lost them due to lack of heat mats in winter homes (keep above 18C). We have had problems with dehydration and skin changes - easily corrected by spraying in head daily. Spray that runs down onto legs and abdomen tip can persist and lead to necrosis so spray leaves\glass near head.