

Life in the Rainforest

Care Guide

Leaf Insects

Phyllium Sp

Food Plants. Bramble, Oak.

Housing. Make sure they are well ventilated and spray once a day with rain water. Cage must be tall to allow room for moulting. Change the food plant at least once a week or when it has died. Stand food plant in rain water only and do not allow it to become contaminated with frass. Clean out all frass (Droppings) at least once a week.

Temp. They must be kept at 70 or above. Humidity needs to high.

Eggs For eggs to be fertile the female must be mated. Eggs hatch after about 3 months but can take much longer. Keep them on a layer of peat in plastic box with air holes. Spray inside lid of box twice a week with rain water.

Nymphs. When offering food plant to newly hatched nymphs cut the leaves to make it easier for them to feed. Once you have a mixture of adults and young the adults will cut into the leaves for the young.

Lifespan This species lives for 12-18 months.