

Red Eyed Tree Frog

(Agalychnis callidryas)



Country of Origin	Costa Rica
Average Size	3 Inches
Temperament	Active, Colourful
Food Source	Livefood
Experience Level	Intermediate

Red Eyed Tree Frogs are one of the most attractive and popular tree frog species in captivity. Because of this, demands are usually high, and they can be considered expensive and hard to get hold of, but many frog keeps consider them well worth the expensive, because of their beauty. These tree frogs are usually bright green, with blue sides, orange feet, and bright red eyes.

This is a medium sized nocturnal tree frog that ranges from 2 to 3 inches in size, with males being smaller than females, and having a night-call. They are a communal species, and it is recommended to keep them in groups of at least two or more. Due to their high demand, these frogs are beginning to be bred in captivity, and many keepers aspire to breeding this stunning frog. Wild caught adults can be prone to stress and are delicate. Handling should always be kept to a minimum!

Ample space is required for adults, a two foot enclosure, with at least 18-24" of height is recommended for a pair. Glass or Exo-terra enclosures can be more suitable than wooden vivariums, due to the high level of moisture needed, which can lead to warping or wood rot. Many tropical tree frogs can be kept in a living enclosure – with live plants and a soil base but do research that the plants are not toxic, and allow the terrarium to establish itself before adding animals. Ample plants, branches, and décor should be provided to emulate the natural habitat.

These tropical frogs should be kept at a daytime temperature of 76 to 83 F, with this temperature dropping several degrees at night. Humidity should be kept at least 60%, but can go as high as 100% after a misting. Misting once or twice daily, and a large water bowl, should help maintain these humidity levels. This is a delicate species and we would recommend setting up the environment in advance, and due to this we recommend red eyed tree frogs for intermediate keepers, or those willing to do ample research.

Like most tree frogs the Red Eyed Tree Frog has a large appetite, and will take an assortment of livefood, such as crickets, waxworms, mealworms, and even small locusts. Adults should be fed two to three times a week, typically no more than they can eat within a few hours. Juveniles should be fed smaller prey items daily. It is important to use a calcium supplement with the food. Do not leave prey items in the vivarium for a long period of time, as uneaten food can bite or cause stress.

In conclusion, this is one of the most attractive and sought after tree frogs but can be delicate, so should be well researched and a setup purchased and temperatures/humidity tested in advance.