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Black Beauty Stick Insects

Peruphasma schultei

Housing:

House in a cylinder cage or a tank with a secure lid of mesh, or similar, to provide good ventilation. These are fairly fast insects so care must be taken when the lid is open.

Temperature:

Around 20°C

Feeding:

This species feed on privet.

The leafy twigs should be kept in water and sprayed with a fine-mist water spray to keep them fresh and should only need renewing once or twice a week.

Breeding:

Adults kept in the correct environment will mate and the females will lay eggs. To hatch the eggs, keep them at around 20°C for between 6 and 9 months, depending on the species.

It is a good idea to put some fresh leaves in the container when you estimate the young may hatch, so that they can feed immediately.

Keep the young in the same way as the adults.