We have a few different tarantula species living at ZooMontana. Taboo is a Chilean Rose Hair tarantula, Bluey is a Green Bottle Blue tarantula, and Bingo is a Red Island Bird Eater tarantula. Tarantulas are not insects, they are arachnids. This means they have 8 legs and 2 body segments. So what is the difference between tarantulas and other spiders? Tarantulas are usually larger, have hair all over their body, and use their silk to cover the opening of burrows they live in so they can trap prey right outside them. All spiders are venomous, but most of them are not venomous to humans. They use this venom to help slow down their prey and liquefy their insides so they can eat.

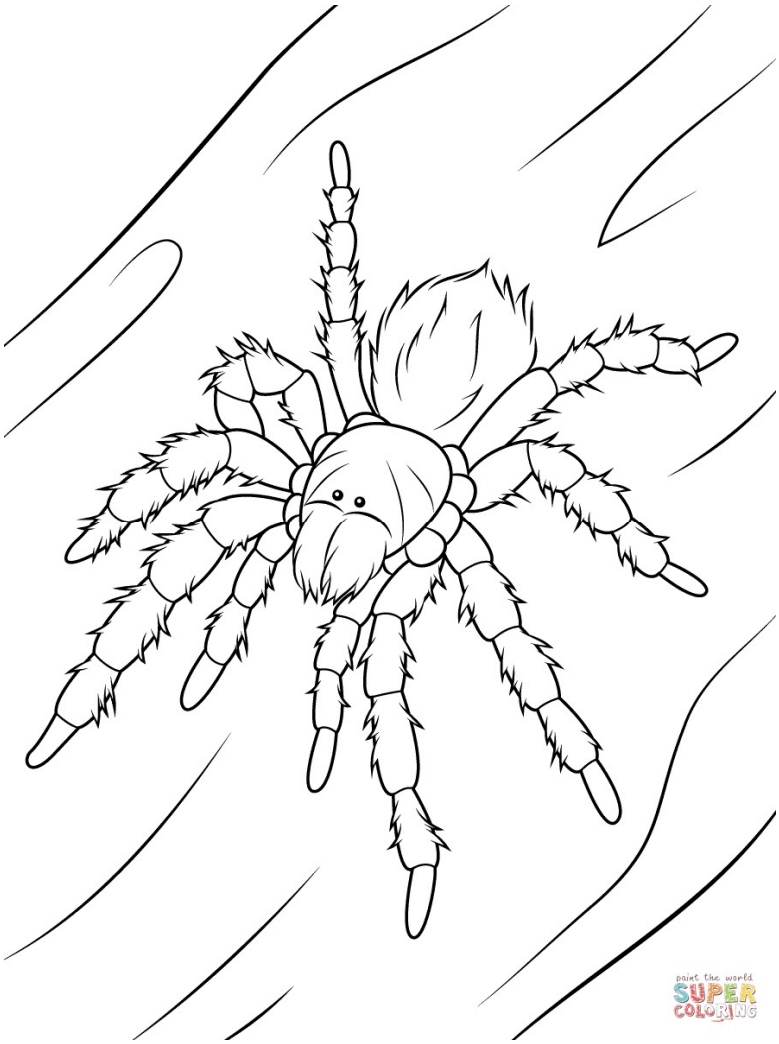


Chilean rose hair tarantulas are native to Chile, Bolivia, and Argentina. Green bottle blue tarantulas are native to the Paraguayan peninsula and Red island birdeater tarantulas are native to the Dominican Republic.

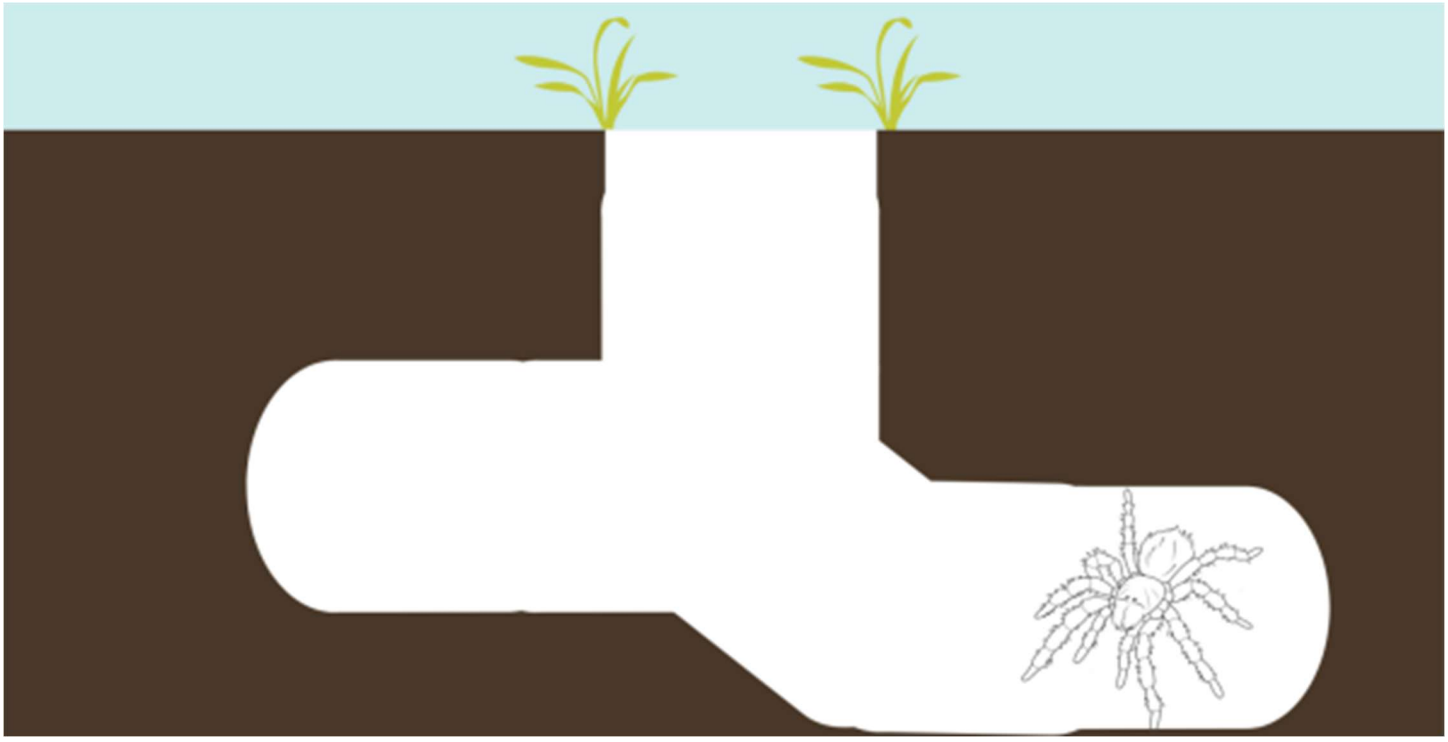
Here are some of the adaptations of the tarantulas that live at the Zoo:

- The hair all over a tarantula's body gives them a lot of information. They can sense vibrations, tell the temperature, and even detect smells.
- At the end of each tarantula's legs you can find small claws. These claws help them grip and climb very steep surfaces.
- Female tarantulas typically live a lot longer than males. For example, Taboo can live to be 20 years old in expert care, but a male Chilean rose hair will only live to be about 3-4 years old.

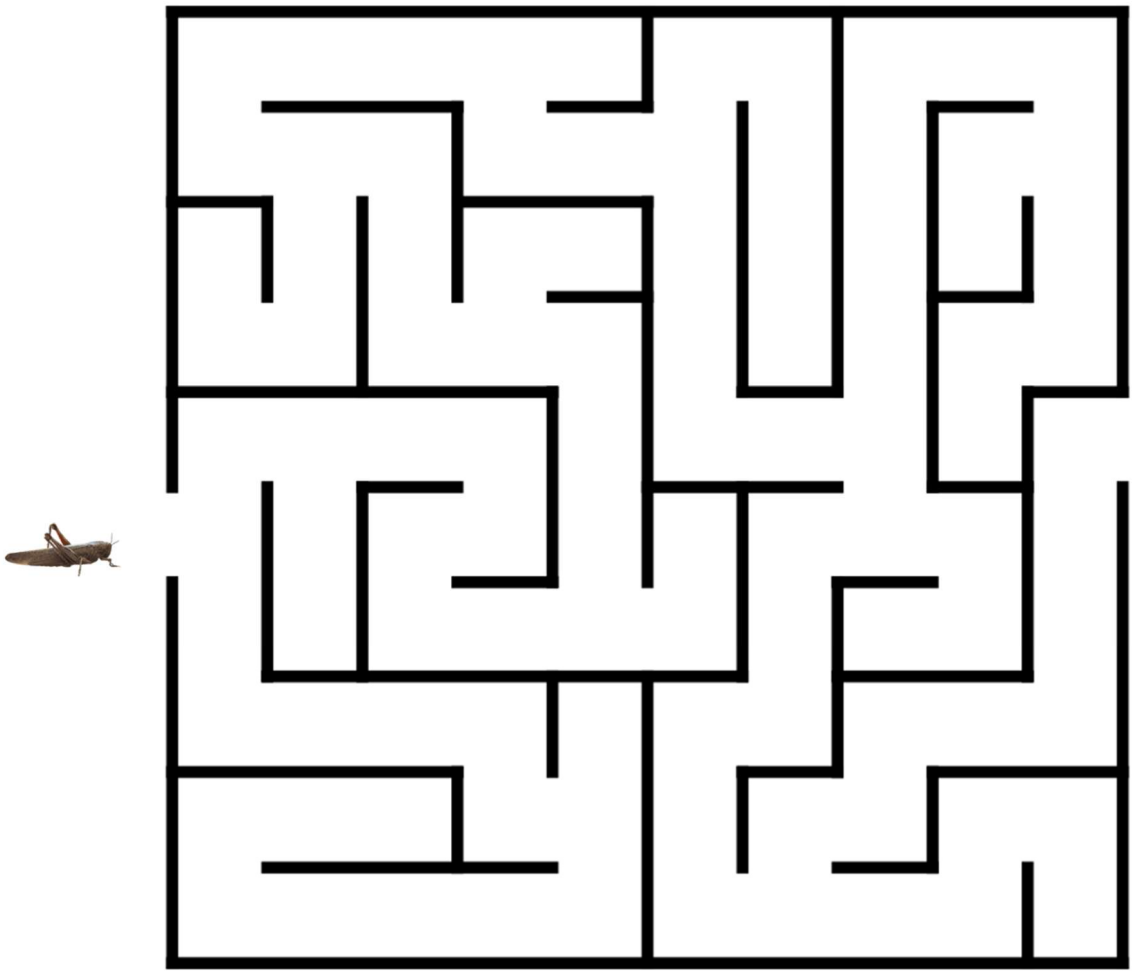
Come up with a cool background pattern and color the tarantula to blend in.



Tarantulas live in underground burrows. Decorate this tarantula's burrow to make it a proper home.



Help this tarantula travel through the maze to find her meal.





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