

Tropius

Tropius (#357)

Sex Ratio: 50/50

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| Grass | Flying |
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| Egg Group: Monster, Grass |
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| <i>Tropius modernus</i> (Tropius) |
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Abilities:

Chlorophyll, Solar Power, Harvest

Tropius the Fruit Pokémon, this living fossil has been around for a hundred million years, and has been a friend to humanity through that time.

| Base Stats | |
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| HP | 99 |
| Attack | 68 |
| Defense | 83 |
| Sp. Attack | 72 |
| Sp. Defense | 87 |
| Speed | 51 |

Tropius are non-evolving Pokémon that average at 6'7 feet tall (2 M) and 220.5 pounds (100 kg). They are rather bulky Pokémon, but their flying type gives them the ability to use their leafy wings in flight. Still, they are not particularly graceful fliers, and their flight abilities are more function over form.

Habitat: Tropius are an ancient Pokémon that existed before South America and Africa separated completely. While the initial splitting of Gondwana began around 184 MYA, the two sections of the supercontinent would take many tens of millions of years to fully break apart and separate from each other. Early members of Tropiusaurus emerged from the Sauropods during the Mid-Jurassic period (174-163 MYA), where they spread across Gondwana. Records indicate migrations between the land masses for millions of years as Tropius populations steadily split with the diverging lands, but their flight kept their populations interbreeding for countless generations and even across the Atlantic Islands that developed between Africa and South America during these times. Of course, there were other species of Tropiusaurs during this time period, but the metapopulation remained cohesive for millions of years until it steadily became less and less feasible for Tropiuses to make trans-Atlantic migrations to other lands.

Because of this incredibly long history, and Tropiuses remaining *largely* the same throughout time, these living fossils can be found in the tropical regions of South America, Central America, and Africa, as well as the assorted tropical islands of the Atlantic Ocean.

Life Cycle: Tropius live for many decades under optimal conditions, living well into their 40s and 50s in the wild. They are megafauna by our standards, though tiny compared to Tropiusaurs of the past. These huge creatures reproduce every other year from an egg that takes ages to develop and hatch. They will mate during the dry season (if applicable) of one year, and inside their bodies steadily gather the energy needed to create an egg during the rainy season, the egg is laid during the following dry season, and it hatches in the rainy season. If such seasonal distinctions do not exist, then the Tropius simply mates at random in a 2-3 year cycle.

These babies take two years to emerge after mating, but they emerge fully formed and capable of flight with no early stage to hinder themselves. Of course there is parental care, for Tropius are communal creatures who care for their young and prefer to exist in groups that work together.

| Tropius | | Grass | Flying |
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| Learnset: Level Up | | Level | Category |
| Normal | Leer | 1 | Status |
| Flying | Gust | 1 | Special |
| Normal | Growth | 1 | Status |
| Grass | Razor Leaf | 1 | Physical |
| Normal | Sweet Scent | 5 | Status |
| Normal | Stomp | 9 | Physical |
| Grass | Magical Leaf | 14 | Special |
| Normal | Whirlwind | 19 | Status |
| Normal | Bestow | 22 | Status |
| Grass | Leaf Tornado | 25 | Special |
| Dragon | Dragon Dance | 27 | Status |
| Rock | Wide Guard | 30 | Status |
| Normal | Natural Gift | 33 | Physical |
| Flying | Air Slash | 36 | Special |
| Normal | Body Slam | 40 | Physical |
| Grass | Synthesis | 44 | Special |
| Dragon | Dragon Hammer | 47 | Physical |
| Dragon | Outrage | 50 | Physical |
| Grass | Solar Beam | 55 | Status |
| Grass | Leaf Storm | 61 | Special |

Tropius are at the greatest risk of predation during the first two years of its life, when they are smaller and less able to handle the world around them. The main things that eat Tropius are leopards and jaguars.

A Tropius becomes reproductively mature around 10 years old (and, of course, it is at least level 15), and is able to have offspring until its death.

Behavior: Tropius live in family groups called herds or “forests.” These groups range anywhere from a handful to many dozens of Tropiuses. In general, it is the males that will leave for other herds, often even forming many bachelor herds, but this is not a hard rule. Their mating rituals are complex, involving a lot of necking, singing, and displays of strength and agility.

Tropius are known to be migratory creatures who fly to other areas in search of seasonal foods or in search of other herds.

During the flowering season of their homes, Tropiuses will shake their necks to spread the spores of their favorite fruit, helping to pollinate them.

| Learnset: Breeding | | |
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| Grass | Bullet Seed | Physical |
| Ghost | Curse | Status |
| Dragon | Dragon Dance | Status |
| Dragon | Dragon Hammer | Physical |
| Normal | Headbutt | Physical |
| Grass | Lead Storm | Special |
| Grass | Leaf Blade | Physical |
| Grass | Leech Seed | Status |
| Normal | Nature Power | Status |
| Normal | Razor Wind | Special |
| Normal | Slam | Physical |
| Grass | Synthesis | Status |
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Diet: Tropius eat fruit and absorb sunlight through their big leafy wings. They will implant their favorite fruit, usually a type of banana, as a seed onto their necks where they then grow the fruit directly from their necks. These fruit are then fed to baby Tropius, though many Pokémon will consume them without harm to the Tropius.

Their sociality makes them excellent companions to humans!

Conservation: Least Concern. They are numerous, hardy Pokémon that have managed to survive many changes to the planet, and are not in danger of extinction anytime soon.

Relationship with Humans: Tropiuses have existed in some form for far longer than humans and our primate ancestors have walked the earth. Our ancestors have eaten the fruit of Tropius since time immemorial. They have historically been large creatures of the forest that many smaller creatures and Pokémon could seek protection through. They were protection from leopards and other predators, and they sometimes provided fruit. While it’s hard to say what the Tropiuses got out of these relationships, if anything, they certainly aren’t harmed by them in the modern day.

In paleolithic times, Tropiuses were likely hunted by ancient humans as we ate most things that we could catch, but our co-evolutionary history with them means that Tropiuses are wise to our ways and thus, like the rest of the African megafauna, did not go extinct.

In modern times, Tropiuses are seen as the gentle giants of the jungle, who's fruit are edible and who yield no danger to humans so long as we do not bother them. There are farmers who raise Tropiuses specifically for their exceptional neck fruits, and children in particular love these fruits. Tropiuses are excellent around human children and are a quintessential aspect to the lives of humans in the tropics of Central/South America and Africa.

Additionally, there is a cereal brand called Tropius Fruit with a Tropius mascot ("Kids love Tropius!"), and it's a banana-flavored cereal shaped into bananas with Tropius-head marshmallows.

Classification: Tropiuses have the species name *Tropius modernus*. Interestingly, they are not the only species of Tropiuses alive, but certainly the least derived from their ancestral state. Meganium is part of the Tropiuses, though a species that lost its wings and evolved to develop neck flowers instead of neck fruit. Of course, this split likely occurred tens of millions of years ago.

| Learnset: Tutoring/TMs | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Flying | Aerial Ace | Physical | Bug | Fury Cutter | Physical | Normal | Round | Special | Grass | Trailblaze | Physical |
| Flying | Air Cutter | Special | Grass | Giga Drain | Special | Normal | Safeguard | Status | Dragon | Twister | Special |
| Normal | Attract | Status | Normal | Giga Impact | Physical | Normal | Secret Power | Physical | Bug | U-Turn | Physical |
| Fighting | Body Press | Physical | Grass | Grass Knot | Special | Grass | Seed Bomb | Physical | Grass | Worry Seed | Status |
| Normal | Body Slam | Physical | Grass | Grassy Terrain | Status | Bug | Silver Wind | Special | Psychic | Zen Headbutt | Physical |
| Dark | Brutal Swing | Physical | Normal | Helping Hand | Status | Normal | Sleep Talk | Status | | | |
| Ground | Bulldoze | Physical | Normal | Hidden Power | Special | Normal | Snore | Special | | | |
| Normal | Captivate | Status | Flying | Hurricane | Special | Grass | Solar Beam | Special | | | |
| Normal | Confide | Status | Normal | Hyper Beam | Special | Grass | Solar Blade | Physical | | | |
| Flying | Defog | Status | Normal | Mimic | Status | Ghost | Spite | Status | | | |
| Normal | Double Team | Status | Ground | Mud-Slap | Special | Steel | Steel Wing | Physical | | | |
| Normal | Double-Edge | Physical | Normal | Nature Power | Status | Ground | Stomping Tantrum | Physical | | | |
| Dragon | Dragon Pulse | Special | Ghost | Ominous Wind | Special | Normal | Substitute | Status | | | |
| Dragon | Dragon Tail | Physical | Dragon | Outrage | Physical | Fire | Sunny Day | Status | | | |
| Ground | Earthquake | Physical | Normal | Protect | Status | Normal | Swagger | Status | | | |
| Normal | Endure | Status | Water | Rain Dance | Status | Normal | Swords Dance | Status | | | |
| Grass | Energy Ball | Special | Psychic | Rest | Status | Grass | Synthesis | Status | | | |
| Normal | Façade | Physical | Normal | Return | Physical | Flying | Tailwind | Status | | | |
| Normal | Flash | Status | Normal | Roar | Status | Normal | Take Down | Physical | | | |
| Flying | Fly | Physical | Fighting | Rock Smash | Physical | Normal | Tera Blast | ??? | | | |
| Normal | Frustration | Physical | Flying | Roost | Status | Poison | Toxic | Status | | | |