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Dead Leaf Mantis

Deroplatys desiccata

The dead leaf mantis, scientifically known as *Deroplatys desiccata*, is a remarkable species of praying mantis that is expertly camouflaged to resemble a dry, crumpled leaf. Native to Southeast Asia, ...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Deroplatyidae

Habitat: Tropical forests and woodlands

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 8-12 months

Weight: 2-4 grams

Scientific name: *Deroplatys desiccata*

Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating appearance, dead leaf mantises are harmless to humans and are sometimes kept as unusual pets by insect enthusiasts.
- Dead leaf mantises can play dead by dropping to the forest floor and remaining motionless when threatened. They exhibit sexual cannibalism, with fema...

What I learned
