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Animal Fact Sheet

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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

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