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Mantis fly

Mantispa styriaca

The mantis fly, or mantidfly, is a predatory insect that closely resembles a praying mantis but is actually more closely related to lacewings. It has raptorial front legs adapted for grasping prey an...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Mantispidae

Habitat: Temperate and subtropical forests

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-2 years

Weight: 0.01–0.02 grams

Scientific name: *Mantispa styriaca*

Did you know?

- Despite their name and appearance, mantis flies are not true flies or mantises, but belong to their own family, Mantispidae.
- Mantis flies are masters of mimicry, often resembling wasps or mantids to avoid predators. The larvae of some species invade spider egg sacs and feed...

What I learned
