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Animal Fact Sheet

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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

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