

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Mantisfly

*Mantispidae (family; includes multiple genera and species)*

The mantisfly is a fascinating predatory insect belonging to the family Mantispidae, known for its striking resemblance to both praying mantises and lacewings. These insects possess raptorial foreleg...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Mantispidae

**Habitat:** Forests and grasslands with abundant vegetation

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 1-2 years

**Weight:** 0.01-0.03 grams

**Scientific name:** Mantispidae (family; includes multiple genera and species)

### Did you know?

- Despite their name and appearance, mantisflies are more closely related to lacewings than to praying mantises.
- Mantisflies are well known for their remarkable mimicry, imitating the appearance and hunting techniques of true mantises. Their larvae display a uni...

### What I learned

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