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Animal Fact Sheet

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Orchid Mantis

Hymenopus coronatus

The orchid mantis appears to be a flower, and for a long time that was assumed to be the whole story: a predator hiding among blossoms, waiting for a pollinator to blunder past. The truth turned out …

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Hymenopodidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-9 months
Weight: 1-2 grams
Scientific name: Hymenopus coronatus

Did you know?

- The Orchid Mantis is one of the only insects that doesn't just blend into flowers—it actively mimics them to attract and ambush pollinators for food.
- It attracts more pollinating insects than real flowers do — bees prefer the mantis to the blossom it imitates. That makes it the first known case of …

What I learned

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