

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Praying Mantis

*Mantis religiosa*

The Praying Mantis is a well-known insect famous for its upright posture and folded forearms, which resemble a praying gesture. These predatory insects are masters of camouflage, often blending seaml...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Mantidae

**Habitat:** Grasslands, gardens, forests, and shrublands

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 6 to 12 months

**Weight:** 1 to 7 grams

**Scientific name:** Mantis religiosa

### Did you know?

- Some larger praying mantis species are known to prey on small birds, frogs, and even lizards, not just insects.
- Praying Mantises can rotate their heads 180 degrees to scan their surroundings. Females are known for occasional sexual cannibalism, sometimes eating...

### What I learned

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