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## Wandering violin mantis

*Gongylus gongylodes*

The wandering violin mantis is a striking insect known for its slender, leaf-like limbs and distinctive body shape that mimics dried twigs and leaves, providing excellent camouflage. Native to the In...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Empusidae

**Habitat:** Tropical and subtropical forests, shrublands

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 10-12 months

**Weight:** 1-2 grams

**Scientific name:** *Gongylus gongylodes*

### Did you know?

- Despite its ghostly, fragile appearance, the wandering violin mantis is a skilled and voracious predator, capable of catching prey almost as large as...
- The wandering violin mantis is famous for its hypnotic, swaying motion, which mimics the movement of leaves in the wind. Unlike many mantids, it ofte...

### What I learned

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