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Animal Fact Sheet

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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…

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