

# Download Praying Home The Mantis

The mantis was revered by the southern African Khoi and San in whose cultures man and nature were intertwined; for its praying posture, the mantis was even named Hottentotsgot ("god of the Khoi") in the Afrikaans language that had developed among the first European settlers. Praying Mantis. Image Source. A Praying Mantis, or praying mantid, is the common name for an insect of the order Mantodea. These insects are notorious predators and their name is sometime mistakenly spelled 'Preying Mantis' which is incorrect. They are in fact named for the typical 'prayer-like' stance. This gives the praying mantis plenty of room to walk around and shed its coat. This is important, as the mantis can lose mobility in its limbs if it is unable to move around freely. Use a ruler to estimate the size of your praying mantis. A praying mantis is just as likely to eat a native bee that's pollinating your plants as it is to eat a caterpillar pest. Garden supply companies often sell the egg cases of Chinese mantids, touting them as a biological control for your garden, but these predators may do as much harm as good in the end., Praying Home The Mantis.

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