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What Does a Praying Mantis Look Like?

Short Answer Key

1. Praying mantises are usually 2 to 4 inches long, but some species, like the giant Asian mantis, can grow up to 6 inches.
2. The colors and patterns of a praying mantis help it blend into its surroundings, making it harder for predators to see it.
3. The spines on a mantis's front legs help it grip prey tightly, so it doesn't escape.
4. The praying mantis has large eyes and can turn its head almost 180 degrees, giving it excellent vision for spotting movement.
5. Brightly colored wings are used to scare predators by surprising them.

