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What Does a Praying Mantis Eat?

Short Answer Key

1. Praying mantises eat insects like crickets, flies, and grasshoppers, and sometimes small animals like frogs or lizards.
2. The praying mantis uses its large compound eyes to spot even small movements.
3. The spines on the mantis's front legs are used to grip prey tightly so it can't escape.
4. It is called an ambush predator because it hides and waits for prey instead of chasing it.
5. After catching its prey, the mantis chews it alive with its strong jaws.

