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Praying Mantis Families: From Mating to Egg-Laying

Short Answer Key

1. Female mantises use pheromones to attract males.
2. The ootheca hardens into a shell, protecting the eggs from predators and bad weather.
3. Nymphs look like tiny versions of adult mantises but don't have wings.
4. Praying mantises don't care for their young because this ensures only the strongest individuals survive.
5. The eggs typically hatch in the spring when the weather warms up.

