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## Predators and Threats to the Praying Mantis

### Short Answer Key

1. Birds, bats, frogs, lizards, snakes, spiders, and wasps hunt praying mantises.
2. Extreme weather like heavy rain or strong winds can make it harder for mantises to hide or find food.
3. Habitat loss removes the plants mantises rely on for hiding and hunting, making them more vulnerable to predators.
4. Pesticides can harm mantises directly or reduce their food supply by killing other insects.
5. Camouflage helps praying mantises blend into their surroundings, making it harder for predators to spot them.

