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How Does a Praying Mantis Move?

Short Answer Key

1. The claws help mantises grip surfaces like leaves and branches for climbing and stability.
2. Mantises move slowly to stay hidden from predators and prey.
3. Females are heavier, which makes flying more difficult for them.
4. Mantises use their powerful front legs to grab and hold onto prey quickly.
5. Mantises sway back and forth as they walk, mimicking leaves blowing in the wind.

