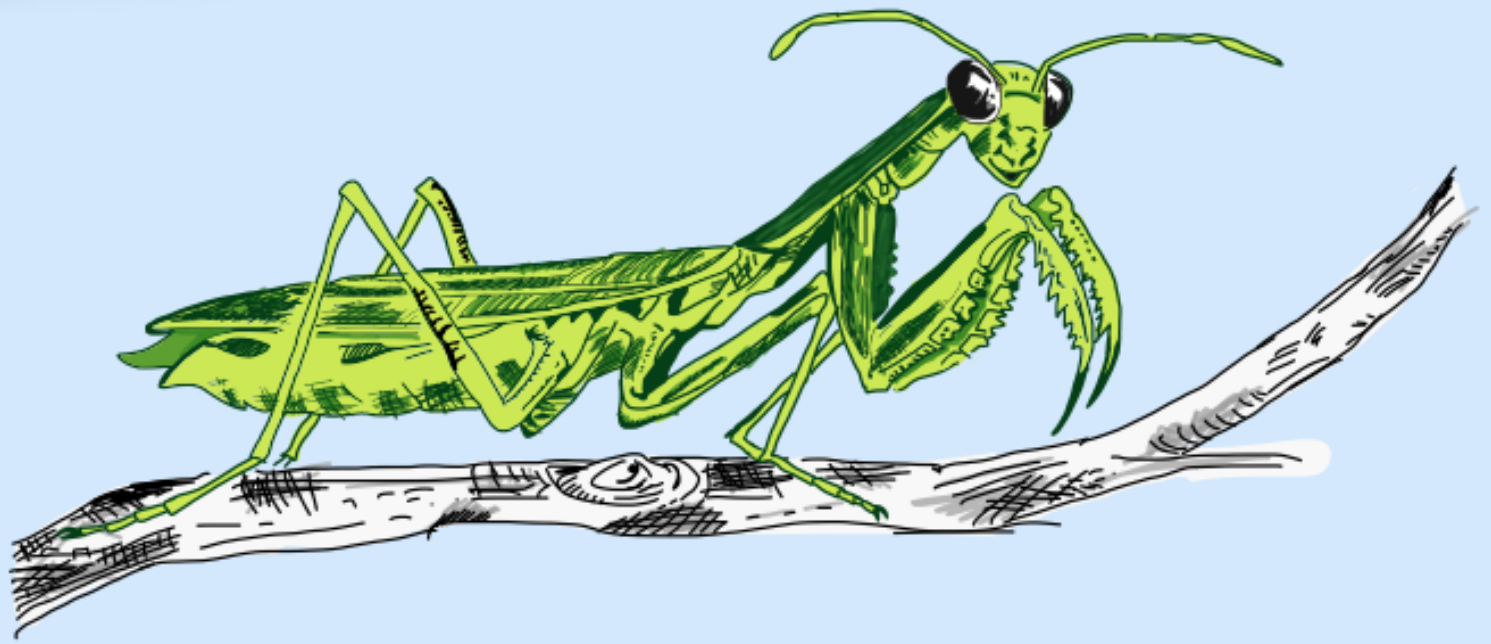


The Praying Mantis



From the book:

Insects do the Strangest Things

Praying Mantis

Have you ever seen an insect poised to pray? Well there is an actual one! The praying mantis. Although it appears to be praying, it is actually looking and waiting for its prey. Once their prey is close enough to reach, it immediately snatches them with their spikey, green, grabbing, front legs. Then they bite its head off and simply eat it.

Since praying mantis are fond of the taste of flies and other bugs, it would be nice to keep 'em by you to prevent some pests bothering you. Maybe they could be your next pet even!