AMAZING ORCHID MANTIS INSECTS SIMILAR AS FLOWERS

It is one of several species known as flower mantises from their resemblance and behaviour. This species is characterized by brilliant coloring and a structure finely adapted for camouflage, mimicking parts of the orchid flower. The four walking legs resemble flower petals, the toothed front pair being used as in other mantises for grasping prey. Males can be less than half the size of females. First stage nymphs mimic bugs of the family Reduviidae, which have a powerful bite and are foul tasting. The mantis can change its colour between pink and brown, according to the colour of the background.

The Orchid Mantis is a beautiful and rare insect that can be found only on white and pink flowers (Orchid). Hard to spot due to its camouflage characteristic, many photographers only notice it after scaring it off. The Orchid Mantis cannot be found during rain. When approached, the orchid mantis will raise its body and spread its wings. The other popular names of this insect are Hymenopus coronatus and walking flower mantis. They originate from India and South-East Asian islands such as Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia. Orchid mantis is one of the most beautiful Mantises in the world.













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