

Beneficial Garden Insects

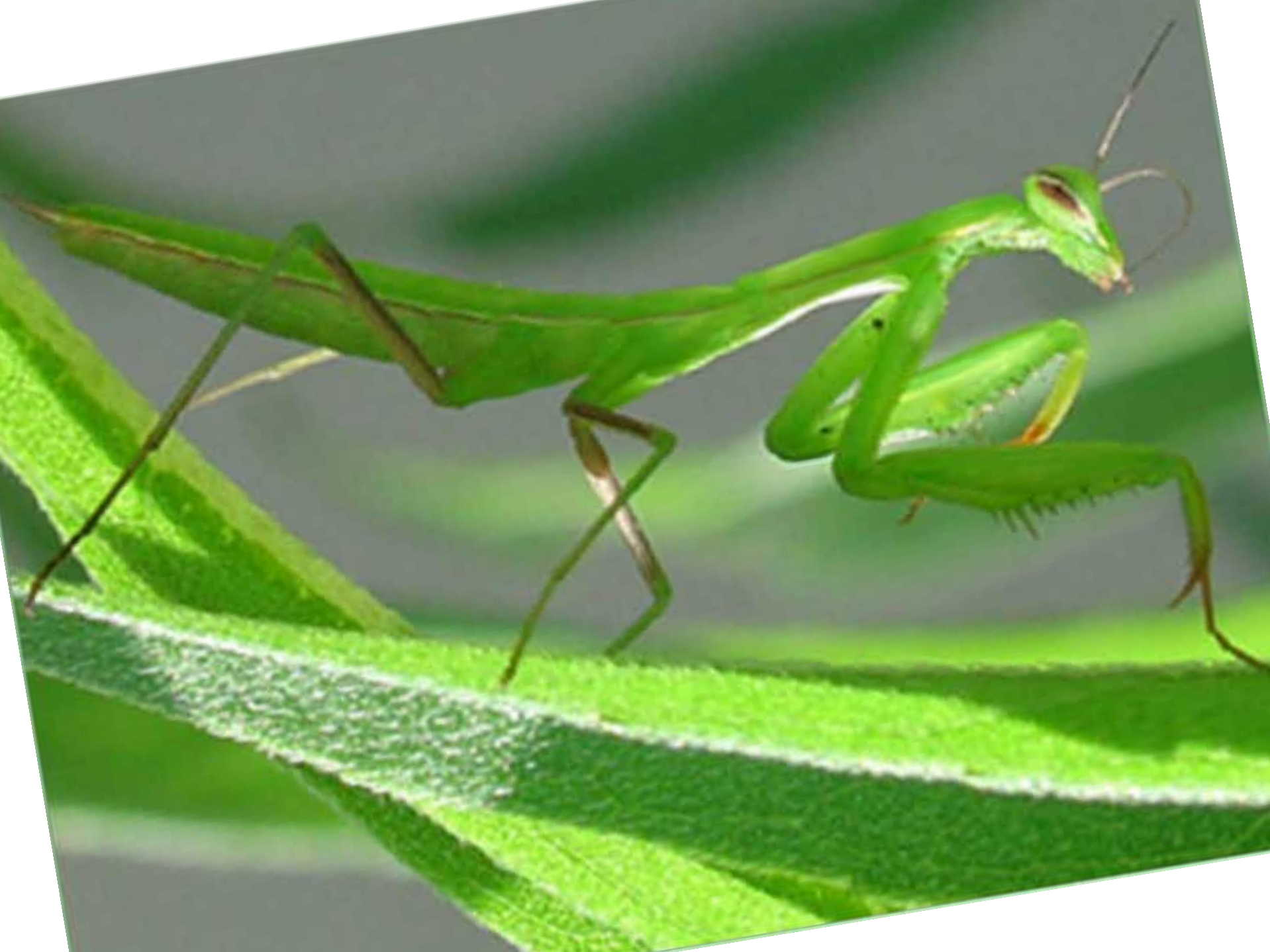
Mantids

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Fast Facts on Mantids

- Mantids are predatory insects that are common in both gardens and flower beds
- The term “mantis” or “praying mantis” refers to a specific genus of Mantids
- The two most common Mantids found in Utah are the *European Mantid* and the *Chinese Mantid*
- Mantids are not discriminatory and will eat pests, other beneficial insects, pollinators and are often times cannibalistic



**A Mantid eating
its prey**





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A Preying Mantis Ootheca (Egg Case)



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