

## Praying Mantis

Praying Mantids are all purpose guardians of the garden, eating almost any moving insect.

Because they stay where they hatch, they can be released before pests arrive.

### Directions for releasing the Mantids' egg cases:

Keep the boxes of egg cases out of direct sunlight. They will hatch around mid-May (depending on how warm it is).

1. Place the egg cases in or near plants that have pest problems.
2. Hang the egg cases according to the directions on the box if there are birds or squirrels in the area.
3. If you want to watch the Mantids hatch, place them in a bowl or terrarium and keep in a warm area. Release immediately on hatching since they will begin to attack each other.