

# *Praying Mantis*

These insects are really astounding to me. Some cultures have imagined them to be rather supernatural, and when I stop and watch them (and realize that they are watching me), I can certainly see why. Something about them seems so alert and sentient.

This spring, our hydrangea bushes were covered with tiny little praying mantises, and it was fun trying to photo them. (Even while so small, they seemed acutely aware of the paparazzi.)

As they've grown, I've watched them turn from light brown into bright vibrant green.

