

Praying Mantis

(Focus: repeated notes/string crossing/alternating right hand fingers)
Praying Mantis' partner songs are Grasshopper and Dragon Fly (*Garden Music*)

Practice Tips:

Begin by playing the right hand of Praying Mantis alone, adding the left hand only after the string crossing and finger switching feel secure. As with Ant, it will help to clap the rhythm of Praying Mantis as part of your practice.

♩ = 104 - 108

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef with a common time signature (C). The first staff begins with a first finger (1) and contains five quarter notes with fingerings m, i, m, i, m, followed by a triplet of three eighth notes. The second staff starts with a third finger (3) and continues the sequence of notes. The third staff starts with a sixth finger (6) and concludes the piece with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Amazing Animal Facts:

- *Mantis females are among the biggest insects in the world.
- *The female mantis sometimes eats the male.
- *The mantis can attack and eat frogs, spiders, mice, lizards, and small birds.