

Madagascar for Real



Praying Mantis in rainforest at the Nosy Mangabe Reserve. (David Parks photo)

This Praying Mantis is an amazing dead leaf mimic and is almost invisible when it is not moving. It preys primarily on other insects.



Ant Lion adult (Myrmeleontidae) from southeastern coastal forest at Sainte Luce. (David Parks photo)

Here's a real Madagascar Lion - an Ant Lion. Ant lion larvae prey on ants and other small insects. Some make conical pits in sandy soil and wait at the bottom to capture insects that fall in.