

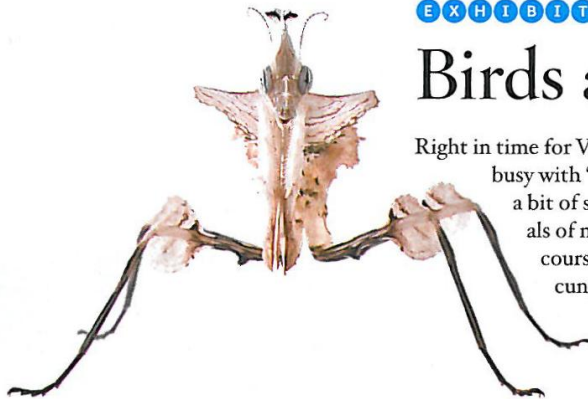


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EXHIBIT

Birds and Bees



Right in time for Valentine's Day, California Academy of Sciences gets busy with "**Animal Attraction**," a new ongoing exhibit that offers a bit of sex education on the unusual and varied mating rituals of nonhuman creatures. The female praying mantis is, of course, known to decapitate her partner in a particularly cunning act of copulation, but did you know that snails shoot "love darts" at each other? For most species, sex is a risky proposition. *Opens Feb. 11; 55 Music Concourse Drive, 415-379-8000, calacademy.org*

