

examination we observed a green-colored praying mantis, approximately 10 cm in length, standing on the feeder while it held and fed on the hummingbird. We destroyed the mantis and observed that it had eaten a deep hole, approximately 1 cm in diameter, in the back of the hummingbird's neck. We had observed a mantis on the feeder on prior days, at which time hummingbirds seemed reluctant to approach, but we did not realize that it could capture such large prey. A large brown-colored praying mantis was found on the feeder the next day. The feeder hangs amid an arch of trumpet creeper (*Campsis radicans*) vines which could attract mantises.—OWEN J. KESTERSON AND CHRISTINE A. KESTERSON, *Route 4, Box 29, Broken Bow, OK. 74728*. Received 15 September 1999, accepted 22 November 1999.

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