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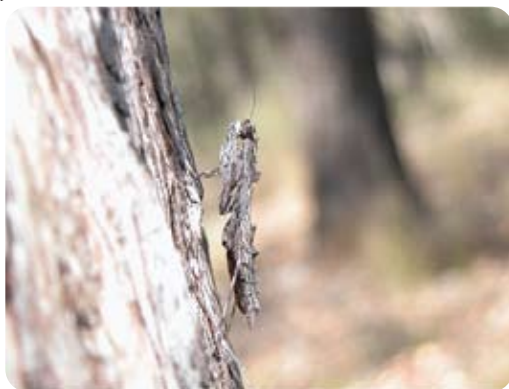
Garden Mantid

Also known as 'Billy The Kid' Bark Mantid

- Description:**
- Length: 10mm-30mm
 - Small mantid with a head, thorax and abdomen and a soft body
 - Prominent eyes, high up on side of a spiny, head
 - Mandibles are evident
 - Long antennae
 - It has three pairs of legs; first pair specialised raptorial forelegs, with a few large and many fine spines; 2nd and 3rd pairs are long and thin
 - It has cryptic colours - often mottled greyish to match tree bark, often with bright patterns on forelegs
 - Males possess wings, held flat over abdomen; females are wingless. Females possess a rounded abdomen, and are scale-like in appearance
 - Incomplete metamorphosis. Nymphs are similar to adults, though smaller and wingless

Likely to be found in: A wide range of habitats, including forests, woodlands and urban environments. Found throughout Australia and well represented locally. Present year-round in Adelaide.

Last seen: Riding his cowboy horse 'Trigger' around well vegetated backyards, parks and local bush-land on tree trunks, fallen bark or ground nearby.



Photographer: Peter Chew. Source: http://www.geocities.com/brisbane_hoppers/Amorphoscelidae.htm

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