

MATING TIPS

From The Animal Kingdom

By Samantha Sharkey

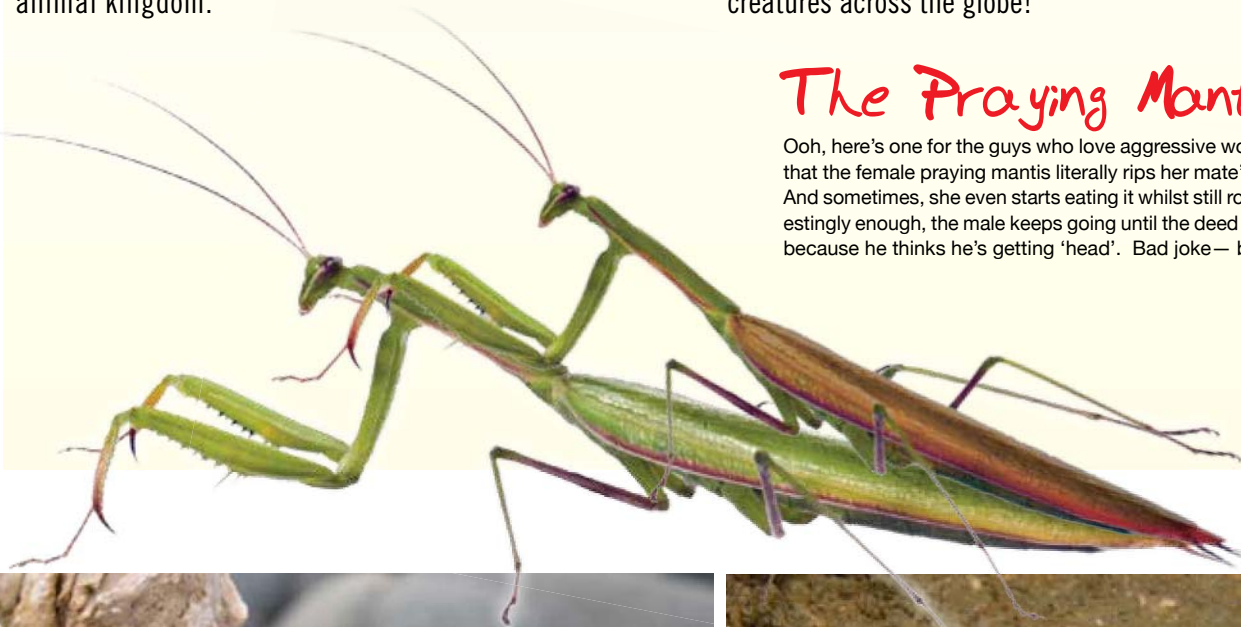
Who among us hasn't turned to a book, magazine, friend or even therapist for sex advice at one point or another? If you keep searching for tips in all the wrong places, it's time you start looking to the most natural source of all: the almighty animal kingdom.

Think about it, every species on this Earth relies on one thing we humans don't—**and that's instinct.**

So read on and learn about the very strangest (yet still effective) mating practices of some of the most fascinating creatures across the globe!

The Praying Mantis

Ooh, here's one for the guys who love aggressive women. Did you know that the female praying mantis literally rips her mate's head off after sex? And sometimes, she even starts eating it whilst still rockin' the boat! Interestingly enough, the male keeps going until the deed is done. Perhaps it's because he thinks he's getting 'head'. Bad joke— but I had to say it!



Photos: istockphoto



The Barnacle

According to www.neatorama.com, these crustaceans fertilize their neighbours but unfortunately, size really does matter. Apparently barnacle sex greatly depends on a long male organ (hmm, not the first species I've heard this apply to.) And a well-endowed barnacle can actually reach another that's seven shells away! Perhaps an underwater penis enlarger could be useful?



The Sea Slug

Sea slugs should definitely be the envy of all men longing to have a three-some. **If only we too, had a penis on one side of our head and a vagina on the other.** These hermaphrodite creatures (also called sea hares) have threesomes, foursomes and chains of more all the time. Allow me to describe a typical threesome: one slug attaches his penis to the vagina of the slug in the middle then the third slug attaches its vagina to the penis of the middle guy. The slug in the middle is considered the 'go between', passing sperm through to the other. Lucky guy—**all action and no commitment.**

The Penguin



Unlike a great lot of humans, penguins are quite the monogamous little creatures. When in love, this tuxedoed couple stands breast to breast and sings aloud, flippers outstretched, “yeah that’s right—we’re in love and we want everyone to know it!” Then two weeks later, the male makes it known that he wants to ‘get it on’ by laying his head on his lady’s stomach. At this point, the two then find a secluded spot for a romantic three-minute lay that will not happen again until the next year. Three minutes, eh? Hmm, perhaps humans and penguins have more in common than I had originally thought.

The Hippo



Nothing screams “let’s get it on” like urinating and defecating simultaneously (well, maybe for some people). Hippos, on the other hand, attract mates precisely like this by twirling their tails like propellers, spreading pee and poop everywhere to mark their territory. Believe it or not, this is irresistible to the opposite sex. Then starts the splashing-around foreplay (in water thankfully, not bodily fluids) before the sex ensues. I think I just might test this mating ritual out with my man tonight... I’ll just try to do it in the bathroom rather than the bedroom. Less cleanup, I would imagine.

The Garden Snail

Since garden snails are hermaphrodites aka genderless, their mating rituals are slightly different but cool nonetheless! Basically one snail shows interest in the other by circling it and rubbing its tentacles on it and ooh—biting at its lips and genitals. As you can imagine, the pressure builds, creating a ‘sex dart’ from within that gets fired at its mate. The other snail then shoots back a dart of its own, releasing a chemical that actually prevents the other from digesting its sperm. Hmm, what an interesting tactic! After all, you can’t get her pregnant if she swallows it, right?

The Lynx Spider



It’s sort of an S&M situation here. According to www.canongate.net, the male lynx spider captures his female via his web, wrapping her in silk (good boy—way to save the fancy sheets for your lady). Eventually he untangles his captive mate and then treats her to a feast of insects. While she’s distracted with food, he mounts her. Because she’s so hungry after all the foreplay, she simply allows him to do his thing. Well, I guess this totally explains why men expect sex after ‘wining and dining’ then.

XXX

