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A male bower bird puts colorful objects in its home.

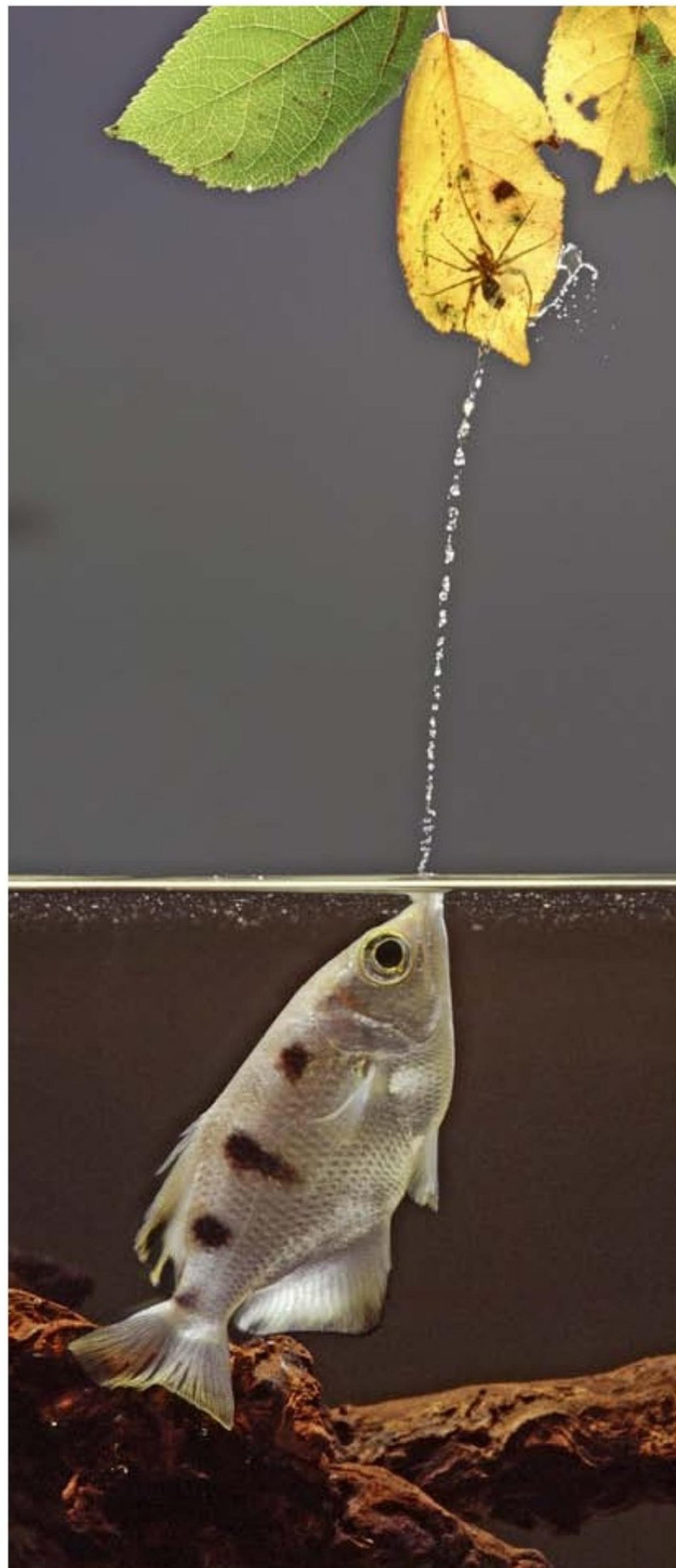
## 🔊 Introduction

The world is full of interesting animals.  
Some animals look strange or have  
special skills.

Let's look at some of these wonders  
of nature.

## 🔊 Archerfish

Archerfish  
spit water  
at bugs.  
The bugs  
fall into  
the water,  
where the  
archerfish  
catch and  
eat them.



## 🔊 Trap-Door Spider

The trap-door spider lives in a tunnel  
in the ground.

Its home has a hidden door made  
of **silk** and dirt.

The spider hides in its tunnel to hunt.





## 🔊 Beaver

Beavers chew through tree trunks.  
They make **dams** out of trees, mud,  
and stones.

## 🔊 Chameleon

Chameleons change color to hide themselves.

They even change color to show how they feel.





## Flying Dragon

Flying dragons have skin on their sides that opens like wings. They jump and **glide** from tree to tree.



## Leaf Insect

The body parts of leaf insects look just like leaves.

These animals blend in well with real leaves on trees.





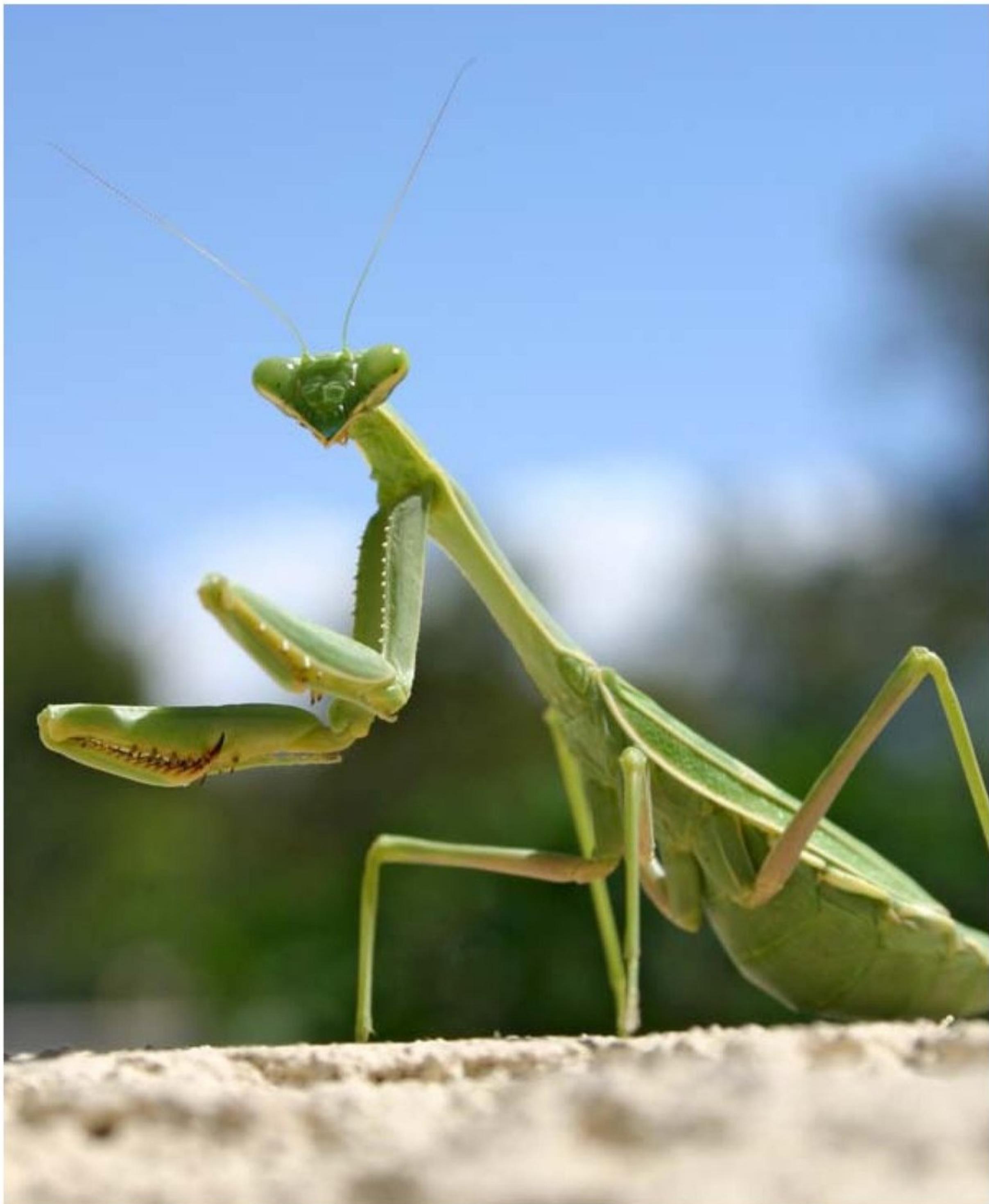
## Leaf-Rolling Weevil

The female leaf-rolling weevil rolls a leaf into a cone.

She lays her eggs inside the cone.

The leaf hides and protects her eggs.





## **Praying Mantis**

The praying mantis holds its front legs in a praying position.  
A mantis has five eyes to help it hunt for food.

## Mole

Moles dig tunnels to find and eat worms.

These animals have tiny eyes, but they are not blind.



Side view of a mole's nest and tunnels

## 🔊 Sea Dragon

Sea dragons are small fish.  
They look like ocean plants.  
Their leafy parts help them catch  
food and hide from enemies.





The three-wattled bell bird makes a strange sound.

## 🔊 Conclusion

Interesting animals come in many shapes and sizes.

They are all wonders of nature.

## Glossary

- dams** (*n.*) walls that stop the flow of water (p. 7)
- glide** (*v.*) to move smoothly and quietly through air or water (p. 9)
- nature** (*n.*) the natural world, including animals, plants, and land (p. 4)
- silk** (*n.*) threads produced by a spider or caterpillar (p. 6)

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