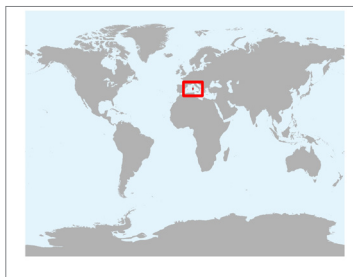




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Species of the Day: Galvagni's Ground Mantis

The **Galvagni's Ground Mantis**, *Pseudoyersinia andreae*, has not yet been officially classified on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™, however, it has a provisional listing of 'Vulnerable'. This species was first described in 1976 and is endemic to Sardinia, Italy.

Only a few adult females of this small mantis have been reported, but males have never been found. It is a cryptic insect that occurs in the shrublands of the Sardinian mountains. As is typical of mantids this species has a small population size. However, in comparison with other genera, its population seems to be extraordinarily small. Only three fragmented localities are known in the central part of Sardinia. The Galvagni's Ground Mantis is threatened as a result of habitat loss through intensive cultivation or conversion to pastures, which has been occurring since the end of 19th century.

There is limited information available only on the ecology of this species. Therefore, there is a strong need to study its habitat preferences and life cycle in order to implement conservation measures. Due to its scarcity, Galvagni's Ground Mantis is difficult to protect.



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