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A brief survey of the interaction between predator and prey (*Agaronia propatula* and *Olivella semistriata*, respectively) was conducted at Playa Grande in Costa Rica during the summer of 2010. Experiments with different stimuli were performed to determine the mechanism that causes the prey species to display an attack response. It was discovered that *A. propatula* largely depends on receptors located in the propodial region of its metapodium to sense movement. The predator also can 'smell' its prey out along the beach using separate chemoreceptors in the same area of the metapodium.