

Insects

There are more insects in our world than any other kind of creature!



Insects have a head with eyes, antennae and a mouth part.

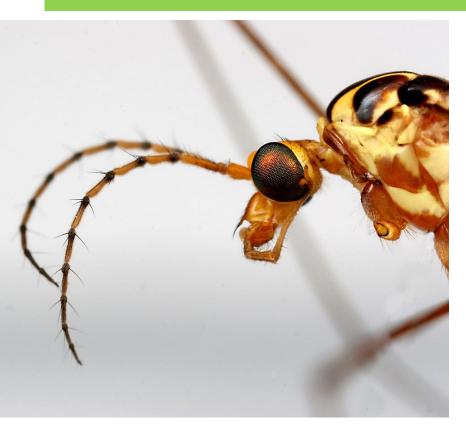


Insects have compound eyes This means their eyes are made from lots of tiny parts, almost like having lots of tiny eyes all joined together.

All insects have 6 legs.



Insects have 2 antennae on their heads.





Insects are the only creatures without bones that can fly!



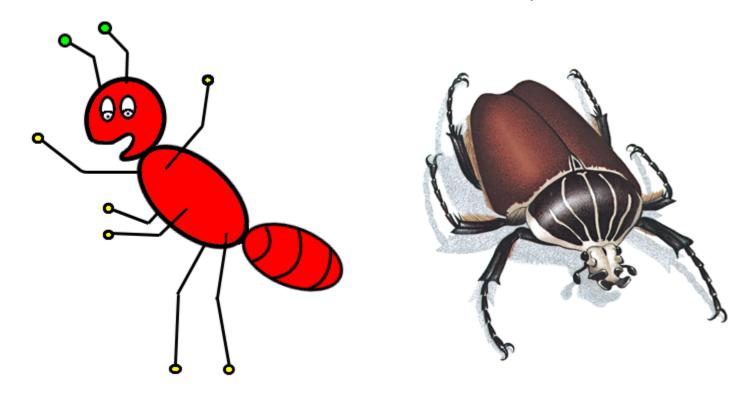


Most insects hatch from eggs.





Insects don't have bones inside their bodies like we do. Instead their skeleton is on the outside of their bodies! They have a head, a 'thorax' with 6 legs and an 'abdomen' where their tummy is.



Insects move about by walking, flying or sometimes swimming.





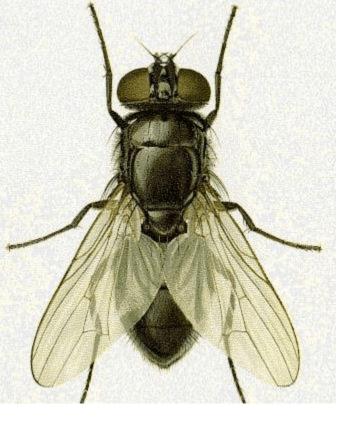
Do you recognise any of these insects?

Ladybird







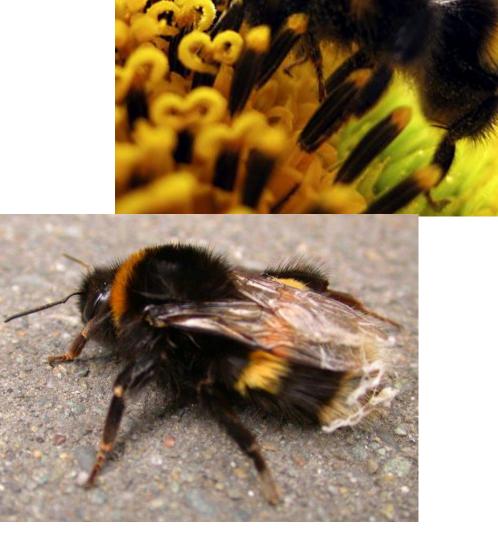






Bumble bee





Ant







Stick insect



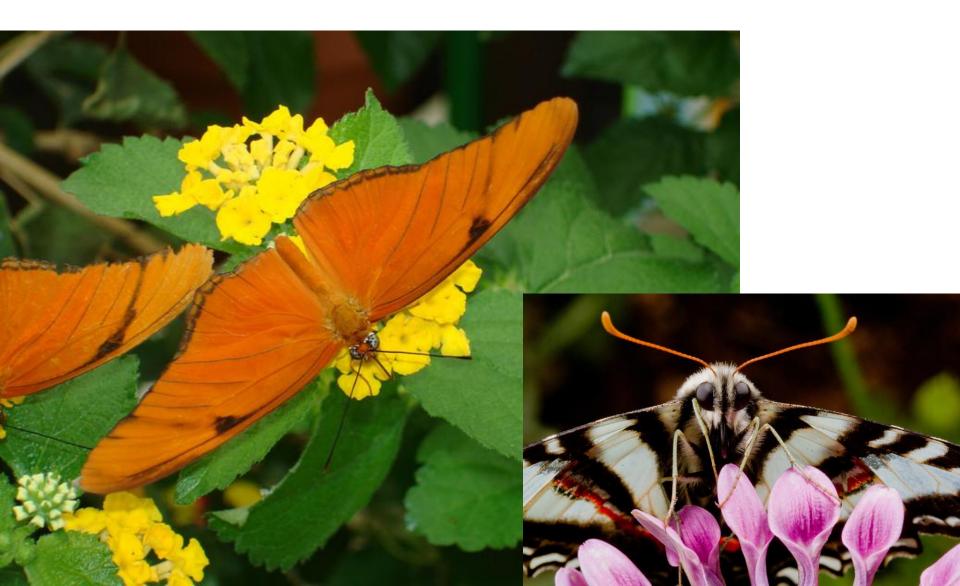


Beetles





Butterfly





Praying mantis





Most insects live by themselves but some insects, like some bees and ants, are social and live in large groups.





Insects are important for keeping the flowers in our gardens healthy.

