

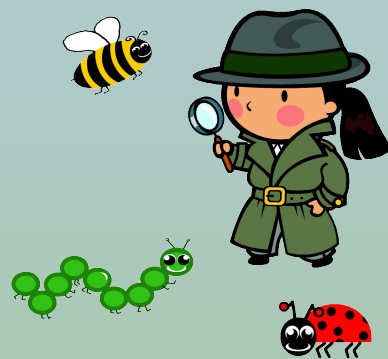


# Pesticide Control Office

## Summer Insect Hunt

Summer break from school can be fun, but at times bring on boredom for kids. As a way to give your kids a break from television or video games, why not send them outside exploring for insects! There are many different types of insects to be found in your own backyard or even at the park. Some insects may have even found their way indoors.

Your kids may find ants carrying food off to their colony underground, or a grasshopper hopping on its way to find its next grassy meal. Every insect has its own unique habits, but they all need food, water, and shelter.



Have your kids try to identify the insects they find and determine what type of food they eat, where they are finding water, and where they hide. This will help your kids understand if the insect is a pest. Encourage your kids to complete the following checklist in their search for insects, and to take photos of the insects they find which you can send to the Pesticide Control Office for identification.

Have your kids observe but not touch the insects, because some insects may be harmful.

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### My Insect Observation Log

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of insect did you find? \_\_\_\_\_

How many legs does it have? \_\_\_\_\_ Does it have wings? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

What color(s) is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it big or small? \_\_\_\_\_ Does it make noise? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it like to eat? \_\_\_\_\_

Where does it like to hide? \_\_\_\_\_ Is it a pest? \_\_\_\_\_

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