



Fallen Timbers Backyard Activities

Backyard Insects

Insects have a few special features that make them different from other kinds of "BUGS".

- Insects have EXOSKELETONS - they wear their skeleton on the outside like a shell to protect them.
- Insects have 3 body parts - HEAD, THORAX (middle), and ABDOMEN (end)
- Insects have 6 LEGS
- Insects have WINGS - either 2 or 4, attached to the thorax
- Many adult insects have ANTENNAE attached to their head

Draw 4 different types of insects in the boxes below. You can look at the Insect Bingo sheet on the second page for ideas. Your insects can be realistic or imaginary, but make sure to include all of the body parts listed above! Don't forget to label the parts like a scientist.

Classifying Insects

Classifying means sorting things into different groups. Print and cut out these [cards](#) to practice sorting different types of "bugs". What categories did you choose? Wings? Number of legs? Scientists use categories like this to classify insects into different groups too.

Look at the list above of what makes a bug an INSECT. Now pick out which of the cards are insects.


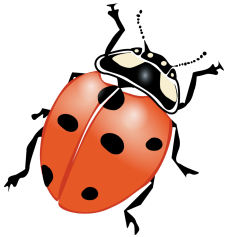



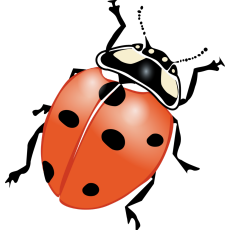

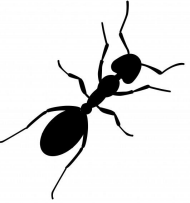
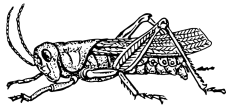


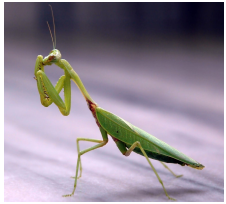
Insect Bingo

Head out into your yard or green space to catch some bugs! Bring a butterfly net, or even a pillow case, and cup with a lid, or a ziplock bag, to store your catches in. Use the INSECT BINGO sheet on the next page to make it into a game. Cross off each type of insect you find and try to make a Bingo!



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