

caterpillar

Long and soft with tiny hairs all over its green body.

Class: insect

Habitat: silk, old skins, and debris.

Life Span: 2 – 4 weeks

Predators: birds, beetles, yellow jackets

Diet: herbivores. - plants & crops

FUN FACT:

They are a butterfly or moth larvae dubbed eating machines because all they do is eat!

spider

Eight legs and fangs to inject venom. Spin webs of silk to catch & eat bugs.

Class: arachnid

Habitat: everywhere! even under water

Life Span: 1 – 2 years

Predators: lizards, birds & monkeys

Diet: carnivores who eat insects

FUN FACT:

The average house has 30 of these and you are always 3 feet away from one.

grasshopper

2 antenna, 2 pairs of wings, and long hind legs for jumping!

Class: insect

Habitat: dry grasslands or low plants

Life Span: 1 year

Predators: ants, wasps, spiders & birds.

Diet: polyphagous – eat crops

FUN FACT:

Makes “music” by rubbing their hind legs.
Can fly and considered lucky in Japan.

dragonfly

A long thin body with 2 sets of narrow transparent wings and come in many colors.

Class: Insect

Habitat: rivers, swamps, lakes, ponds

Life Span: 1 month

Predators: birds, spiders & frogs

Diet: mosquitoes, moths & butterflies

FUN FACT:

The fastest flying insect in the world! They can also fly backwards!

house fly

Usually grey with one pair of wings, large eyes that can see behind them!

Class: Insect

Habitat: everywhere

Life Span: 1 month

Predators: birds, reptiles, frogs, insects, & spiders

Diet: overripe fruit, poop, & more!

FUN FACT:

They taste and eat with their feet and poop a lot. A common household pest.

scorpion

Have two claws and a tail that can inject venom.

Class: arachnid

Habitat: deserts. under logs or rocks

Life Span: 6 years

Predators: tarantulas, lizards, birds, & mice

Diet: insects, spiders, lizards, and mice

FUN FACT:

Can survive months without food and glow in the dark under ultraviolet light.

praying mantis

Long, narrow green body with large front legs, and a small triangle head.

Class:	insect
Habitat:	rainforests, deserts, or grasslands
Life Span:	6 months
Predators:	frogs, monkeys, snakes & birds
Diet:	crickets, grasshoppers, spiders, butterflies & beetles

FUN FACT:

Only males can fly. A martial arts move is based on this insect.

bumblebee

Large yellow and black flying insect with a distinct buzz.

Class:	insect
Habitat:	underground nests in temperate climates
Life Span:	28 days
Predators:	birds, badgers & beewolves
Diet:	nectar and pollen

FUN FACT:

Can mark their scent on flowers they visit.

blue morpho butterfly

Has microscopic scales on the back of their wings that reflect a blue hue color.

Class:	insect
Habitat:	tropical forests in low shrubs
Life Span:	115 days
Predators:	birds and jacamars
Diet:	juices of fermenting fruit

FUN FACT:

Release a strong odor when threatened.

ladybug

Red oval dome-shaped with 7 black spots. (3 on each side & 1 in the middle)

Class:	insect
Habitat:	grasslands, forest, cities & rivers
Life Span:	3 years
Predators:	birds, frogs, wasps, & spiders
Diet:	plant eating insects like aphids

FUN FACT:

Great garden helper. Make a wish when one lands on you.

butterfly

Large, brightly colored wings. Have straw-like mouths.

Class:	insect
Habitat:	forests, deserts, and grasslands
Life Span:	2 weeks
Predators:	birds, spiders, lizards, & mice
Diet:	drink nectar from flowers

FUN FACT:

Start off as caterpillars. Taste with their feet and cannot fly if they are cold.

centipede

A long snake-like hard exoskeleton body with a pair of legs on every segment.

Class:	myriapods
Habitat:	desert, tropics, and seashore under stones, logs, bark & soil
Life Span:	6 years
Predators:	owls, coyotes, bobcats & badgers
Diet:	insects, lizards, frogs & rodents

FUN FACT:

Like to crawl around and can regrow their legs if they lose them.

cockroach

Brown, flat body with a small head and long antennae.

Class:	insect
Habitat:	warm, dark, wet areas like sewers & basements.
Life Span:	1 year
Predators:	frogs, mice, spiders, & beetles
Diet:	any organic food source

FUN FACT:

Will run away from light and can live up to a week without its head.

ant

Very tiny. Black or brown with large heads and thorax.

Class:	insect
Habitat:	in colonies underground anywhere in the world
Life Span:	1 year
Predators:	beetles, caterpillars, flies, spiders, snails, snakes, birds, & lizards
Diet:	plants, fruit, and other insects

FUN FACT:

Can lift 20 times its own body weight & leave a smell trail to know where they have been.