



# Insect Identification!

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about insect identification. Although they may be included in some of these resources, this will not intentionally cover spiders or honeybees.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- *World Book Encyclopedia*, "Insects"

## Key Resources at a Glance:

- [www.ent.iastate.edu/List](http://www.ent.iastate.edu/List)-- Iowa State University site on Entomology or Insects.
- *Iowa Insects, Spiders, and other Invertebrates* (1998) – pamphlet from the Iowa Wildlife Series.
- *Insects* (2001) – Golden Guide Series

## Reference Background

- *Encyclopedia of Insects* (2003)
- *Borror and DeLong's Introduction to the Study of Insects* (2005)

## Resources

### Books

- *Petersen First Guide to Insects*, by Christopher Leahy, et al (1998)
- *Garden Insects of North America*, Whitney Cranshaw (2004)
- *American Insects*, Ross H. Arnett, Jr. (2000)

### Journals

- *Incredible Insects*
- *Horticulture and Home Pest News* (Iowa St. Univ.)
- *Pest Control Magazine*

### Web Pages and Web Portals

- O. Orkin Insect Zoo  
[www.mnh.si.edu/museum/VirtualTour/Tour/Second/InsectZoo/index.html](http://www.mnh.si.edu/museum/VirtualTour/Tour/Second/InsectZoo/index.html)

## Search Aids

### Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Insects
- Bugs
- Entomology

### Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Insects
- Entomology

### Call Number

- 595.7 (Dewey Decimal)
- QL 467 (Library of Congress)

### Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- First Search
- Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

### Library catalogs

- Your local library catalog
- SILO - State-wide catalog
- World Cat - World-wide Catalog

- Bug Guide Net  
[www.bugguide.net/node/view/15740](http://www.bugguide.net/node/view/15740)
- Entomology Science Foundation  
<http://www.entscied.cas.psu.edu/Resources.html>

### **Organizations and Special Collections**

- American Entomological Society  
[www.acnatsci.org/hosted/aes](http://www.acnatsci.org/hosted/aes)
- Iowa Association of Naturalists  
[www.ianpage.20m.com](http://www.ianpage.20m.com)
- Iowa State University Extension Services  
[www.extension.iastate.edu](http://www.extension.iastate.edu)

### **Multimedia Resources**

- *Little Creatures Who Run the World*, (WGBH, 1995), video (ca.60 min.)

\*\* You can evaluate other resources using criteria at: [www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html](http://www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html) \*\*

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