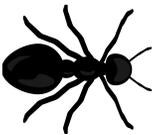


BACKYARD BUG HUNT

Have you ever gone on a bug hunt? You can do it in your own yard. It's easy, let's go!

Rules: always admire insects without touching! This lets us respect nature while staying safe.

How to find:



Ants: Ants are workers and they're always marching. Look on the ground, in the grass and on trees. Ants like to climb trees. Most ants love sugary things so they might be near food or fruit trees. Have you ever seen ants in your house?



Butterflies: Butterflies like bright colors! Get real quiet and sit still near flowers or bushes with flowers. Sit still and wait, and you might see some flutter by. Can you see any? Can you move your arms like a butterfly moves its wings?



Caterpillars: Caterpillars like green leaves, and like to hide under the leaves and on stems. If you don't see caterpillars you might see signs of caterpillars - look for holes in green leaves! Sometimes they blend in! What can you blend into in your backyard or house?



Roly Poly Bugs: Look under leaves, near logs, in mulch, anywhere it's wet and dark. Roly poly bugs are also called pillbugs. Can you curl up like a roly poly?



Spiders: Everywhere! Spiders prefer dark, quiet spaces. Under rocks, in cracks and crevasses, or in their webs. If you were a spider, where would you hide?



Worms: In the dirt! Worms like damp soil, especially in Gardens. Can you slither on the ground like a worm?

Science fun: did you know there is a difference between a bug and an insect? And, a spider isn't either of those! "Bug" is a word we use to describe tiny creatures with a lot of legs. True bugs have one set of wings and a straw-like mouth. Insects have two sets of wings, antennae and three body sections.

Spiders are arachnids that have eight legs, no antennae and two body sections. Worms are annelids with no legs or hard skeletons. Learn more here <https://animalcorner.org/insects/>