

Nature activities for neighborhoods, yards and other outdoor spaces

Bugs and things.

Invert watch

Materials: magnifying glass (optional), stick (optional)

Do you know what an invertebrate is? Invertebrates are animals that don't have backbones, such as spiders, butterflies, worms, and beetles!

1. Pick a spot on the ground or close to it. Take note of what's around you. Are you surrounded by shrubs and trees, or grass and flowers?
2. Look closely at the ground. What do you see? Do you see any invertebrates? What types? Use the identification sheet (Fig.1) and see how many different invertebrates you can find!

Find a spider

1. Looking around in your garden, in your home or on the trees around the neighborhood, look for a spider web.
2. Once you spot one, allow the spider to remain in his home. Without disturbing the spider or the web, observe its surroundings. See how his home and web developed. What are some benefits? Could the spider have picked a better spot to hunt?

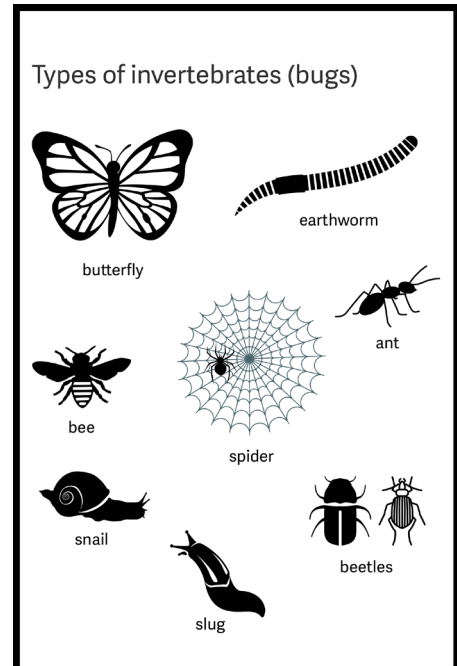


Fig. 1: Invertebrate identification sheet

