

Who am I?

Can you guess these insects? Which ones are pollinators?

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Who am I?

I am often considered a pest.
I can smell a scent from over 750 yards away!
I have large, multi-lensed eyes.

Who am I?

I live in a large group called a colony.
My body is separated into segments.
I can lift 50 times my own body weight.

Who am I?

I have a red shell with black spots.
I eat aphids – small, green bugs that harm plants.
I am a beetle.

Who am I?

I come in many colors.
I start my life as a caterpillar.
I have scales on my wings.

Who am I?

I love to eat plants.
I jump far with my powerful hind legs.
I sing by rubbing my legs together or clattering my wings.

Who am I?

I have an exoskeleton and eight legs.
I capture my prey using silk and venom.
I help keep homes and gardens free of pests.

Who am I?

I am black and yellow.
I make a buzzing noise when I fly.
I am the only insect in the world that makes food humans can eat!

Who am I?

I come out only at night.
I can be large or small.
I can smell with my antennae up to 7 miles away!

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Can you find these insects in your backyard? Did you find them on a plant or under a rock or log? Please be nice to insects. No squishing or squashing.

I'm a fly!



I care more about scent than color, so I pollinate flowers that are small and not showy. Some even smell like dung or rotten meat – yum!

I'm an ant!



The only flowers I can reach are low growing and close to the stem. I don't do a great job at pollinating – sometimes I even just steal nectar!

I'm a ladybug!



I visit flowers to eat nectar and pollen. I need flowers with wide openings because I am a clumsy flier. I like white or green flowers with a mild smell.

I'm a butterfly!



I can see red well so, usually prefer red, purple, and orange flowers. I like flowers with a large disk shape that I can use as a landing platform.

I'm a grasshopper!



I can create a lot of damage by eating plants. There may be some species of my kind that pollinate flowers, but it's largely a mystery...

I'm a spider!



I'm not actually an insect but an arachnid. People tend to be afraid of me, but I can be very helpful because I eat other insects and even pollinate plants.

I'm a bee!



I am one of the most important pollinators! I make honey! I see yellow, blue, and even ultraviolet light. Some flowers use UV markings to guide me.

I'm a moth!



Since I'm active at night, the flowers I like are white or pale colored and have a strong sweet odor that is often only given off after sunset.