

# ***Focus outside your window!***



**Safely get outside in your yard or neighborhood. Or just observe the outdoors through your window.**

**Each week we'll pick one nature topic for you to observe as you learn more about the outdoor world around you. Then share your discoveries and photos with us on our Facebook page. #outsidemywindow**

# Focus on what insects you can observe



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## Notice More

1. Size: ½ inch, 1 inch, 3 inches (use a ruler for reference)
2. Sound: Making a noise? Describe what it sounds like?
3. Shape: Long, oval, round, has wings?
4. Patterns: Light/dark, bold/faint, outrageous, spots?
5. Habitat: Where are they?
6. Is it not an insect? (Sider, centipede, roly-poly, etc.)
7. What else can you notice?

## What makes an insect an insect?

6 legs, 3 body parts, compound eyes, 4 wings (at some stage of life), they lay eggs. Otherwise it may be a spider or other type of bug.

## How many different insects, bugs & spiders do you observe?



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