



Identification of Common Insects

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Ground Beetle

These are usually large and black but can be other colours too.



Soldier Beetle

These beetles get their name because they look like a "soldier" in red and black



7-spot Ladybird

These are small, dome shaped beetles
Colours and sizes vary



Marmalade Hoverfly

This is one of the common hoverfly group of flies
There are several different species most are stripey



Early Bumble Bee

Bumble bees are furry insects often with black, white or yellow stripes



Nomad Bee

This is a solitary bee which looks like a wasp but it doesn't sting



Gatekeeper Butterfly

These are common insects around flowers
Colours and sizes vary



Cinnabar Caterpillar

Caterpillars are the larvae of butterflies and moths
They vary in colour and size and some are quite hairy



Damselfly

Damselflies are similar to dragonflies
But are thinner and rest with their
wings along their back



Dragonfly

These are larger than damselflies
and rest with their wings out-stretched



Crane fly

This group of insects and have long legs
are known as “daddy-long-legs”
because they all have long legs



Grasshopper

These insects are similar to crickets
and are usually green or brown



Plant Bug

These are bugs and can look like a leaf
Colours and sizes vary



Green Shieldbug

This is a bug often in the shape of a shield
There are different colours



Dock Bug

Similar to a shieldbug



Picture Wing Fly

This fly belongs to a very large group of insects

There are lots of different groups of insects and the easiest way to identify them is to use field guides or books.
The Field Study Council (FSC) sell a range of laminated guides covering many species, which will help you to identify insects.

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