



4-H Study Materials for Entomology Contests for Juniors (Age 9-11)

January 2003

IX. Study Lists of Common Insects in Texas

Study List for Junior Participants (Ages 9-11)

Common Name	Order	Habitat/Host	Significance
1. Silverfish	Thysanura	Trunk, closet	Pest
2. Black-winged damselfly	Odonata	Stream	Beneficial
3. Green darner	Odonata	Stream	Beneficial
4. Differential grasshopper	Orthoptera	Pasture	Pest
5. Long-horned grasshoppers	Orthoptera	Shrubs/grass	Pest
6. Snowy tree cricket	Orthoptera	Trees	Pest
7. American cockroach	Blattaria	House	Pest
8. Praying mantid	Mantodea	Shrubs, vegetation	Beneficial
9. Walkingstick	Phasmida	Shrubs, vegetation	Pest
10. Head louse	Phthiraptera (Anoplura)	Humans	Pest
11. Backswimmer	Hemiptera	Pond	Beneficial
12. Giant water bug	Hemiptera	Water, ponds	Pest
13. Green stink bug	Hemiptera	Weeds	Pest
14. Harlequin bug	Hemiptera	Cole crops	Pest
15. Squash bug	Hemiptera	Squash	Pest
16. Toad bug	Hemiptera	Shoreline	Beneficial
17. Aphids	Homoptera	Corn, sorghum	Pest
18. Cicadas	Homoptera	Trees	Pest
19. Leafhoppers	Homoptera	Grasses	Pest
20. Antlions	Neuroptera	Plants	Beneficial
21. Dobsonflies	Neuroptera	Stream	Beneficial
22. Blister beetles	Coleoptera	Plants, alfalfa, weeds	Pest
23. Caterpillar hunter	Coleoptera	Woodland	Beneficial
24. Cottonwood borer	Coleoptera	Cottonwood trees	Pest
25. Fireflies (lightningbugs)	Coleoptera	Weeds	Inconsequential
26. Lady beetles	Coleoptera	Weeds	Beneficial
27. May beetles (June beetles or Junebugs)	Coleoptera	Shrubs	Pest
28. Spotted cucumber beetle	Coleoptera	Weeds	Pest
29. Tiger beetles	Coleoptera	Shady trails	Beneficial
30. Black swallowtail	Lepidoptera	Carrots, weeds	Pest
31. Bollworm or corn earworm	Lepidoptera	Cotton, corn, other crops	Pest

32. Fall webworm	Lepidoptera	Pecans	Pest
33. Gray hairstreak (cotton square borer)	Lepidoptera	Cotton	Pest
34. Luna moth	Lepidoptera	Oak	Pest
35. Polyphemus	Lepidoptera	Oaks	Pest
36. Red admiral	Lepidoptera	Nettles	Inconsequential
37. Underwing moths	Lepidoptera	Trees	Inconsequential
38. Wood nymph	Lepidoptera	Thick woods	Inconsequential
39. Crane fly	Diptera	Meadows	Inconsequential
40. Horse fly	Diptera	Woodlands	Pest
41. House fly	Diptera	Barn	Pest
42. Mosquitoes	Diptera	Yard and meadow	Pest
43. Syrphid fly (flower fly)	Diptera	Flowers	Beneficial
44. Bumble bee	Hymenoptera	Meadows	Beneficial
45. Cicada killer	Hymenoptera	Soil	Beneficial
46. Honeybee	Hymenoptera	Flowers	Beneficial
47. Mud dauber	Hymenoptera	Buildings	Beneficial
48. Red harvester ant	Hymenoptera	Pastures	Pest
49. Red imported fire ant	Hymenoptera	Pastures, yards	Pest
50. Velvet ants	Hymenoptera	Soil	Pest
51. Yellowjacket	Hymenoptera	House eaves	Pest
52. Lone star tick	Acari	Cattle	Pest
53. Widow spiders	Araneae	Woodlots	Pest
54. Wolf spiders	Araneae	Under rocks	Beneficial
55. Yellow garden spider	Araneae	Garden	Beneficial
56. Scorpion	Scorpionida	Log piles	Pest

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