

Garden “Bug” Hunt!

Did you know there is a whole world of animals that we call “bugs” right in your backyard?

Invertebrates, or animals without backbones, come in all different shapes and sizes. Each one plays an important role in the environment. Some invertebrates even pollinate our fruits, vegetables, and make our favorite foods, including honey!

Try This!

Explore your garden to see how many invertebrates you can find!

Places to look:

- On fruit or vegetable plants
- In and around flowers
- In tall grasses
- Under logs or rocks

Things to look for:

- Size
- Shape
- Color
- Speed



Things to remember:

- Always be gentle. These animals are alive and we don’t want to do anything that may hurt them.
- If you roll over a log or turn over a rock, make sure to put it back. This is their home!
- After you observe them, make sure you put them back where you found them.
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Common invertebrates you may find:



BEE



SLUG



BUTTERFLY



SOW BUG, ROLY POLY



SNAIL



ANT



LADYBUG



SPIDER



CATERPILLAR

