

Meet the Bugs

Discover the Mini-Beasts Living Around the Sculpture

These bug profiles are like collectible cards — each one introduces a different amazing insect you might find in the area. From beetles to bees, they all play an important role in keeping our wild spaces healthy and buzzing.

Inside this pack, you'll find five featured bugs — each with its own fun fact sheet to help you spot and learn about them.

EXPLORE

Walk around the sculpture and nearby natural areas. Look under logs, peek into flowers, and check sunny spots for flying visitors.

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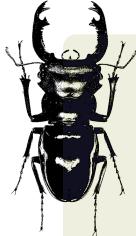
Use your bug profiles to help figure out which insect you've found. Each card shows what they look like and where they might be hiding.

GET CREATIVE

On the final sheet, you'll see boxes with each bug's picture. When you find one, draw the habitat you spotted it in — logs, leaves, grass, or sky — around the bug.

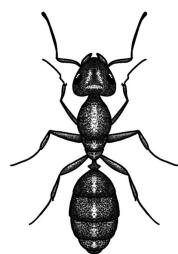
COMPLETE THE SET

Can you find all five bugs and complete your habitat drawings?



STAG BEETLE

favors woodland edges, parks,
gardens, and places where
rotting wood is left undisturbed



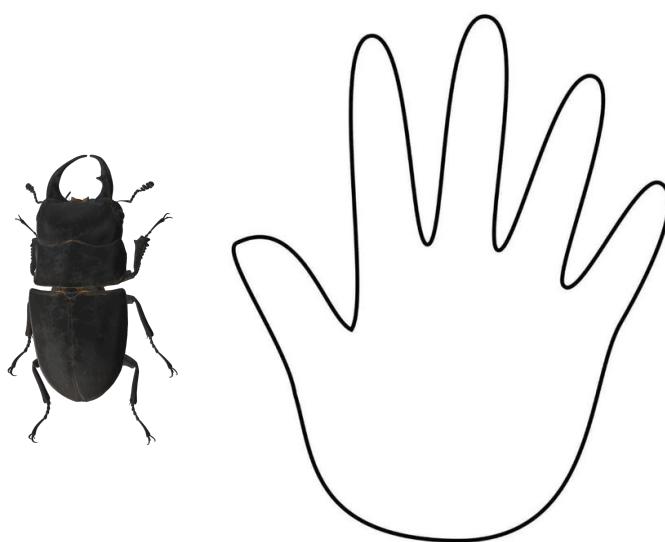


STAG BEETLE

Big shiny beetles (almost the size of your hand!) with pincers for fighting other stag beetles

their babies live in and eat rotting wood for YEARS

Predators like birds and hedgehogs eat their larvae (their babies)

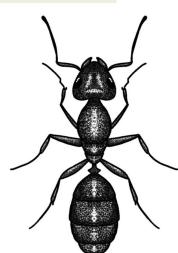


the size of stag beetles compared to your hand



LADY BUG

Common in London, particularly in the spring and summer months, they love the sun



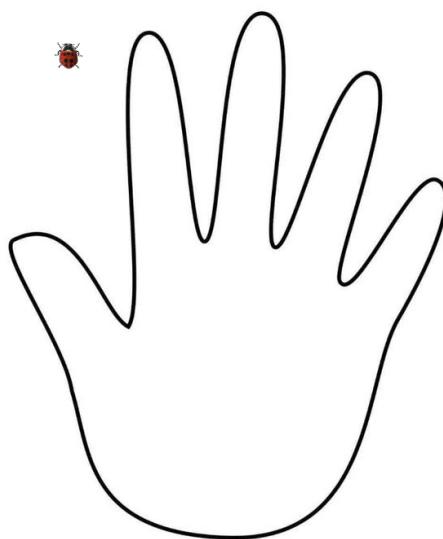


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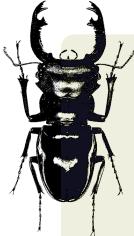
A type of beetle! less than a centimetre big with 7 spots (3 on each wing and 1 in the middle)

they eat 1000s of aphids (tiny little flies) in their lifetime

they hibernate in the winter and need to stay warm



the size of lady bugs compared to your hand

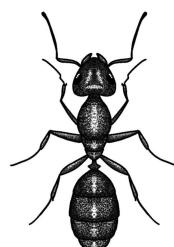


SHIELD BUG

Common in gardens and parks, in spring and autumn, usually found near their favourite food plants



KNIGHT OF THE NETTLES



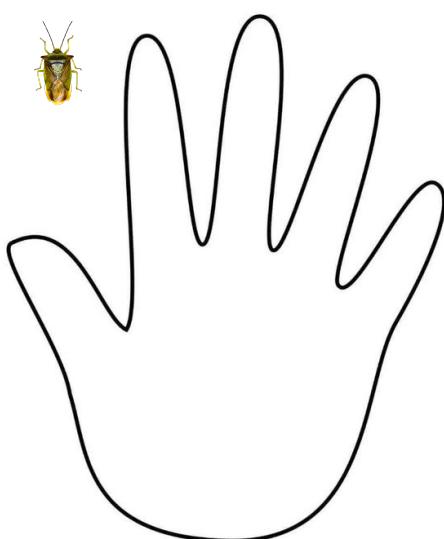


SHIELD BUG

Green, shiny, and shaped like a tiny shield! Around 1–1.5 centimetres long, they are usually green but sometimes brown

they suck the juice from plants like berries, beans, or leaves

they hide in bushes and shrubs, hibernating in leaf piles or bark for winter



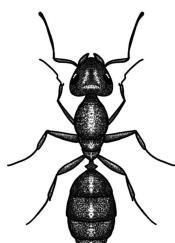
the size of shield bugs compared to your hand



SOLITARY BEES

Common in gardens and parks, in spring and autumn, usually found near their favourite food plants

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SOLITARY BEES

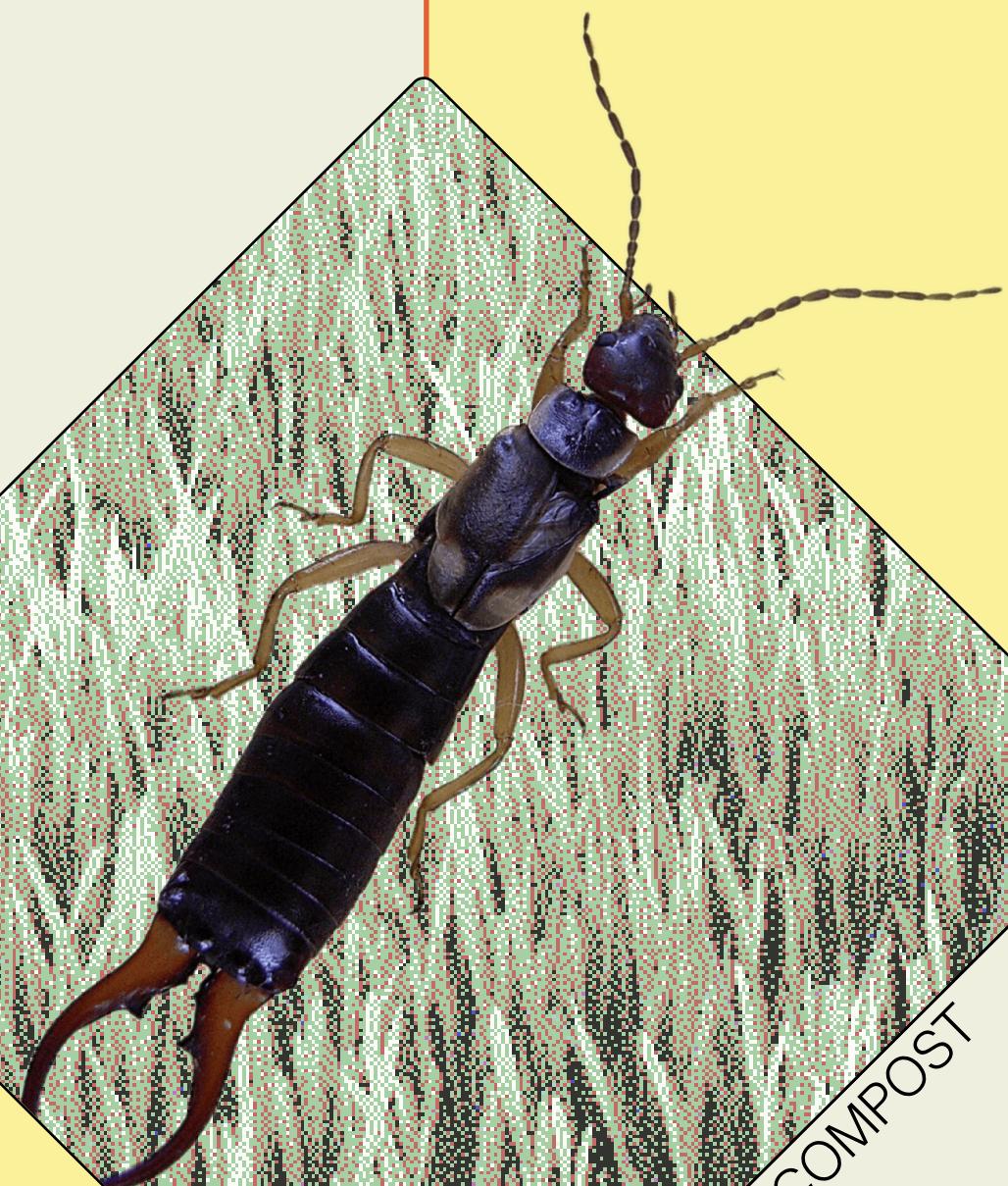
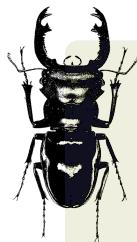
Not all bees live in hives! there are many solitary bees, they are about 1 centimetre big - the size of a sunflower seed!

they are excellent pollinators and help all the flowers reproduce

in winter, they hibernate inside their nests, sealed with mud or leaves.



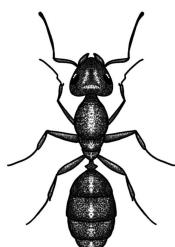
the size of solitary bees compared to your hand



EARWIG

Common in log piles and hedges,
they are nocturnal - they only
come out at night

CREEPER OF THE COMPOST





EARWIG

They have pincers on their bottoms! But they don't hurt anyone, earwigs are About 1.5 cm long

they eat pests like aphids but also snack on fruit and dead plants.

they are nocturnal (they sleep during the day and wake up at night!)



the size of earwigs compared to your hand



Insects of Croydon

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