

**My  
Backyard  
Creature  
Journal**

# Backyard Scavenger Hunt

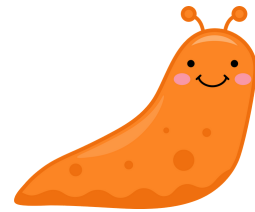
Grab your magnifying glass, a pencil and let's go explore the backyard!



WORM



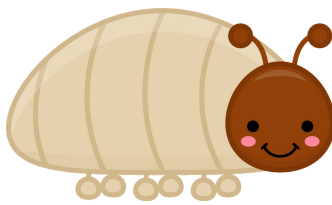
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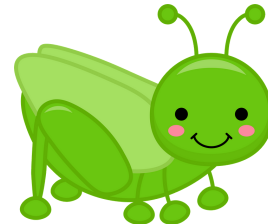
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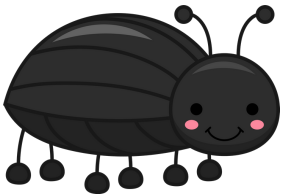
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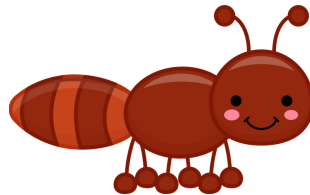
GRUB



GRASSHOPPER



BEETLE



ANT



CATERPILLAR



DRAGONFLY



FLY



BUTTERFLY

# My Backyard Creature Observation Report

Date:

This is what the creature looks like:

This is what the habitat looks like:

Name of the creature:

Habitat:

Does it have wings?

Does it crawl on the ground?

Does it have a shell?

Does it have antennae?

Does it have legs?

Does it make a sound?

(If yes) it has \_\_\_ legs.

(If yes) it goes \_\_\_\_\_.

Post hunt research. A new interesting fact I learned about this creature:

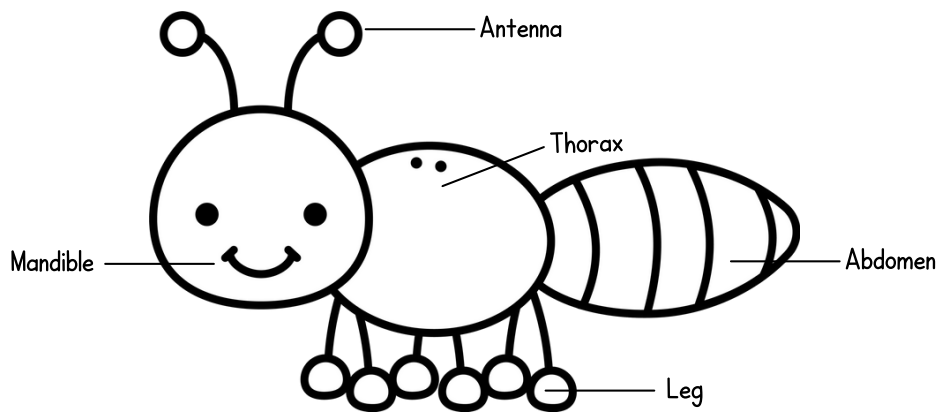
## Exploring the World of Ants

There are more than 12,000 ant species in the world.

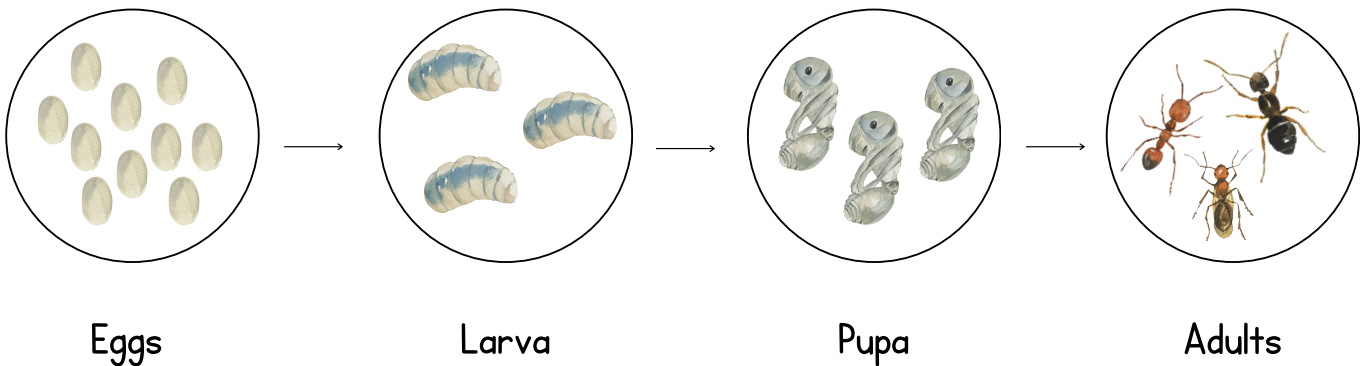
They are the longest living insects and one of the strongest too.

They can carry 50 times their body weight!

Can you color and identify the parts of an ant?

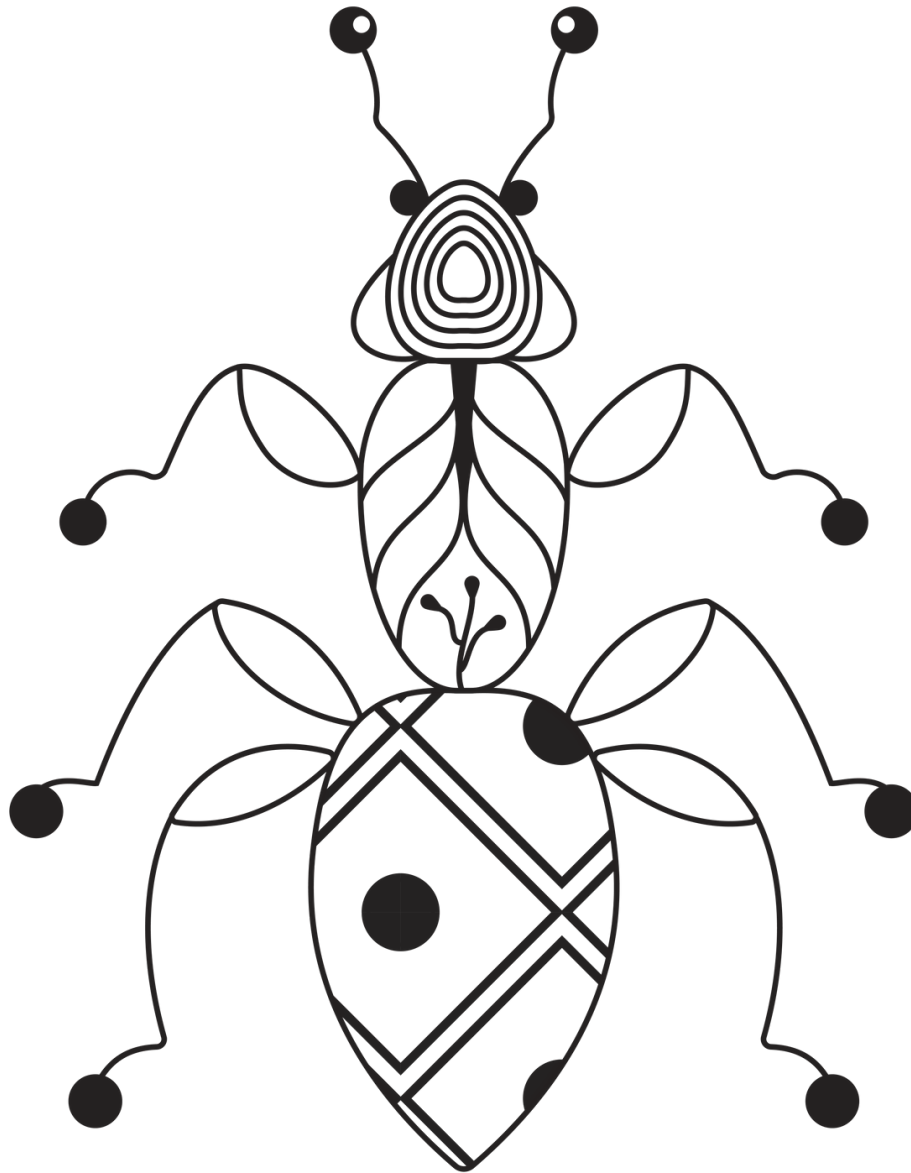


Let's look at the lifecycle of an ant:



**Interesting Fact: Ants do not have ears. They use vibrations on the ground to 'hear'.**

## Color and Learn



Ants live in colonies.

There are three types of ants in a colony: the queen ant, male ants, and worker ants. Each ant has a job to do.

The queen ant is the only ant that lays the eggs.

The male ants (also known as drones) mate with the queen.

The worker ants get food for the colony, build ant mounds, and tend to the eggs, larva, and pupa.

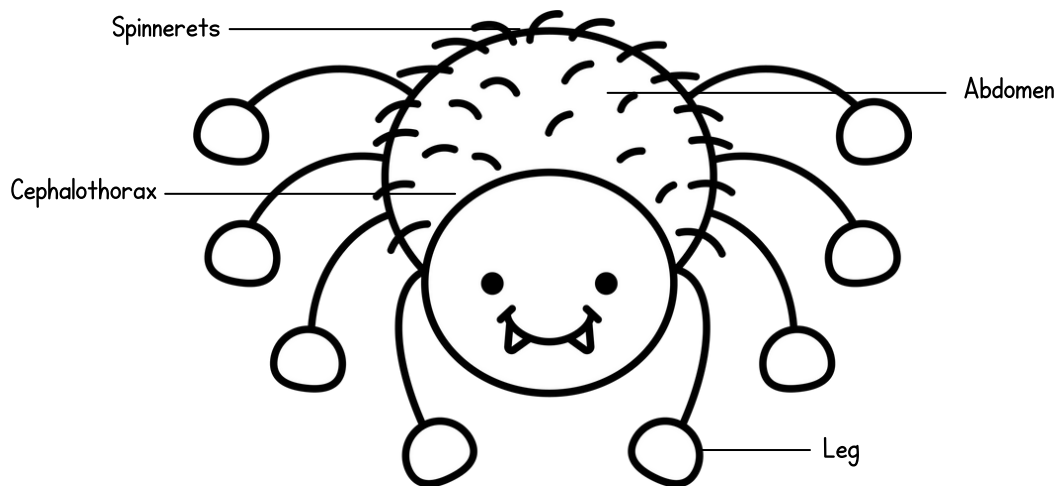
## Exploring the World of Spiders

There are more than 40,000 spider species in the world.

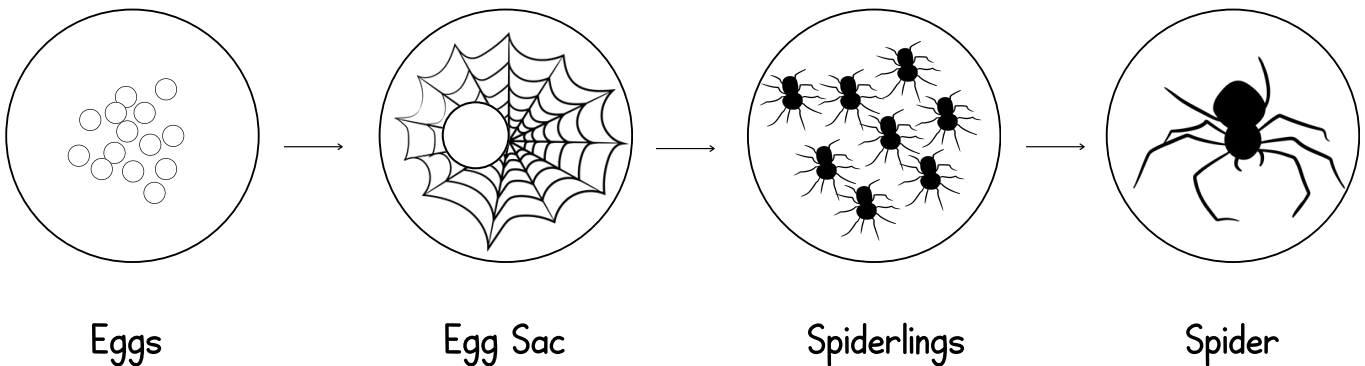
A spider is not an insect. It is an arachnid. Almost all arachnids have 8 legs.

All spiders have two body parts– the cephalothorax and the abdomen.

Can you color and identify the parts of a spider?



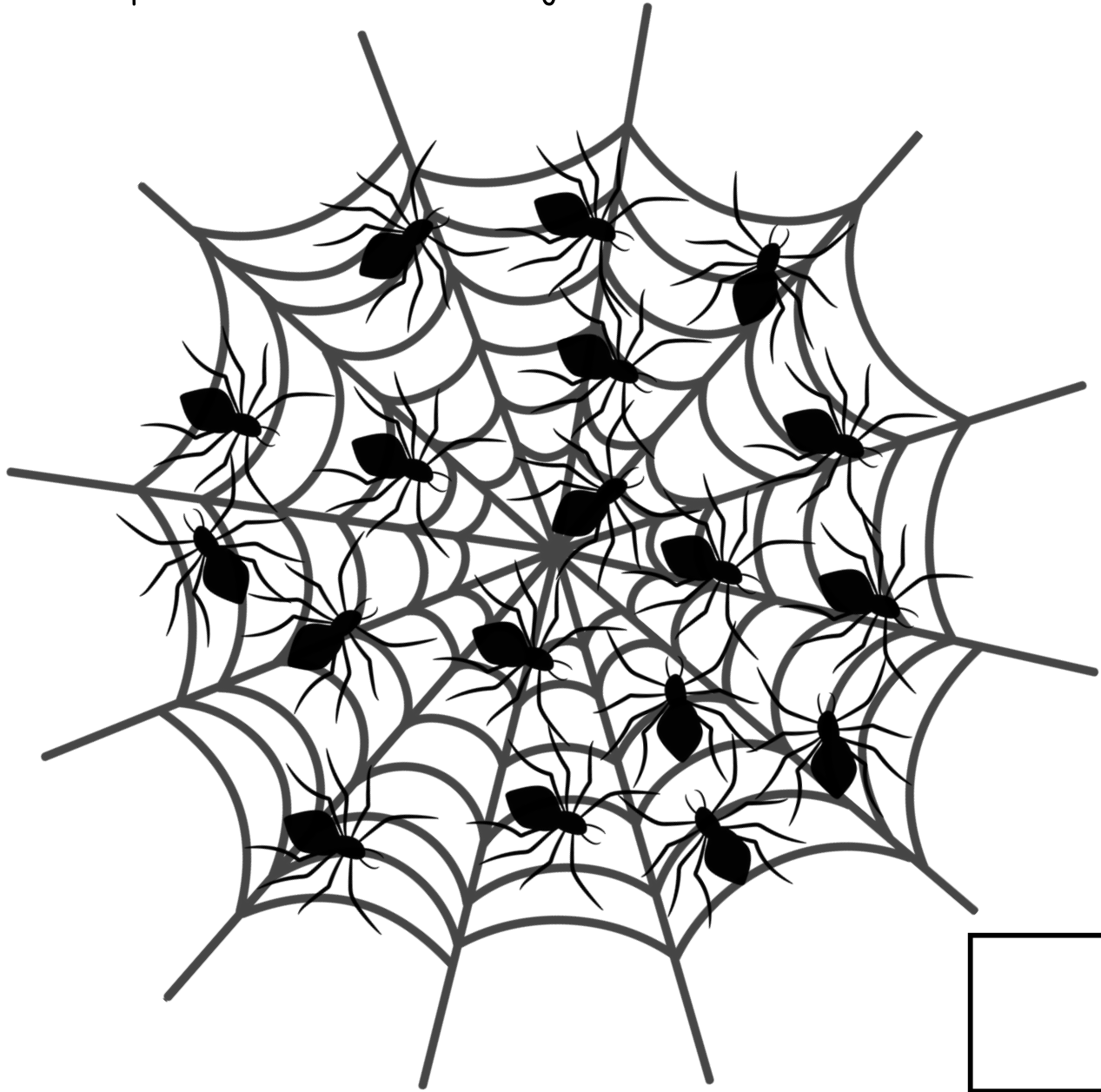
Let's look at the lifecycle of a spider:



**Interesting Fact: Most spiders have spinnerets. Spinnerets are silk-producing glands on their abdomen to spin webs.**

## Count and Learn

There are a lot of sneaky spiders on this page. How many do you count? Write the number of spiders in the box below the silky web.



The largest known spider in the world is the Goliath Birdeater. It weighs about 6 oz, and can be as large as a dinner plate! It belongs to the tarantula family.

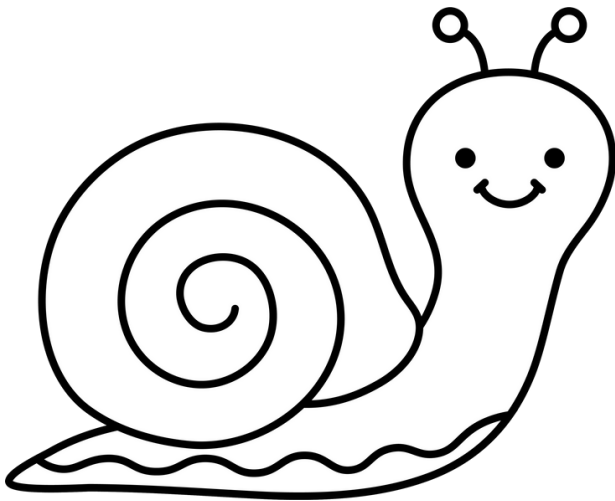
The smallest known spider in the world is the Patu Digua. Its body size is about 0.37 mm long.

## Exploring the World of Snails

There are more than 60,000 snail species in the world.

Snails are from the gastropod molluscs family. Gastropod molluscs have no spine, a soft body, and most molluscs have a shell.

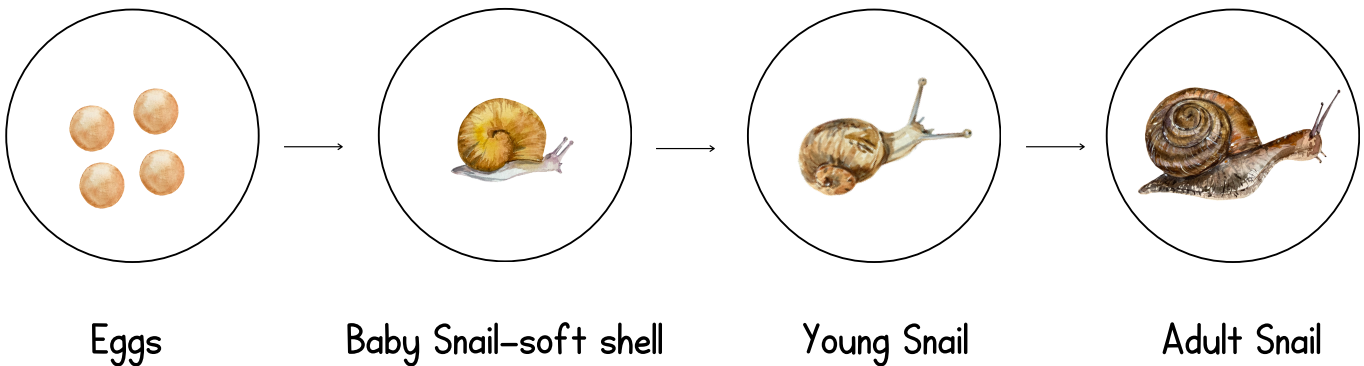
Color the snail and read what different snail species eat for dinner:



### MENU

Earthworms	Leaves
Slugs	Stems
Fruit	Fungi
Dead Fish	Algae
Bark	Vegetables

Let's look at the lifecycle of a snail:



**Interesting Fact:** The average speed of a snail is 0.5–0.8 inches per second. As they move they secrete slime to protect their body from getting hurt.



## Exploring the World of Dragonflies and Damselflies

There are more than 5000 species of dragonflies and damselflies in the world.

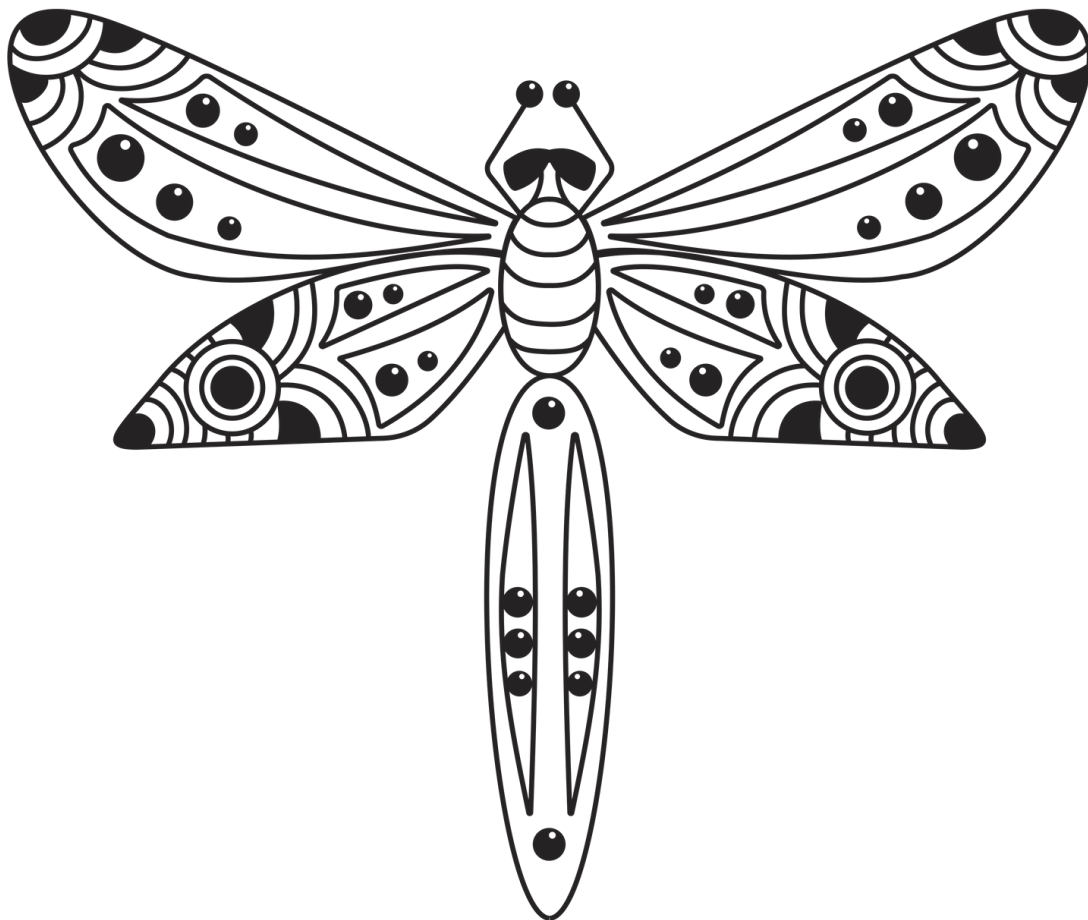
Damselflies and dragonflies are not the same.

A dragonfly has a more robust body while a damselfly is thinner.

A dragonfly's fore wings and hind wings are not the same sizes. A damselfly's fore wings and hind wings are the same sizes.

A dragonfly's eyes are larger and wrap from the side of the face to the front. A damselfly's eyes are large but always have a gap between them.

Color the dragonfly:

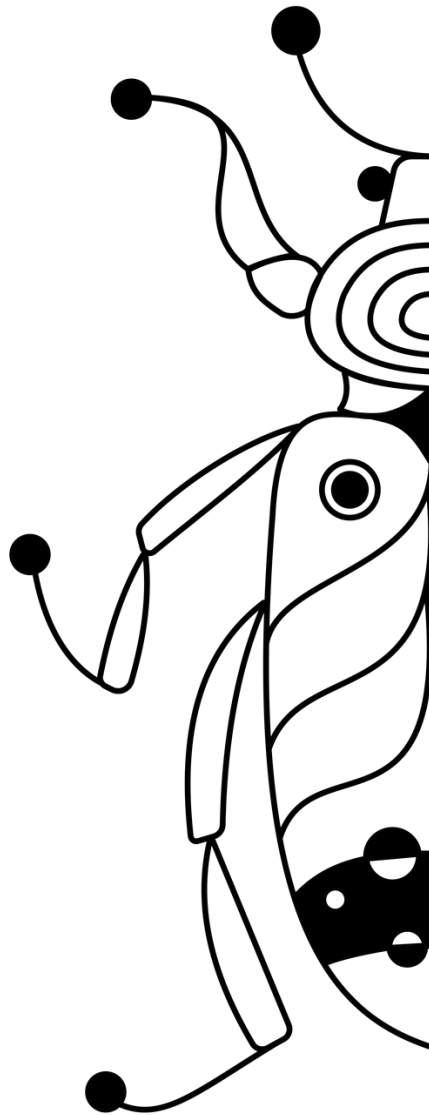


## An Entomologist's Log

What is an Entomologist?

An Entomologist studies insects, their life cycle, features and behaviors.

As the Head Entomologist, can you help finish drawing and coloring this beetle?



## An Insect's Tale

Write a story about your favorite insect.

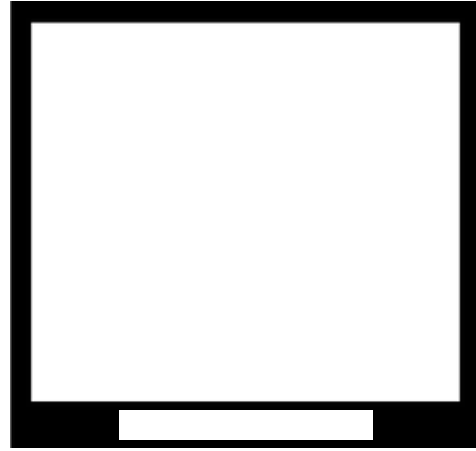
Your story must include:

The name of your insect.

Where the insect lives.

What it eats.

What you love most about the insect.



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