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50 Common Insects Of The Southwest



Synopsis

The insect world is unmatched for its array of colorful species and their distinctive behaviors. Once you notice the tiny creatures, you can hardly stop watching as they fly gracefully, burrow busily, dance delicately, or even bang clumsily against you. What are they doing? What do we call them? And why are they among the most successful life forms on Earth? Large color photographs get you close to the scintillating tiger beetle, the well-dressed rainbow grasshopper, the zippy orange skimmer, and even the blood-thirsty kissing bug. You'll meet common southwestern species such as the mysterious black witch, the giant palo verde root borer (3 to 4 inches long!), the very focused tarantula hawk, and the rude Pinacate beetle.

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Customer Reviews

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Loved the book. Had gone camping with my grand-kids and we noticed how many great bugs that we knew nothing about. I ordered this book and it is small and handy with great photos and info.

Small light book easy to carry and very useful in identification of insects

good information for novice

Although the pictures are great, I found the information to be cumbersome. Only 1 page of info for each insect - no habitat information, no - how do they catch their prey?, no - where do they hang out?, when do they mate? do they bite? are they harmful? If all you want is the genus & species and categorization - this book's for you-if not, go to another...

About what I expected from a book in this price range. Nice addition to my insect books.

Excellent and useful.

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