



**ACADEMY
SCIENCE CAMP**
from home

Backyard Bugs Scavenger Hunt

Can you find these bugs around your backyard?
Use the clues to find your backyard bugs and draw
a picture of each bug you find.

Know before you begin

- This activity can be done inside or outside
- All supplies are easy to find, substitute or leave out entirely
- Adult supervision is recommended
- Please choose a safe space to play

Materials

- Backyard Bugs Scavenger Hunt sheet
- Pencil

Instructions

1. Print your Backyard Bugs Scavenger Hunt sheet.
2. Go outside and see which bugs you can find.

Did you find all of the bugs on the scavenger hunt?

Did you find something that was not a bug?



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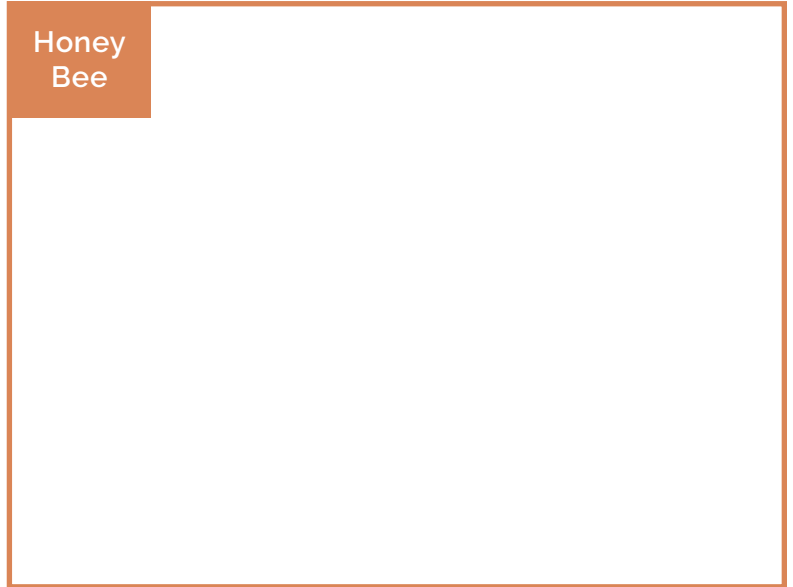
Draw the ones you can find in your backyard!

Honey
Bee



- There are only three types of bees in a colony: drones (all males), workers (all females who aren't the queen) and the queen (the only female responsible for having babies).
- Can be found buzzing around, looking for flowers to take pollen from.

Honey
Bee



Stag
Beetle



- They are called stag beetles because their mandibles are said to look like the antlers on a stag (a male deer).
- Stag beetles can be found in, around and under rotting pieces of wood.

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Beetle



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House
Fly



- A house fly will only live 15–25 days.
- House flies can be found buzzing around your house or outside, looking for food and light sources.

House
Fly

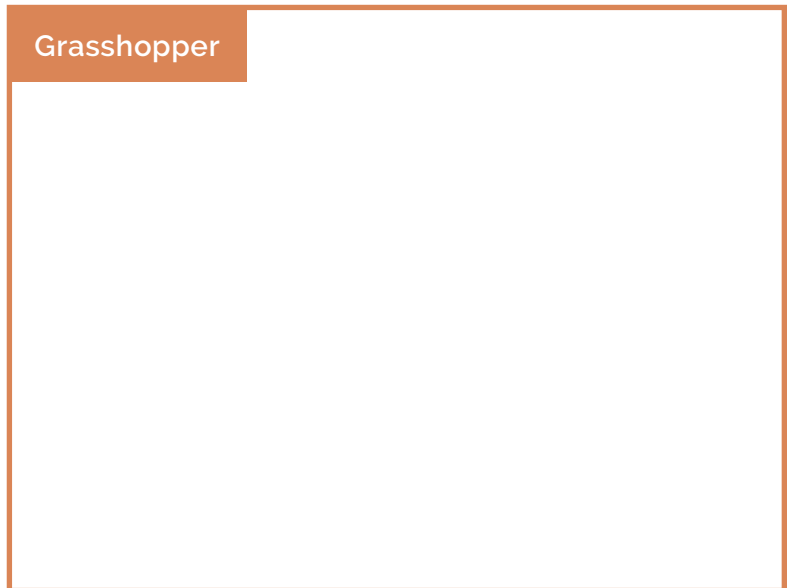


Grasshopper



- Grasshoppers will make sounds either by rubbing one of their legs against their wing, or by rubbing their wings together.
- Grasshoppers can be found anywhere with long grasses and bushes, including fields and meadows.

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Firefly



- Fireflies use their light to attract mates. A male will flash, and a female will flash back if she wishes to mate with him.
- Fireflies can be found flying around at night, trying to attract mates.

Firefly

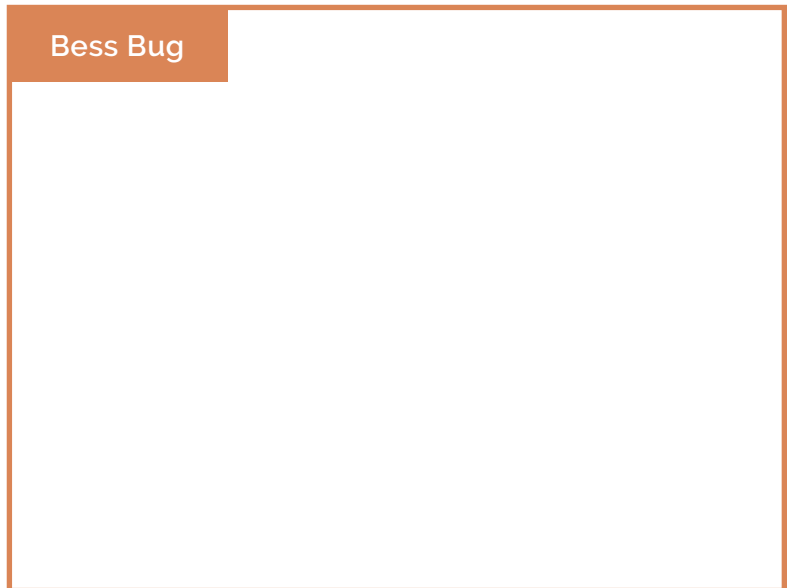


Bess Bug



- Although often referred to as "Bess Bugs," these insects are actually a species of beetle.
- Bess Bugs can often be found in and around pieces of rotting wood.

Bess Bug



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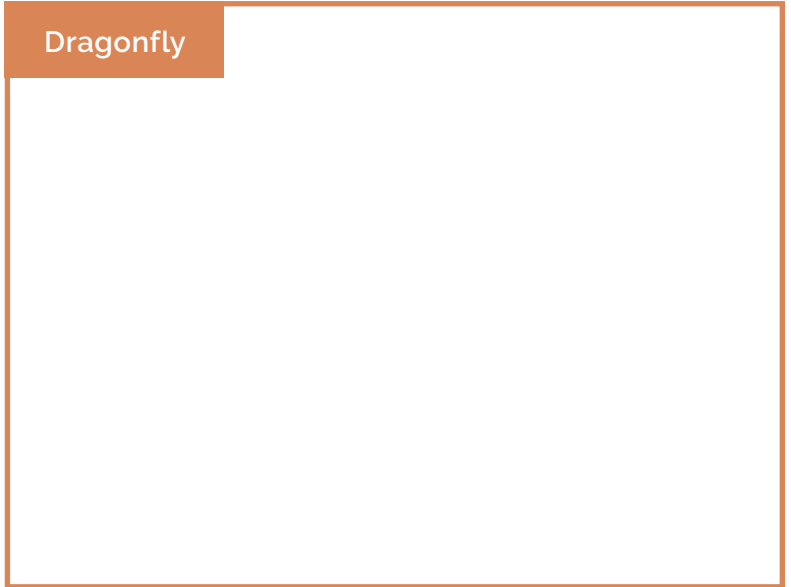
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Dragonfly



- Dragonflies are actually unable to walk and must fly if they wish to move.
- Dragonflies are usually found flying around ponds and other bodies of water.

Dragonfly

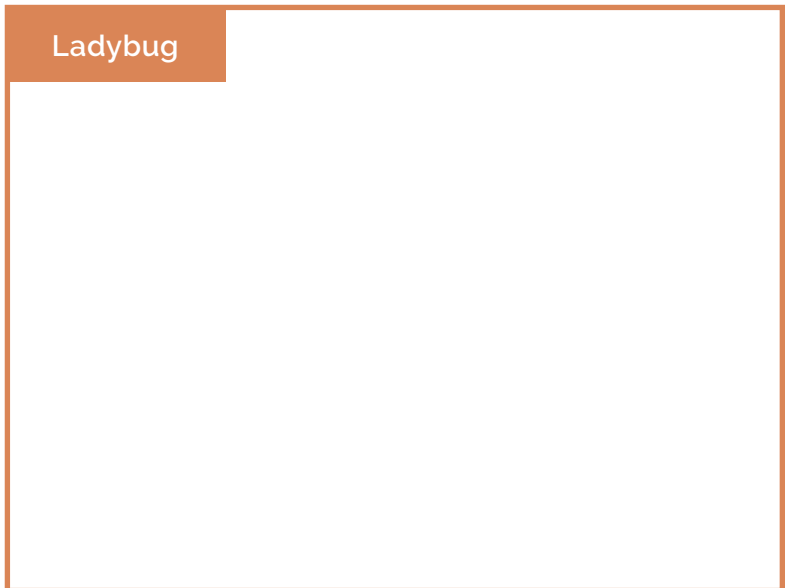


Ladybug



- A ladybug beats its wings 85 times a second when it flies.
- Ladybugs can be found on leaves and in bushes.

Ladybug



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House
Centipede



- Most house centipedes have about 30 legs, not 100 like their name suggests.
- House centipedes can be found in dark, damp places like basements, leaf litter and logs.

House
Centipede

Pillbug



- These bugs are also known as "roly-polies" because one of their main defenses is to curl up into a ball.
- Pillbugs are often found in leaf litter and near, under or inside of dead logs.

Pillbug

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Jumping
Spider



- Some jumping spiders can jump up to 80 times their body length. That's like a little kid jumping the length of a football field.
- Jumping spiders can be found on trees and sticks, waiting to jump and catch prey.

Jumping
Spider



Flat-Backed
Millipede



- In reality, a millipede only has two pairs of legs per body segment, meaning that the number of legs it has averages anywhere between 100-200, depending on its size.
- These millipedes can be found in compost piles, old tree stumps, and around decaying bits of dead material in soil.

Flat-Backed
Millipede

