

# The Life Of Insects



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Insects are so numerous that it is impossible to count them. They are so varied that not one of them is really typical. Almost all of them are small. If they were not, there would hardly be any room for anything else on earth !

Because insects are so numerous, they are easy to study. Even the

smallest "creepy-crawly" insect  
is sure to have some interesting  
aspects of behavior.

Did you know, for example, that  
greenfly give birth to live babies  
for most of the year--and without  
mating with males? And did you  
know that ants keep a "dairy herd"  
of greenfly for their "milk," just  
as a farmer keeps cows ?

Did you know that many "wasps"  
are harmless, stingless beetles  
that mimic the wasp for protection  
from enemies ? Or that the hoverfly  
is the ace aeronaut of insects,  
able to move in any direction  
while in flight--even backward ?

And did you know that stick insects  
and twig caterpillars so cleverly  
copy sticks and twigs that they  
might almost be the real thing ?

These are just some of the  
exciting subjects dealt with in  
this book. There is also a reference  
and projects section at the end,  
packed with more information  
and practical suggestions.

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