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## Entomology 101: Introduction to Entomology

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## **ENTO 888 Masters Project Proposal**

### **Goal of the Project**

The goal of this particular project is to create an entry-level curriculum for Entomology to present to the local university / community college. My Bachelor's Degree was obtained from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS). The higher institutions of learning in the city of Colorado Springs (to include Pikes Peak Community College, or PPCC, as well) lack any courses relating to Entomology. UCCS has a strong presence in the city and is growing by leaps and bounds, currently enrolling about 13,000 students and expanding its degree programs. PPCC has several campuses around town, and offers many elective courses that cannot be taken at UCCS. I have always been interested in teaching and have been told by many people that I have a natural talent of explaining and teaching. Entomology 101 would be a perfect addition for an expanding university or for a community college offering various electives. This would also be a great way to start out in the teaching world and hopefully pursue my interests in being an instructor. By teaching an introductory class to Entomology, I can pique student interest in the topic and potentially help start a program at one of the sites.

### **Background Information**

I have done no previous work in this area, but I am extremely excited at the possibility of creating a class to both teach and excite students about Entomology. Both UCCS and PPCC offer degrees in basic Biology, so this course would be a great elective in these programs. Insects are such a huge part of nature and the forces therein, so providing information about an essential piece of the environmental puzzle would be critical in their understanding and studies. Perhaps by offering this elective, some students might realize a passion they have for studying insects and might pursue a graduate degree in Entomology, much like I did 4 years ago.



## **What, How, When**

For this project, I plan on creating a course and most of its components from scratch. I will first begin by defining my goals of what this course should be. The purpose of this Intro to Entomology for non-majors will be to provide a basic understanding of the main topics in this field (which will be outlined below), while creating interest and capturing their attention. With this goal defined, a proposed schedule of topics will be formed and a textbook will be chosen. Several textbooks will be perused (a couple encountered in my studies thus far, and several that I have not read) for the topics I wish to cover, and the one that best matches my goal will be chosen. I am ideally looking for a textbook that covers the major areas of this field with terms that are not too technical or difficult to understand, but one that provides sufficient information. Some courses roughly follow the topics found in the textbook, while others skip around or incorporate several books. For an Intro class, I would like to tailor the lectures to follow the content found in the book for a few reasons: 1) so that students will be able to clearly follow the material, 2) to encompass and include all types of learners in the classroom, 3) offer overviews or new perspectives to those found in the text, and to 4) provide the material in as many forms as possible to ensure a sound learning and understanding. Once the topics and text have been chosen, a schedule will be drawn up and will include assignments, papers, quizzes, and exams. If this proposal is approved, I would like to have the textbook picked out and read by mid-January, and the topic list done by end of January. Papers, assignments, quizzes, and exams would be done by March, and the syllabus drawn up and finished soon after that. I would like to submit the project for final approval by May so that any required changes can be made and re-submitted by June, in time for the summer graduation in August.

## **Outcomes**

The outcome of this project will be a ready-to-go, Introduction to Entomology, course. It will contain a syllabus, calendar, textbook, topics, assignments, papers, quizzes, and exams. I hope to take this portfolio to the local university and present the staff with this course in hopes that I might get the opportunity to teach local students about insects. The program directors will be able to flip through the portfolio and browse the topics picked for the course. If I am thorough enough, and present a knowledgeable approach to a foundational topic of Biology, hopefully I can start pursuing a life-long dream of teaching Entomology at a higher level.

# **Syllabus: Entomology 101**

## **Introduction to Entomology**

### **Fall 2016**

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#### **Course Objectives**

- Gain a basic understanding of insect biology, including: anatomy, physiology, and behavior
- Explore the development, history, and classification of insect orders
- Discover the importance of insects in medical, veterinary, and forensic applications
- Understand Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques and importance for the future

#### **Textbook**

- The textbook for this course will be:  
“The Insects: An Outline of Entomology” by Gullan and Cranston.  
4<sup>th</sup> edition. 2010. ISBN-13: 978-1444330366  
5<sup>th</sup> edition. 2014. ISBN-13: 978-1118846155
- It can be found in the bookstore, on Amazon.com, or other online retailers for a very reasonable price.
- <http://www.amazon.com/The-Insects-An-Outline-Entomology/dp/1444330365>
- <http://www.amazon.com/Insects-Entomology-P-J-Gullan/dp/111884615X>

## Class Schedule

Week	Topic	Textbook	Assignment Due
1	Importance, Diversity, and Conservation of Insects	1	
2	External Anatomy and Structure	2	Homework 1
3	Internal Anatomy and Physiology	3	Quiz 1
4	Reproduction	5	Essay 1
5	Development and Life Histories	6	Homework 2
6	Biogeography and Evolution	8	Quiz 2
7	Ground-Dwelling and Aquatic Insects	9 & 10	Homework 3
8	Insects and Plants	11	Midterm Exam
9	***Spring/Fall Break!!***		
10	Insect Societies	12	Homework 4
11	Predation and Parasitism	13	Quiz 3
12	Insect Defense	14	Essay 2
13	Medical and Veterinary Entomology	15	Homework 5
14	Pest Management and IPM	16	Quiz 4
15	Collecting, Curating, Preserving, and Identification	17	Homework 6
16	***Finals Week***		Final Exam / Paper

## Homework Assignments

There will be 6 homework assignments, each worth 20 points. These are not meant to be extremely time consuming, but rather to enforce certain concepts covered during lectures and enhance learning. The format will vary and each assignment will differ in feel and application. See the “Homework Assignments Handout” for specific requirements for each assignment.

## Essay Requirements

Essay 1:

1-2 pages, double-spaced, size 12, Times New Roman, 1" margins.

Pick a major subsection of chapter 4 (Sensory Systems & Behavior) and summarize.

Essay 2:

2-3 pages, double-spaced, size 12, Times New Roman, 1" margins.

Pick a “Taxobox” from the back of the book, summarizing important aspects of a particular insect order interesting to you. Include the proper way to preserve specimens and any other facts or pieces of information that make the order unique or fascinating. If you incorporate information from other sources (online or other), be sure to cite it properly.

## **Paper Requirements**

Guidelines: 4-5 pages, double-spaced, size 12, Times New Roman, 1" margins. Make sure all information is sourced correctly (either APA or MLA) with attention to grammar. At least 1 peer-reviewed article must be used and cited.

Topic: Pick something insect-related that is interesting to you. This can include: a particular insect, aspect of behavior, ecological concept, insect interaction, etc. If you have any questions or doubts, please feel free to ask.

Assignment: Find a peer-reviewed article (either with the use of Google scholar or the resources at the library) on a topic you find interesting. Summarize the article: (please keep it to a maximum of a couple of pages) including research performed, and any conclusions the authors reached. Critique the article: explain whether you agree or disagree with their approach, methods, research, or conclusions and support your position with evidence from another peer-reviewed article. Expand: be creative and come up with any potential ideas, areas, or experiments that could be explored further regarding this topic.

## **Quizzes**

There will be 4 short quizzes, each worth 25 points. Quizzes will cover material recently discussed (within the last 2 or 3 weeks) and will generally be true/false and multiple choice.

## **Exams**

There will be 2 Exams, each worth 100 points (a Mid-Term and a Final). The Mid-Term exam will cover the first half of the course, with material from weeks 1-8 and textbook chapters 1-11 (excluding 4 and 7). The Final exam will cover the second half of the course, and will include material from weeks 10-15 and textbook chapters 12-17. Exams will be closed-book and may include questions or concepts from the homework assignments and quizzes. There will be true/false, multiple choice, and short answer questions.

## Grading

Assignment	Point Value (555 total)	Percentage of Grade
Exams (Mid-term/Final)	200 (2 x 100)	36%
Homework assignments	120 (6 x 20)	22%
Quizzes	100 (4 x 25)	18%
Term Paper	75	14%
Essays	60 (2 x 30)	11%
Extra Credit	20	---

<b>A+</b>	<b>98-100</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>93-97</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>A-</b>	<b>90-92</b>	<b>3.67</b>
<b>B+</b>	<b>87-89</b>	<b>3.33</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>83-86</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>B-</b>	<b>80-82</b>	<b>2.67</b>
<b>C+</b>	<b>77-79</b>	<b>2.33</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>73-76</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>C-</b>	<b>70-72</b>	<b>1.67</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>60-69</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>0-59</b>	<b>0</b>

## Additional Information

### Academic Dishonesty:

Students are expected to conduct themselves with honesty and integrity. Please review the student code of conduct [HERE](#) and PPCC's policy on academic honesty [HERE](#).

### Pledge of Instructional Standards:

Instructor will provide students a complete syllabus meeting all standards; our classes will be based on current science and will follow published schedules and descriptions; instructor will be timely in returning grades and in responding to students.

### American Disabilities Act Compliance:

Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the instructor for a confidential discussion of their individual needs for academic accommodation. It is the policy of Pikes Peak Community College to provide flexible and individualized accommodation to students with documented disabilities that may affect their ability to fully participate in course activities or to meet course requirements. To receive accommodation services, students must be registered with the Office of

Accommodative Services and Instructional Support (OASIS), room A209 at the Centennial Campus, 719-502-3333.

# ENTOMOLOGY 101

Fall 2016

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# Entomology Overview

- Topics
  - What is Entomology
  - Importance of insects
  - Biodiversity
  - Naming / Classification
  - Insects in popular culture
  - Insects as food
  - Conservation

# What is 'Entomology'?

- Entomology is: the study of insects
- *Entomon* = insects (or segmented), *Logia* = study of

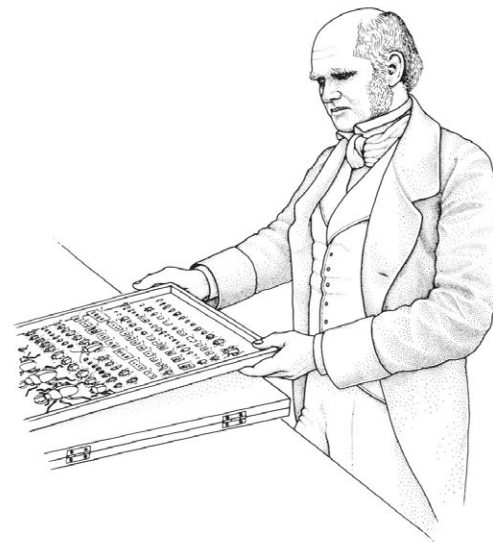
# What is 'Entomology'?

- Entomologists study, collect, observe, rear, experiment
- They study the whole range of biological disciplines
  - ecology, behavior, anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, genetics
- Entomologists work with insects for many reasons:
  - ease of culturing, rapid life cycles and development, population turnover, availability of numerous individuals
- They are employed in a wide variety of careers, with many applications (not just Orkin!)



# What is 'Entomology'?

- Hobbyists can contribute greatly to the knowledge of entomology and biology
- BugGuide.net



Charles Darwin inspecting beetles collected during the voyage of the *Beagle*. (After various sources, especially Huxley & Kettlewell 1965 and Futuyma 1986.)

# What is 'Entomology'?

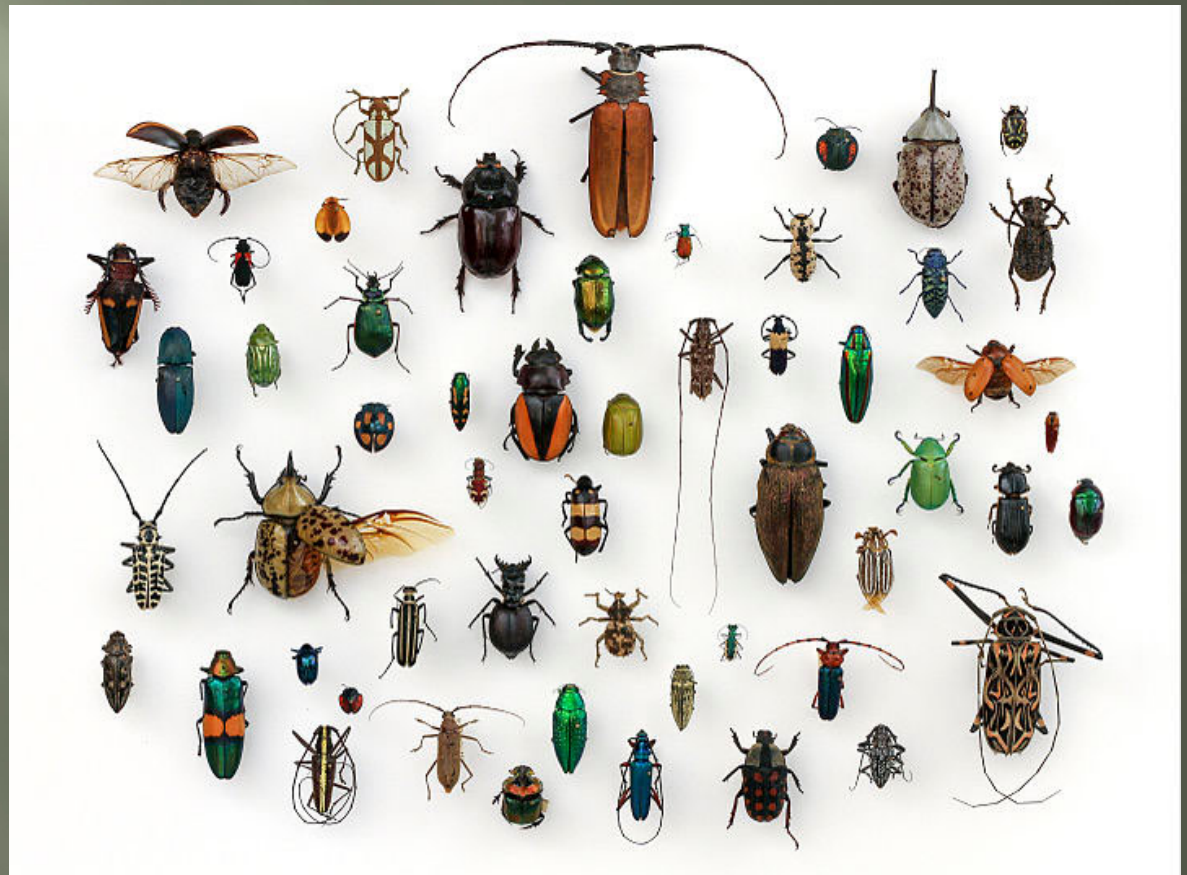
- Variations are astounding
  - Size-
    - Smallest insect:
      - Fairyfly - 1/8 of a mm
    - Largest insects:
      - Giant weta – weigh 70 grams
      - Titan beetle – 6.5"+ in length, powerful jaws
      - Hercules moth – 25cm wingspan
      - Meganeura (extinct) – 2.5' wingspan!





# What is 'Entomology'?

- Variations are astounding
  - Shape
  - Anatomy



Assorted Coleoptera in the University of Texas Insect Collection

Arrangement by Julia Suits; Photograph by Alex Wild  
Public Domain image produced by the "Insects Unlocked" project at the University of Texas at Austin.

# What is 'Entomology'?

- Variations are astounding
  - Coloration and patterning



# The Importance of Insects

- Insect feeding groups are diverse and include:
  - Ingestion of detritus, rotting materials, living and dead wood, fungus, aquatic particles, herbivory, sap feeding, predation, and parasitism; non-feeding
- Inhabit all sorts of habitats:
  - Land, water, plants, animals, crude oil!
- Exhibit different lifestyles:
  - Solitary, gregarious, subsocial, highly social
- Found in various climates:
  - Hot, cold, wet, dry, windy, everything in between
- Insects can be found everywhere



# The Importance of Insects

- Insects are essential to ecosystem functions:
  - Nutrient recycling in the form of leaf-litter and wood degradation, dispersal of fungi, disposal of animal carcasses, disposal of dung, soil turnover
  - Plant propagation: pollination and seed dispersal
  - Act as food for many vertebrates, such as birds, bats, mammals, reptiles, fish
  - Maintenance of community structure by the transmission of disease of large animals and predation of smaller ones
- “Keystone species”
  - A species that has a disproportionate effect on its environment relative to its abundance, often acting as ecosystem engineers, predators, or mutualists



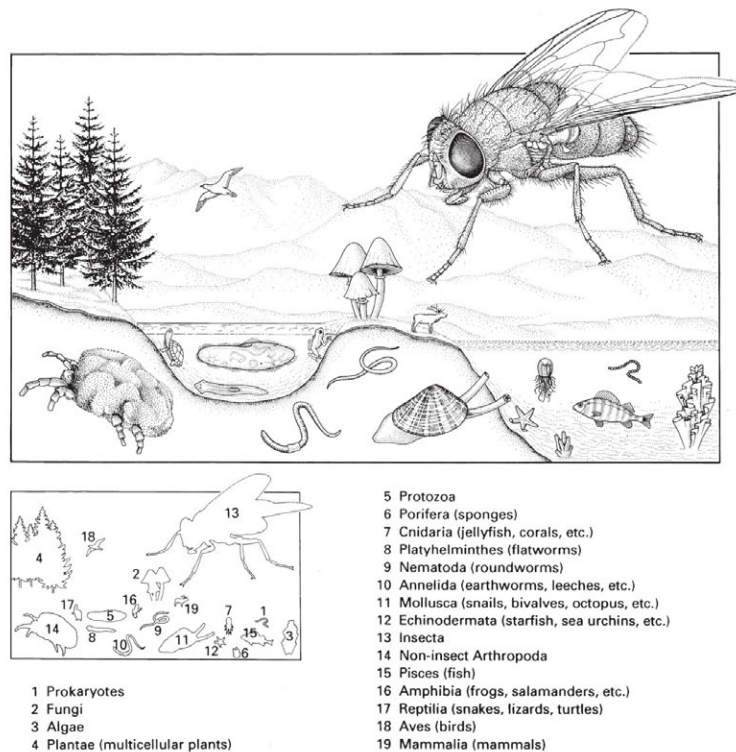
# The Importance of Insects

- Benefits
  - Food
    - Honey bees provide honey, wax, and pollination at an estimated value of over \$15 billion annually
    - Other insects account for over \$5 billion in pollination
    - Valuable pest control by parasitism
  - Scientific Research
    - *Drosophila melanogaster*
  - Chemicals
    - Chitin (from the exoskeleton) used as a coagulant, healing agent, biodegradable plastics, pollution removal from water
    - Silk from silkworm moths used in fabric for centuries
    - Red dye from scales in food, red pens, and yes- lipstick



# Biodiversity

- Across the different taxa of organisms



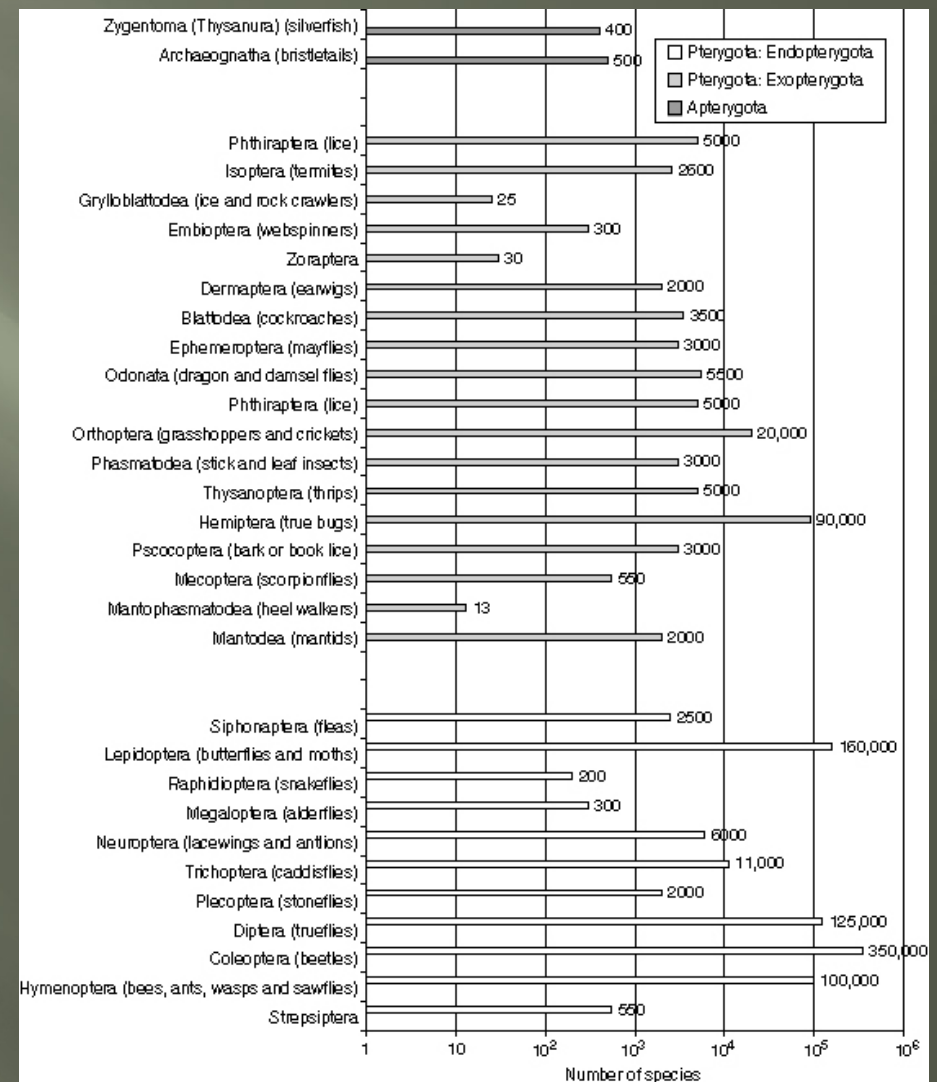
**Fig. 1.1** Speciespace, in which the size of individual organisms is approximately proportional to the number of described species in the higher taxon that it represents. (After Wheeler 1990.)

# Biodiversity

- Real vs. Estimated

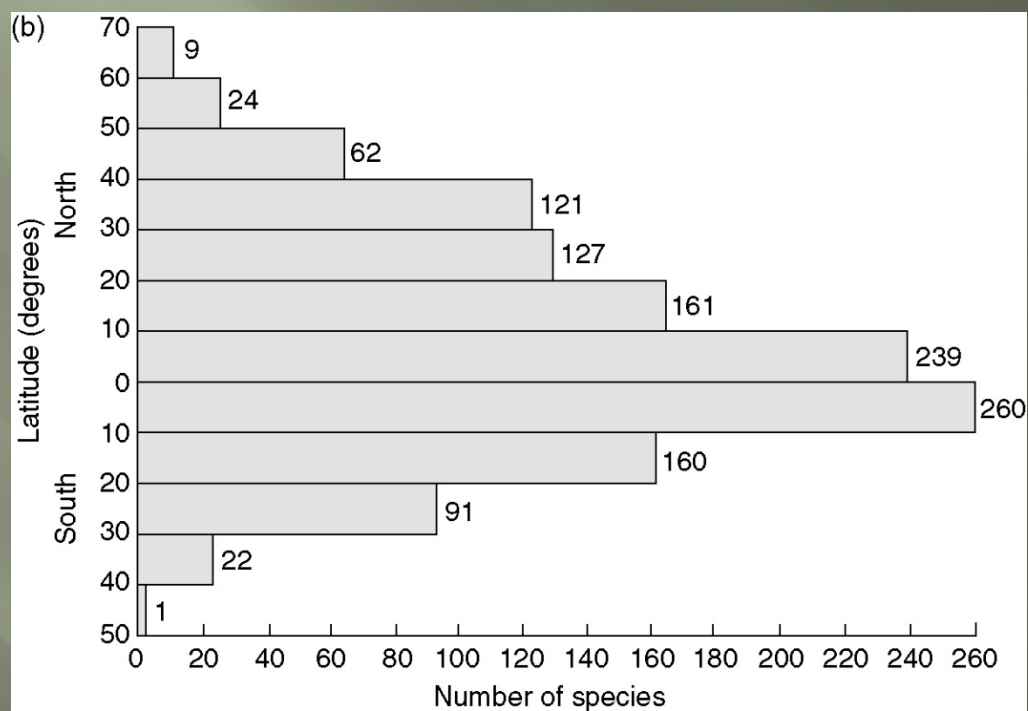


"Think about it, Ed.... The class Insecta contains 26 orders, almost 1,000 families, and over 750,000 described species — but I can't shake the feeling we're all just a bunch of bugs."





# Biodiversity



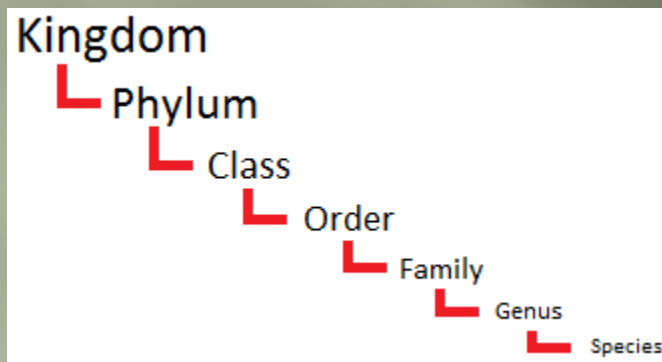
# Biodiversity

- Why so many?
  - Small size- exploit and occupy more niches; many utilize same resource
  - Genetic change between generations
  - Sexual selection
- Why so small?
  - Tracheal system limitations
  - Appearance of birds
  - Falling levels of O<sub>2</sub>



# Naming and Classification

- What's in a name?



- Scientific names
  - Italicized, *Upper lower*, or underlined
  - Needed because of confusion
  - Example: *Dasymutilla occidentalis* -or- Dasymutilla occidentalis
- 'Lumpers' and 'Splitters'

**Table 1.1** Taxonomic categories (obligatory categories are shown in **bold**).

Taxon category	Standard suffix	Example
<b>Order</b>		Hymenoptera
Suborder		Apocrita
Superfamily	-oidea	Apoidea
Epifamily	-oidae	Apoidae
<b>Family</b>	-idae	Apidae
Subfamily	-inae	Apinae
Tribe	-ini	Apini
<b>Genus</b>		<i>Apis</i>
Subgenus		
<b>Species</b>		<i>A. mellifera</i>
Subspecies		<i>A. m. mellifera</i>

# Naming and Classification



- Species: *aegypti*
- Genus: *Aedes* – includes many other similar mosquitos
- Family: Culicidae – contains all of the mosquito species
- Order: Diptera – has common flies, crane flies, mosquitos, midges, fruit flies, gnats
- Class: Insecta – encompasses grasshoppers, bees, butterflies, beetles, etc.
- Phylum: Arthropoda – consists of spiders, crabs, centipedes, insects
- Kingdom: Animilia – tigers, dolphins, birds, insects, all other animals



# Insects in Popular Culture



# Insects in Popular Culture

- Ancient cultures

- Egypt
  - Scarabs
- China
  - Cicadas
- Australia
  - Totems
- Europe
  - Symbolism
- Japan
  - Caged pets, and “Cri-Kee”



- Current cultures

- USA
  - Butterfly farms and insect zoos, caddisfly jewelry, fashion shows
- Japan
  - Video games, collections, ‘Beetlemania’
- Malaysia
  - Praying mantises

# Insects as Food

- Entomophagy: the practice of eating insects
- Prominent in: Africa, Asia, Australia, Latin America, and rising in other parts of the world
- Repugnance in the USA
- Taste: nutty, citrus
- Big Bang Theory





# Insects as Food

- Values and benefits
  - Rich source of nutrients
  - Twice the protein of beef
  - Better animal feed for domesticated animals
  - Less environmental damage
  - Diet diversification

## Nutritional Value of Various Insects per 100 grams

Data collected from *The Food Insects Newsletter*, July 1996 (Vol. 9, No. 2, ed. by  
University) and *Bugs In the System*, by

, Montana State

Insect	Protein (g)	Fat (g)	Carbohydrate	Calcium (mg)	Iron (mg)
Giant Water Beetle	19.8	8.3	2.1	43.5	13.6
Red Ant	13.9	3.5	2.9	47.8	5.7
Silk Worm Pupae	9.6	5.6	2.3	41.7	1.8
Dung Beetle	17.2	4.3	.2	30.9	7.7
Cricket	12.9	5.5	5.1	75.8	9.5
Small Grasshopper	20.6	6.1	3.9	35.2	5.0
Large Grasshopper	14.3	3.3	2.2	27.5	3.0
June Beetle	13.4	1.4	2.9	22.6	6.0
Caterpillar	6.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.1
Termite	14.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	35.5
Weevil	6.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.1
Beef (Lean Ground)	27.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.5
Fish (Broiled Cod)	28.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.0

# Insects as Food

- Examples
  - Central Africa
  - Philippines
  - Early North America
  - Australia

- Do not eat!
  - Distasteful or toxic
  - Allergies





# Conservation

- Conservation can be difficult
- Typical programs
- 'Flagship species' and the 'umbrella effect'
- Monarch Butterfly reserves



# Conservation

- Cause of extinctions
  - Habitat loss
  - Fragmentation
- Program focus
  - Too many insect species
- CITES
  - Stands for: “Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species”
  - Ensures that trade of animals does not threaten their survival





# Conservation

- Community benefits
  - Income for societies that struggle for cash
  - Leads locals to realize the importance of their habitat
- Success stories and examples
  - Lord Howe Island stick insect
  - New Zealand weta
  - Phengaris butterflies





# Pictures by Slide

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Questions?

# Permission



**Widowman10** <bkspiderman@gmail.com>

Jan 11 (11 days ago) ☆



to John ▾

Thank you sir!! I (and hopefully my students!) appreciate it very much.

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On Mon, Jan 11, 2016 at 4:19 PM, VanDyk, John K [ENT] <[jvandyk@iastate.edu](mailto:jvandyk@iastate.edu)> wrote:

Go right ahead!

John

> On Jan 11, 2016, at 4:26 PM, Widowman10 <[bkspiderman@gmail.com](mailto:bkspiderman@gmail.com)> wrote:

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> Hey John, I'm teaching an Intro to Entomology at a local university here in Colorado Springs. I was wondering if I could use a snapshot of the "Clickable Guide" for a powerpoint presentation, assuming of course I credit BugGuide?

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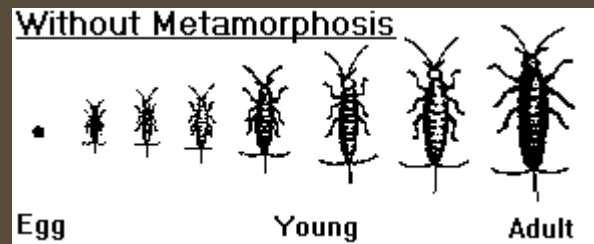
External Anatomy

# External Anatomy

- Topics
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  - Segmentation
  - Head
  - Thorax
  - Abdomen

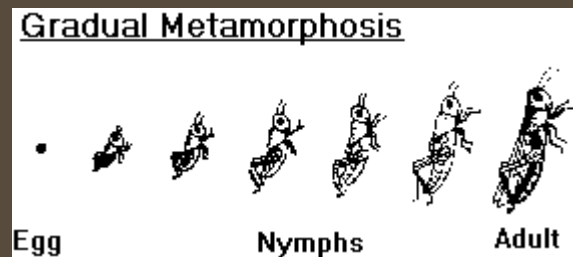
# External Anatomy

- Types of Metamorphosis - Ametabolous
  - aka “no metamorphosis”
  - Only difference between the immature and adult is the maturation of sex organs
  - Example: Silverfish



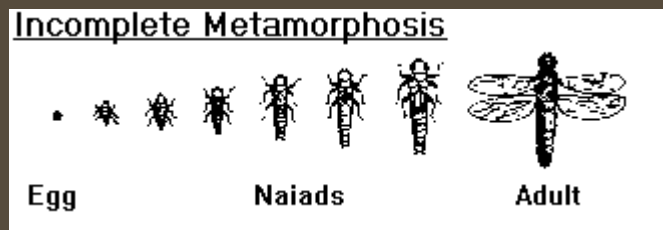
# External Anatomy

- Types of Metamorphosis - Paurometabolous
  - aka “gradual metamorphosis”
  - Nymphs resemble the adults except for body proportions
  - Example: Grasshoppers, Milkweed bugs



# External Anatomy

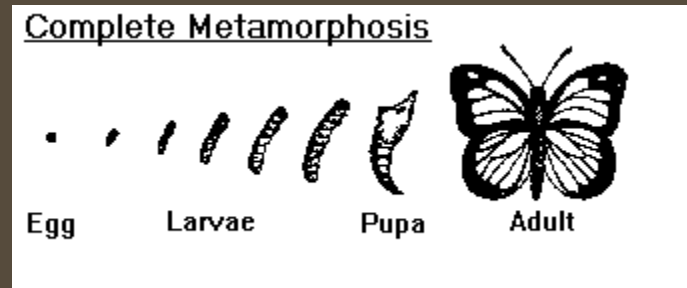
- Types of Metamorphosis - Hemimetabolous
  - aka “incomplete metamorphosis”
  - Naiad very different from adult in appearance and behavior
  - All are aquatic
  - Example: Dragonflies, Mayflies





# External Anatomy

- Types of Metamorphosis - Holometabolous
  - aka “complete metamorphosis”
  - Classic or ‘standard’ insect development, found in many orders
  - Example: Butterflies, Beetles, Flies, Bees



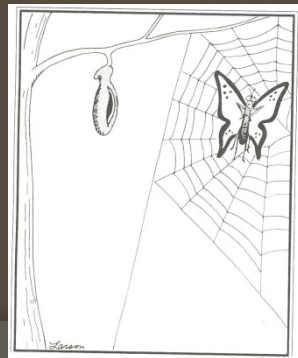
# The Cuticle

- Much like skin and bones, all in one
- Key contributor to the success of insects
  - Protects against water loss / dessication
  - Acts as a barrier to keep water out
  - Repels pathogens and other disease-causing agents
  - Surface for muscle attachment
  - Sensory interface with the environment



# The Cuticle

- Molting, or “Ecdysis”

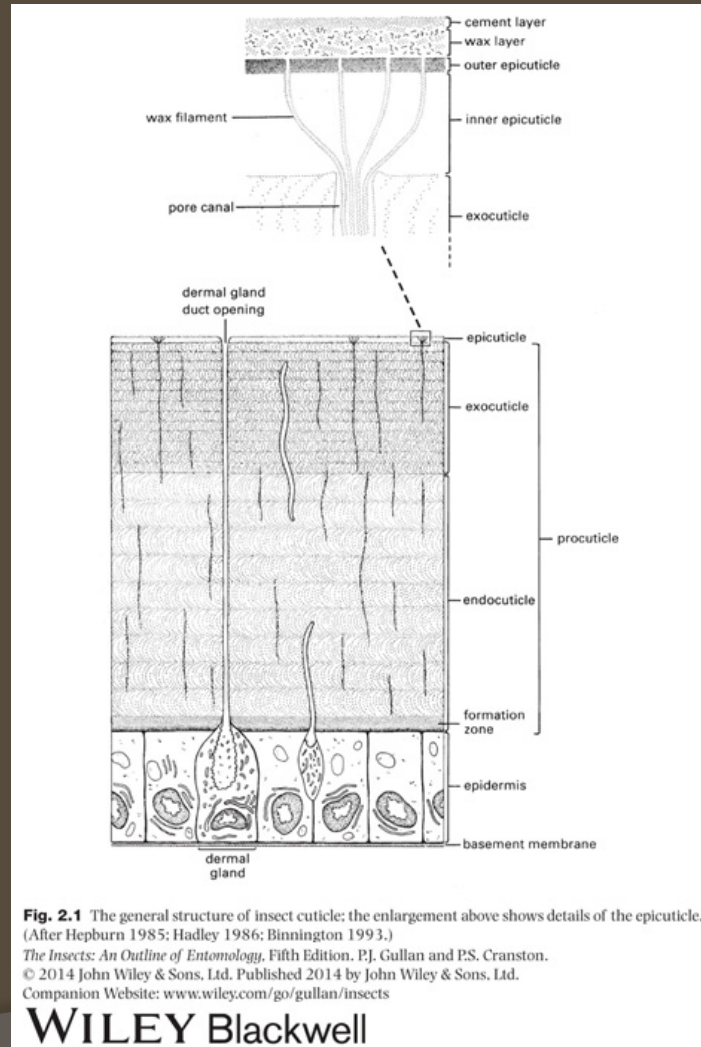


# The Cuticle

- Forms:

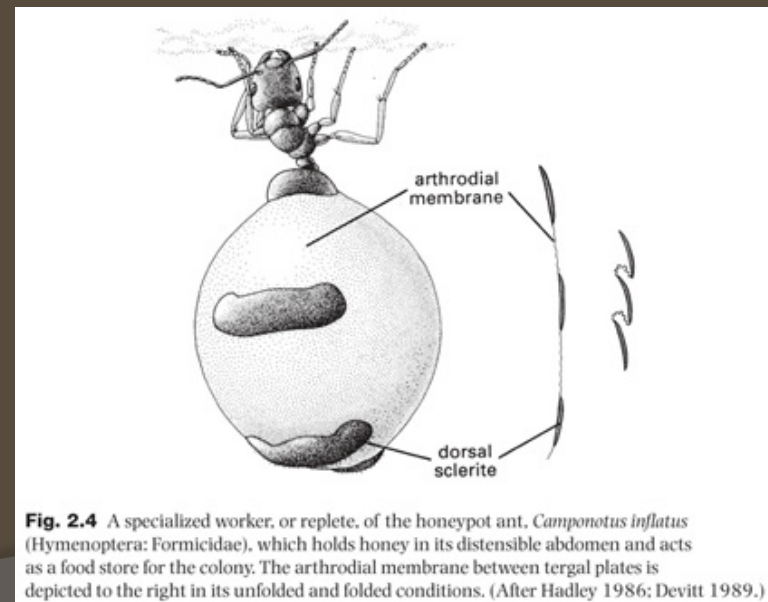


- Structure & Function of the various layers of the cuticle:



# The Cuticle

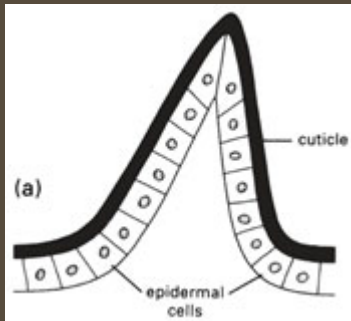
- Chitin
  - Key supporting element in exoskeletons and extracellular structures
  - Gives the cuticle rigidity and strength
  - One of the most important biopolymers in nature
  - Mainly produced by fungi, arthropods, and nematodes
- Arthrodial membrane
  - Up to 20-fold expansion





# The Cuticle

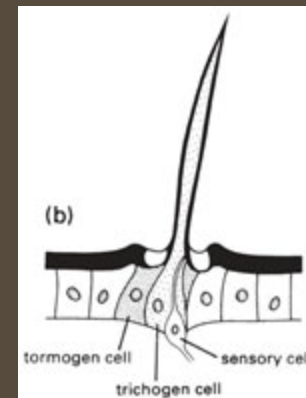
- Cuticular extensions – Spines





# The Cuticle

- Cuticular extensions – Setae
- Help the insect sense:
  - Sound
  - Touch
  - Humidity
  - Light
  - Wind direction
- Cockroaches



# The Cuticle

- Cuticular extensions – Setae



# The Cuticle

- Colors - Produced by different means (or a combination)
  - Physical: scattering, interference, diffraction
  - Chemical: by pigments in three ways
    - Insect's metabolism
    - Sequestration from plant source
    - Microbial endosymbionts
- “Blue Moon Cicada”
  - Insectoverdin: green pigment produced by mixture of tetrapyrrole (blue) and carotenoid (yellow) compounds. If carotenoids are missing, blue cicadas occur



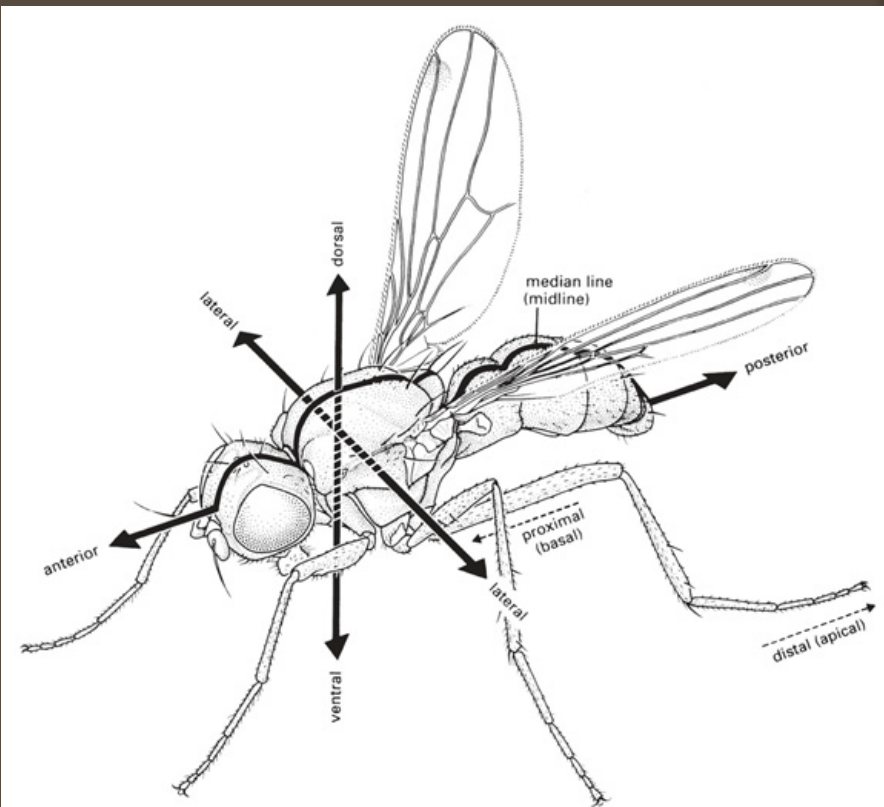
# Segmentation & Tagmosis

- 3 distinct regions:
  - Head
    - Composed of 6 segments
    - Fused into rigid capsule
  - Thorax
    - Composed of 3 segments
    - Contains attachment sites for leg / wing muscles
  - Abdomen
    - Composed of 11 segments
    - Typically not rigid, somewhat flexible or soft



# Segmentation & Tagmosis

- Bilateral symmetry
- Orientation



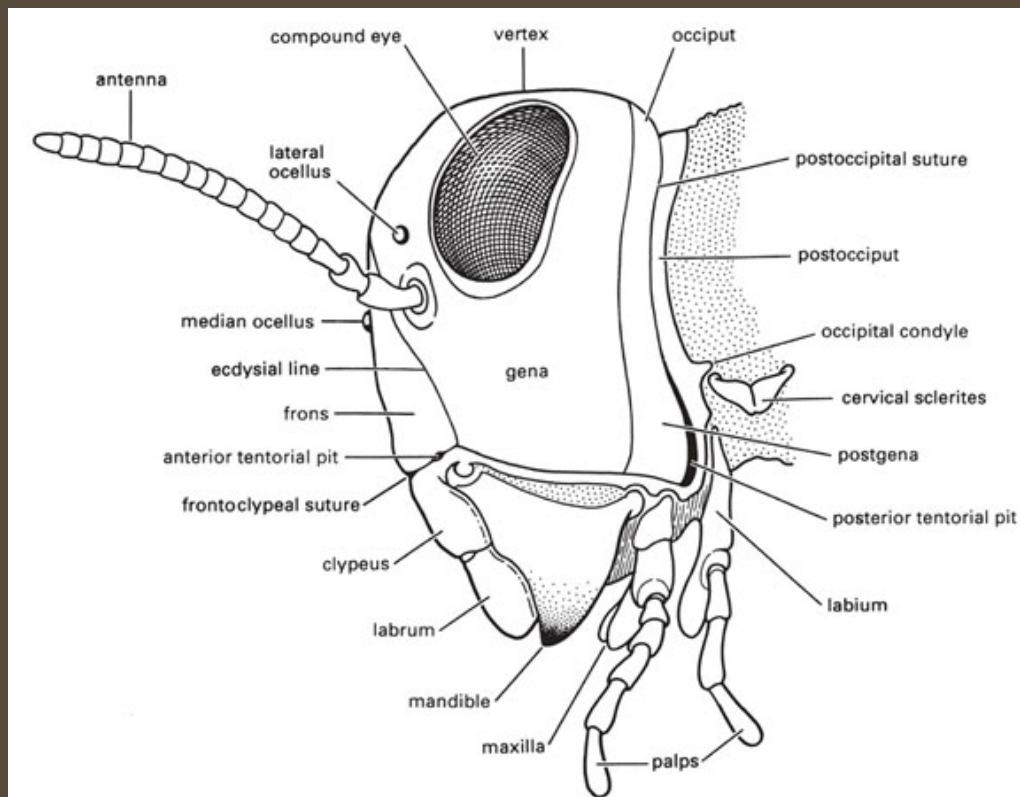
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# The Head

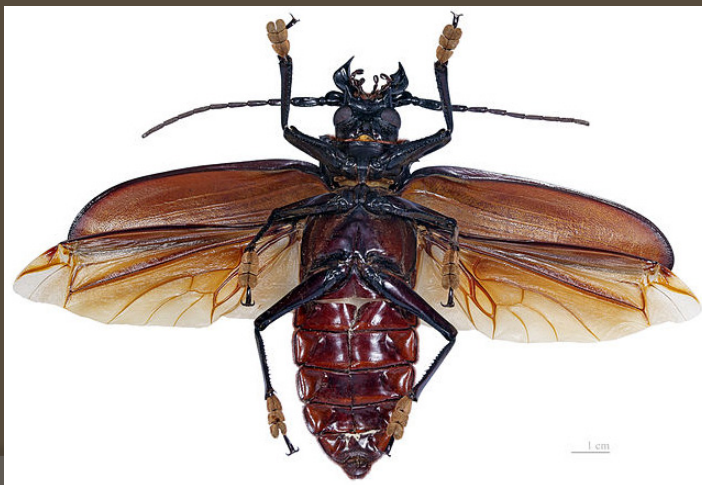


**Fig. 2.9** Lateral view of the head of a generalized pterygote insect. (After Snodgrass 1935.)  
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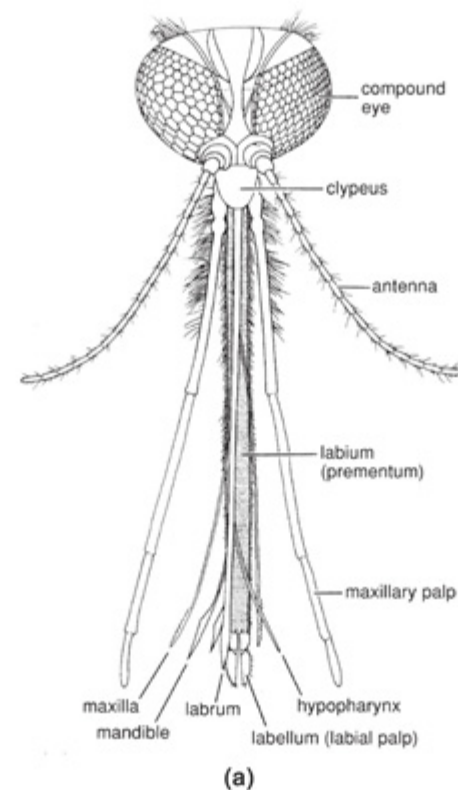
# The Head

- Mouthparts
  - Important for classification and taxonomy
  - 5 basic components of mouthparts
    1. Labrum - the 'upper lip'
    2. Hypopharynx - divides mouth cavity
    3. Mandibles - cut/crush food; defense
    4. Maxillae - assist in processing food
    5. Labium - the 'lower lip'
  - Many different types



# The Head

- Common types of mouthparts
  1. Chewing
    - Beetles, Hoppers, Caterpillars
  2. Piercing/Sucking
    - True bugs, Mosquitos
  3. Siphoning
    - Butterflies
  4. Sponging
    - Flies
  5. Other types
- Positioning of mouthparts

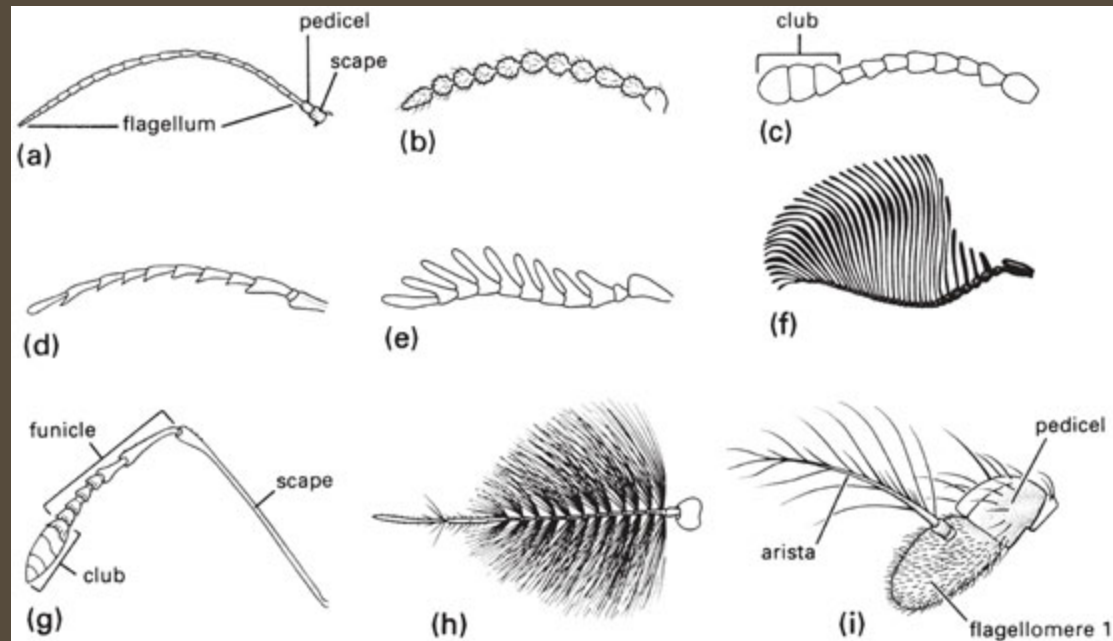


**Fig. 2.13** Mouthparts of female mosquito in: (a) frontal view; (b) transverse section.  
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# The Head

- Antennae types



**Fig. 2.19** Some types of insect antennae: (a) filiform – linear and slender; (b) moniliform – like a string of beads; (c) clavate or capitate – distinctly clubbed; (d) serrate – saw-like; (e) pectinate – comb-like; (f) flabellate – fan-shaped; (g) geniculate – elbowed; (h) plumose – bearing whorls of setae; and (i) aristate – with enlarged third segment bearing a bristle.

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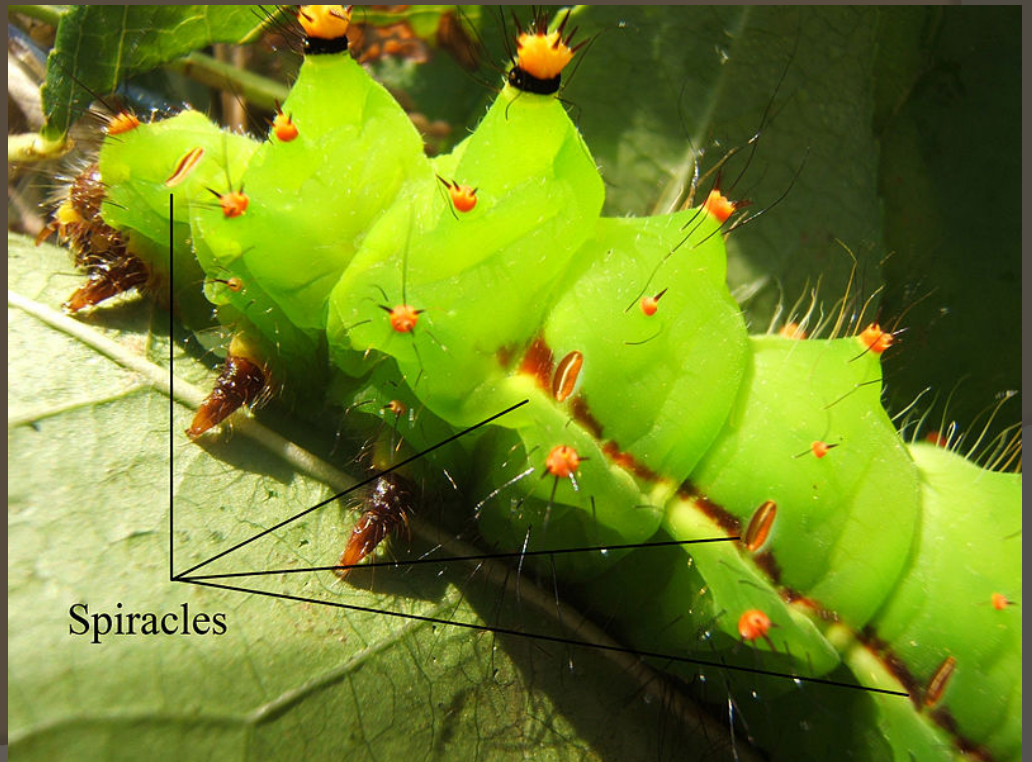
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# The Thorax

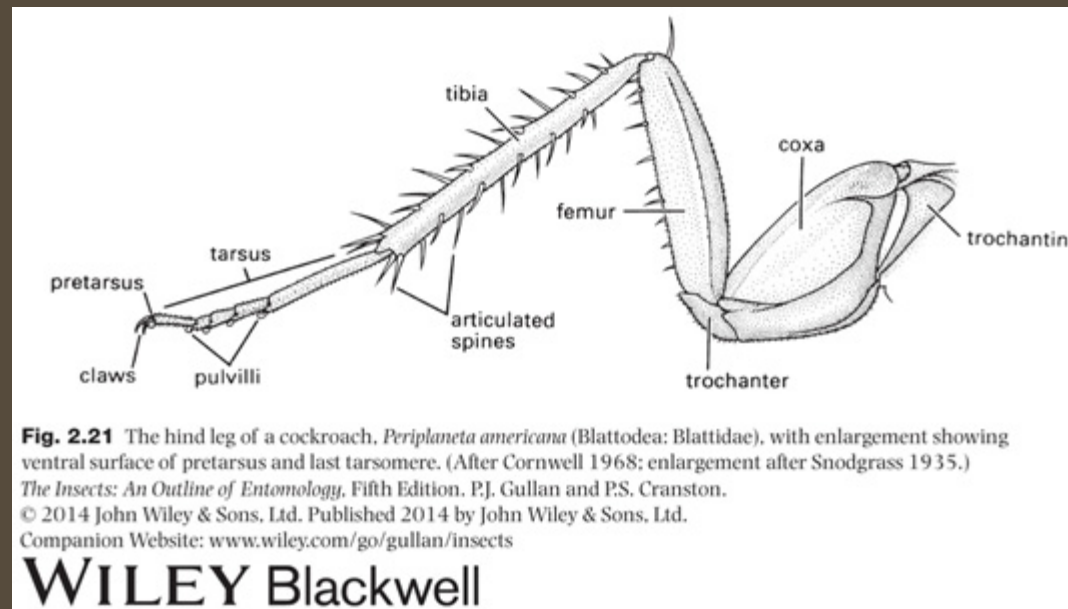
- Composed of 3 segments
  - Prothorax
  - Mesothorax
  - Metathorax
- Spiracles





# The Thorax

- Legs
- Segments

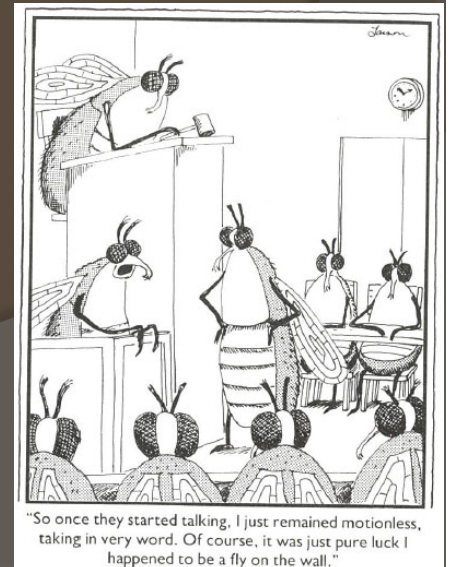
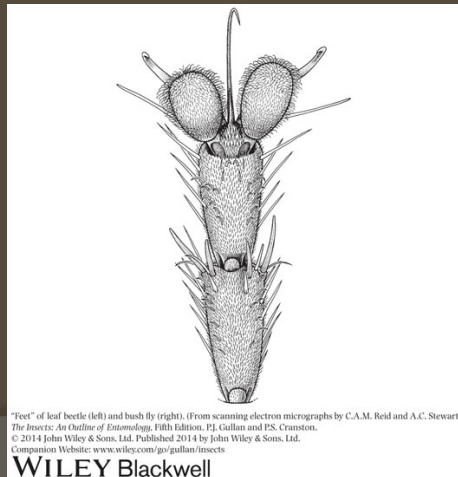


# The Thorax

- Legs
  - Tarsomeres



- Pulvilli

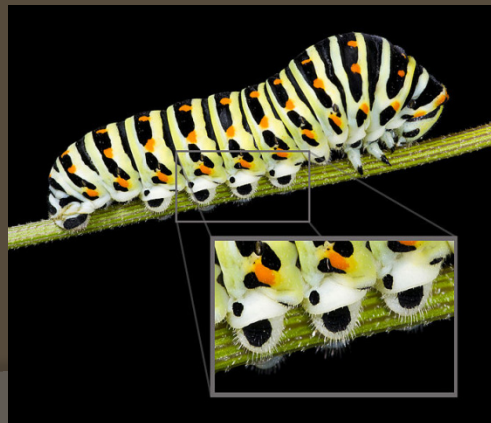


# The Thorax

- Legs
  - -orial leg adaptations

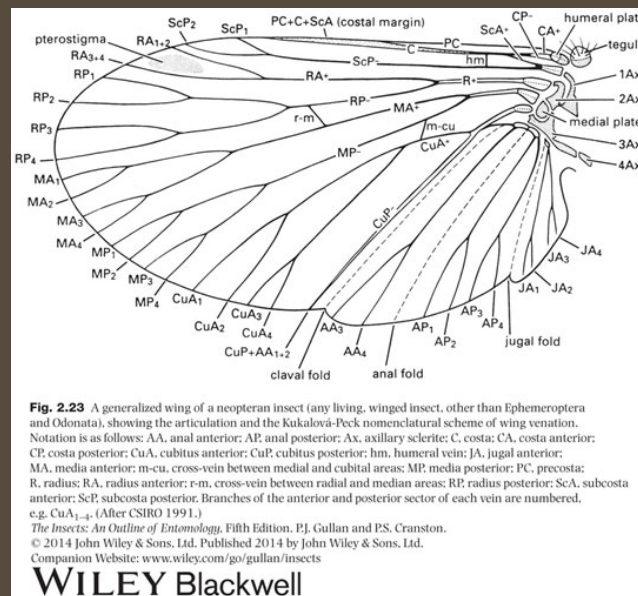


- Prolegs



# The Thorax

- Wings
  - As a general rule, fully developed wings are found only in adult insects- the only exception being the mayfly
  - Basic wing venation, shared by most orders



- Open / closed cells

# The Thorax

- Wings
  - Fore / hind wings
    - Coupled together in most orders
  - Forewing modification
    - Elytra, tegmina, etc.
  - Hindwing modification
    - Halteres





# The Abdomen

- 11 segments
- Ovipositor
  - Modified as sting
- Cerci
- Identification
  - Examination needed



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# ENTOMOLOGY 101

Internal Anatomy & Physiology



# Internal Anatomy

- Topics
  - Muscular system & Locomotion
  - Nervous system
  - Endocrine system
  - Circulatory system
  - Tracheal system
  - Digestive system
  - Excretory system
  - Reproductive system

# Internal Anatomy

- Hemocoel
- Hemolymph
  - Copper-based proteins vs iron-based proteins (blue vs red)

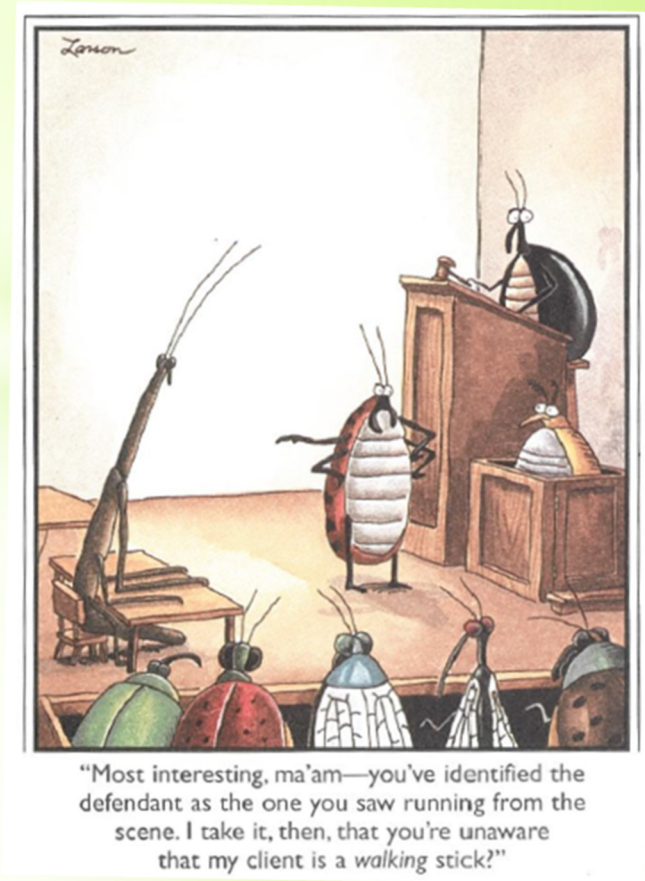
# Muscles & Locomotion

- Muscles & Attachment
  - Power/mass ratio increases as body size decreases
  - Muscles attach to the exoskeleton
    - Tonofibrillae act as attachment sites
  - Strength of ants



# Muscles & Locomotion

- Ground locomotion
  - Wriggling
    - Maggots – waves of contraction from head-to-tail
    - Caterpillars – contractions from tail-to-head
  - Walking
    - Tripod
    - Stability
    - Variations
  - Jumping
    - Mechanisms
  - Swimming
  - Water-walking



# Muscles & Locomotion

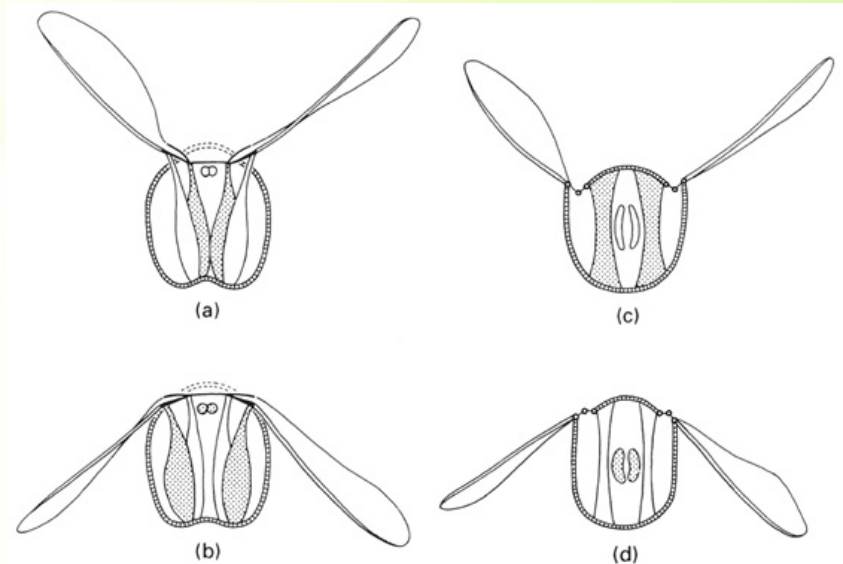
- Aerial locomotion (flight)
  - Benefits
    - Greater mobility (food, resources, mating)
    - New environments
    - Predator evasion
  - Wing beat: 5-1000 times / second
  - Sensory information (eyes, antennae, halteres)
  - Takeoff and landing





# Muscles & Locomotion

- Aerial locomotion (flight)
  - Muscle-powered flight
    - Direct flight muscles
    - Indirect system
  - The “click” point



**Fig. 3.4** Direct flight mechanisms: thorax during (a) upstroke and (b) downstroke of the wings. Indirect flight mechanisms: thorax during (c) upstroke and (d) downstroke of the wings. Stippled muscles are those contracting in each illustration. (After Blaney 1976.)

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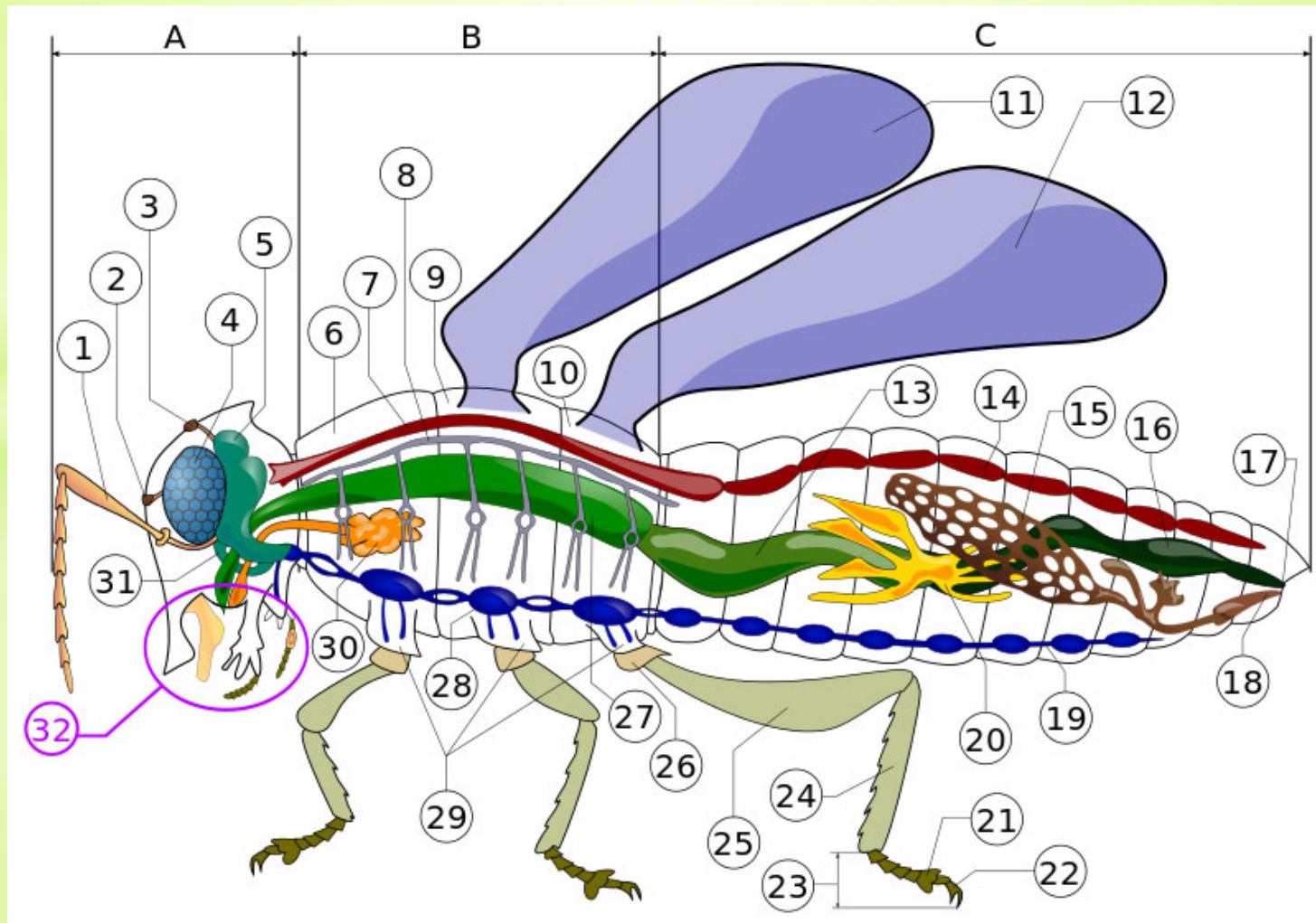
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# Nervous System

- Neuron: nerve cell
- Ganglia: a dense cluster of interconnected neurons that process sensory information or control major outputs
- Ventral nerve cord
- Insect brain
  - Protocerebrum: associated with eyes, optic lobes
  - Deutocerebrum: innervates the antennae
  - Tritocerebrum: handles signals from the body

# Nervous System



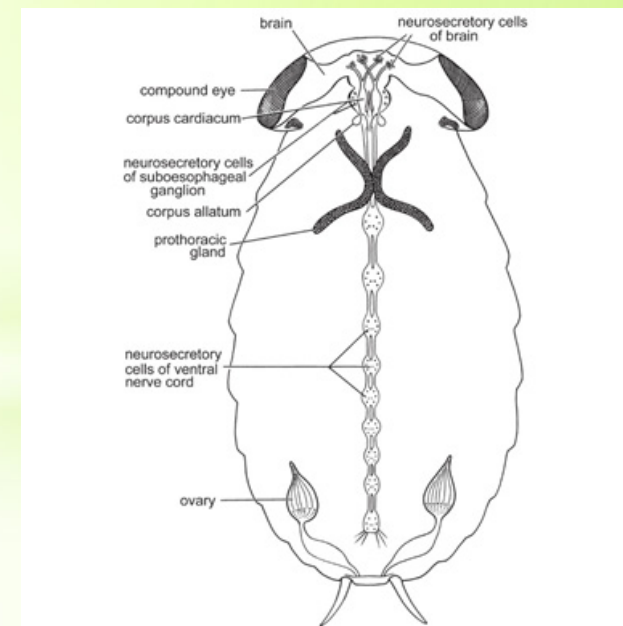
# Endocrine System

- Hormones play a critical role in molting and development
- Neurosecretory cells produce most of the hormones in the insect
- Hormones reach their target via transport in the hemolymph
- Tobacco hornworm



# Endocrine System

- Endocrine centers and hormones
  - Prothoracic glands
    - Secrete ecdysteroids
      - Any steroid with molt-promoting activity
      - Ecdysterone
  - Corpora allata
    - Secrete juvenile hormone
      - Controls metamorphosis
      - Regulates reproductive development
  - Corpora cardiaca
    - Secrete neurohormones
      - Control many aspects (largest class of hormones)
      - Prothoracicotropic hormone (PTTH)



**Fig. 3.8** The main endocrine centres in a generalized insect. (After Novak 1975.)  
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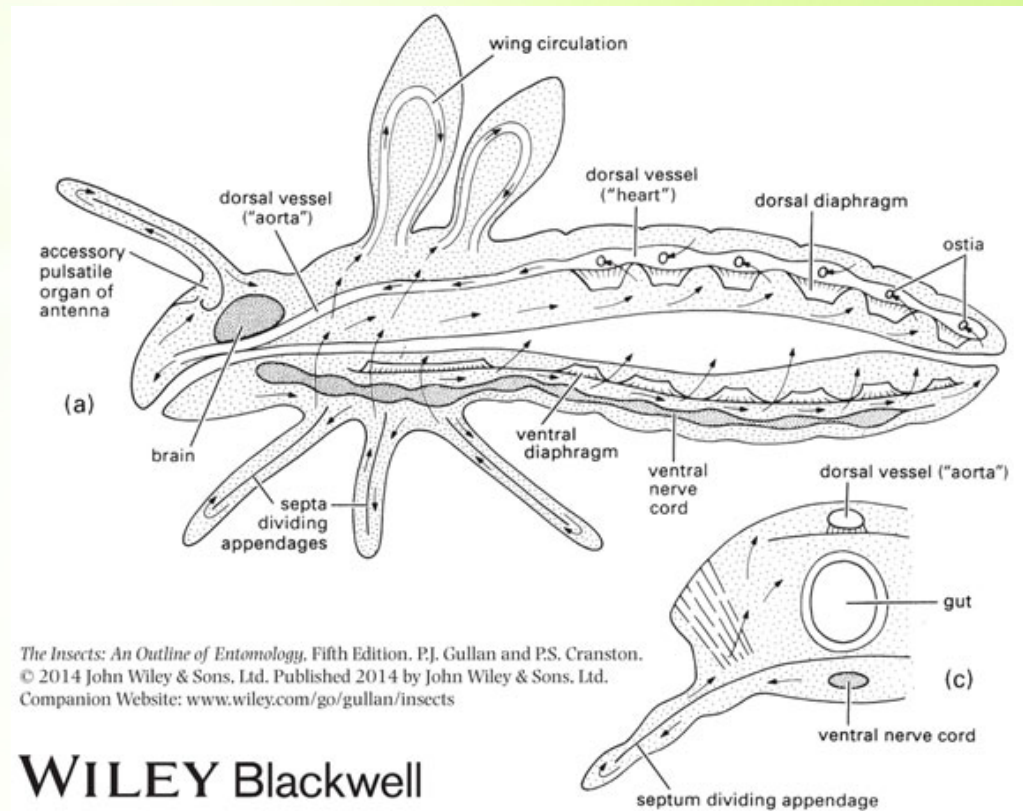
# Circulatory System

- Hemolymph
  - All chemical exchanges mediated via hemolymph
    - Hormones transported
    - Nutrients distributed
    - Wastes removed
  - Color
  - Difference between vertebrate/invertebrate blood
  - Protection / defense
    - Physical injury (clotting)
    - Protects against pathogens (immune responses)
    - Protection against predators (chemical deterrents)



# Circulatory System

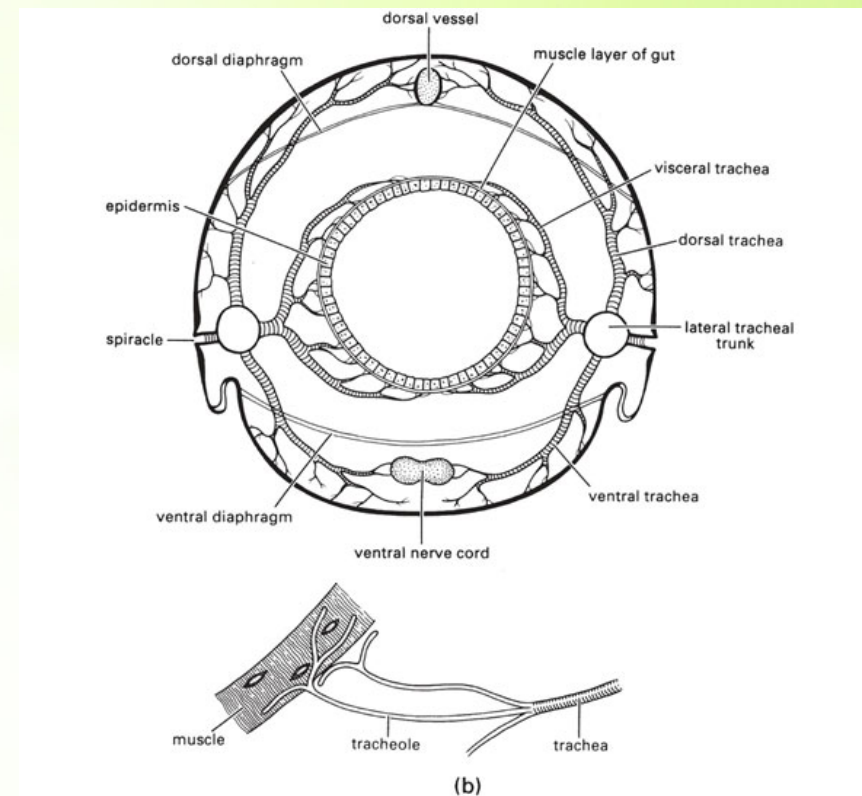
- Circulation
  - Open circulatory system
  - Dorsal blood vessel
  - Direction of blood flow
  - Ostia
  - Accessory pulsatile organs



**Fig. 3.9** Schematic diagram of a well-developed circulatory system: (a) longitudinal section through body; (b) transverse section of the abdomen; (c) transverse section of the thorax. Arrows indicate directions of haemolymph flow. (After Wigglesworth 1972.)

# Tracheal System

- “Open tracheal system”
  - Gas exchange
  - Trachea
  - Tracheole
  - Molting
  - Size



**Fig. 3.10** Schematic diagram of a generalized tracheal system seen in a transverse section of the body at the level of a pair of abdominal spiracles. Enlargements show: (a) an atriate spiracle with closing valve at inner end of atrium; (b) tracheoles running to a muscle fibre. (After Snodgrass 1935.)

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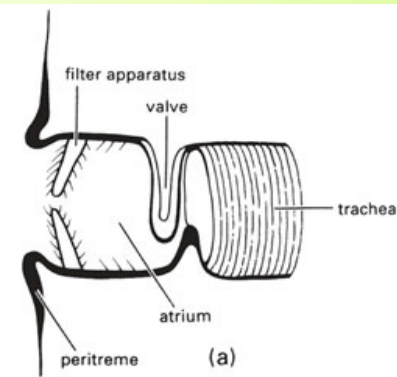
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# Tracheal System

- “Open tracheal system”
  - Atrium
  - Valve
  - Pesticides



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- “Closed tracheal system”
  - Lack spiracles
  - Types & examples

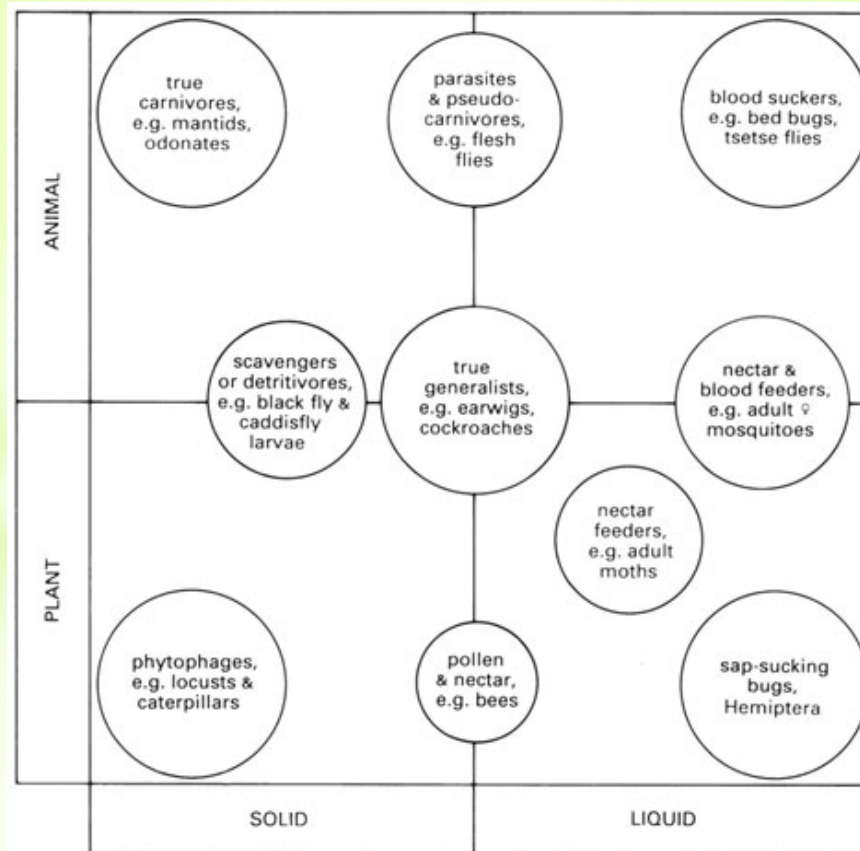
# Tracheal System

- Diffusion
- Discontinuous gas exchange
- Water loss / Oxygen tradeoff
- Xeric environments
  - Small spiracles
  - Deep atria
  - Cuticular projections
- Why are big insects long and thin?





# Digestive System



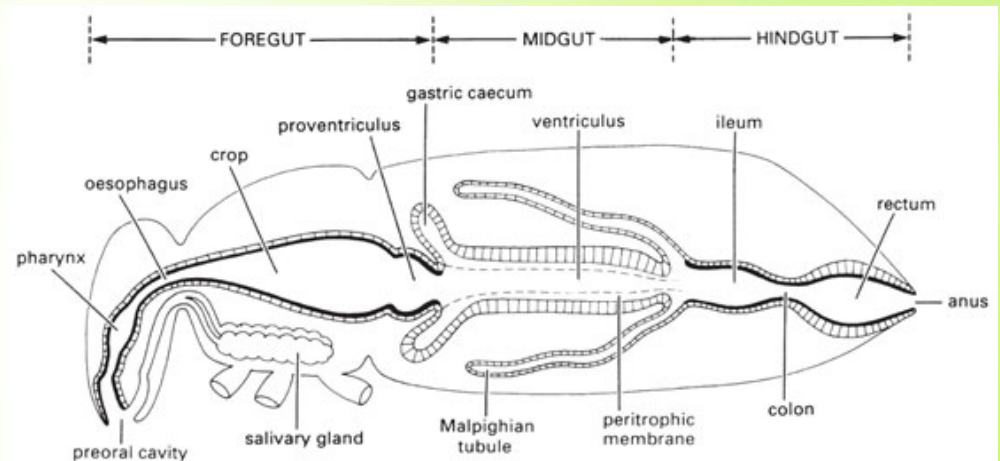
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# Digestive System

- Insect gut (or alimentary canal)
  - 3 sections
    - Foregut – ingestion, storage, grinding, transport
    - Midgut – enzymes produced, digestion occurs
    - Hindgut – absorption of valuable molecules
  - Cuticular lining
  - Salivary glands



**Fig. 3.13** Generalized insect alimentary canal showing division into three regions. The cuticular lining of the foregut and hindgut are indicated by thicker black lines. (After Dow 1986.)

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# Digestive System

- Saliva
  - Aids insects in digestion
  - Can contain:
    - Digestive enzymes
    - Anticoagulants & thinning agents
  - Disease transmission
  - Spittlebugs



# Digestive System

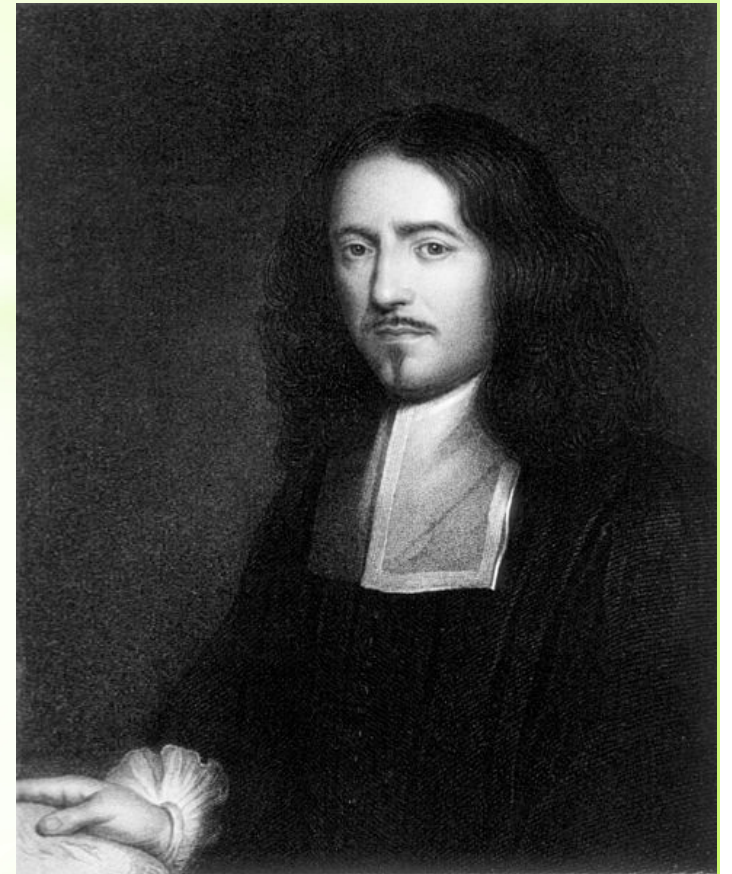
- Symbionts
  - Insects cannot synthesize sterols / carotenoids
  - Sterol, vitamin, carbohydrate, amino acid synthesis
  - Bacteria, yeast, fungi, protist
  - Transmission to other individuals
  - Termites: 12% of natural methane production
  - Fungus gardens





# Excretory System

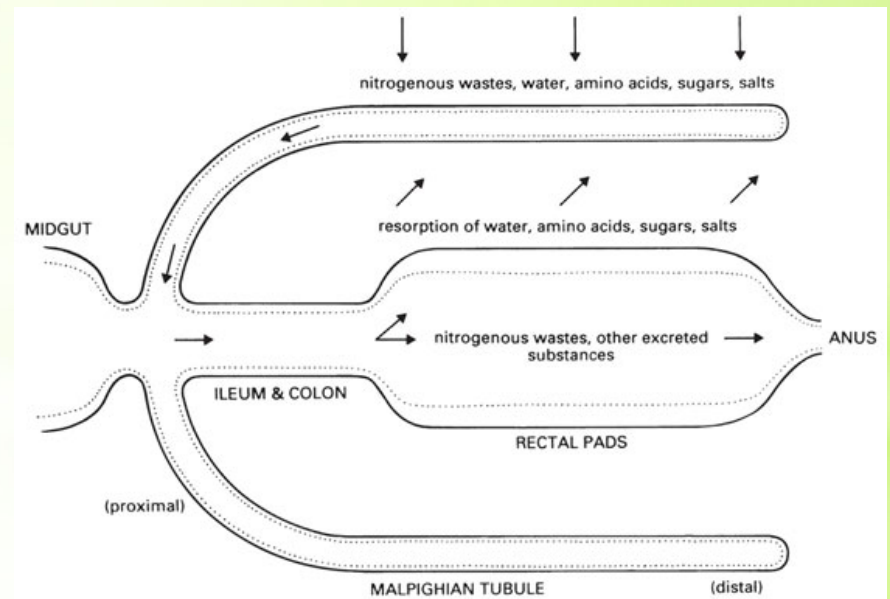
- Comprised of 2 related processes
  - Excretion – elimination of metabolic wastes in an insoluble form
  - Osmoregulation – the regulation of water balance
- Malpighian tubules play important role





# Excretory System

- Malpighian tubules
  - Wave freely in the hemolymph
  - Filter out solutes
- Three sections of the hindgut:
  - Ileum
  - Colon
  - Rectum
- Nitrogen excretion & uric acid



**Fig. 3.17** Schematic diagram of a generalized excretory system showing the path of elimination of wastes. (After Daly *et al.* 1978.)

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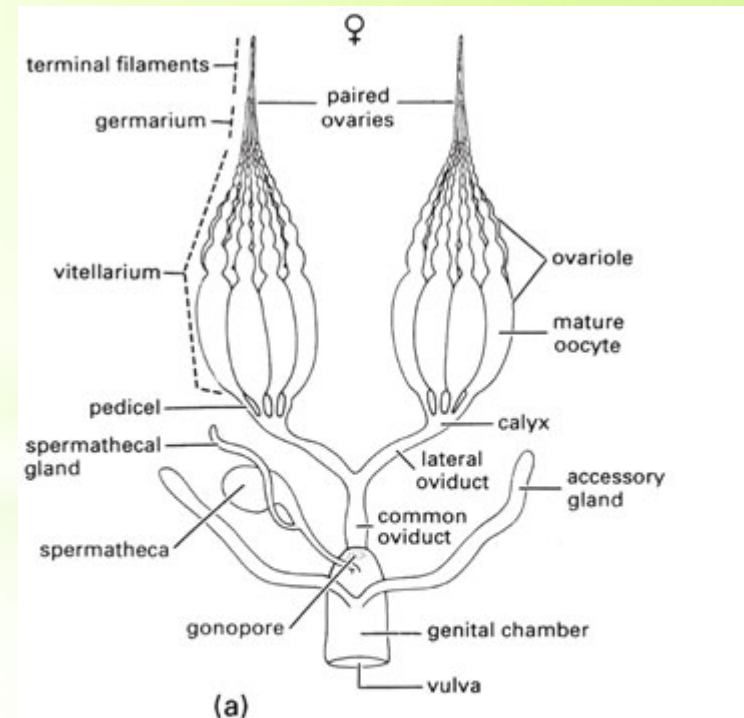
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# Reproductive System

- Female system
  - 2 main functions:
    - Egg production
    - Spermatozoa storage
  - Main components & function
    - Ovaries
    - Oviduct
    - Vulva
    - Spermatheca
    - Ovarioles
    - Etc.
  - Accessory glands



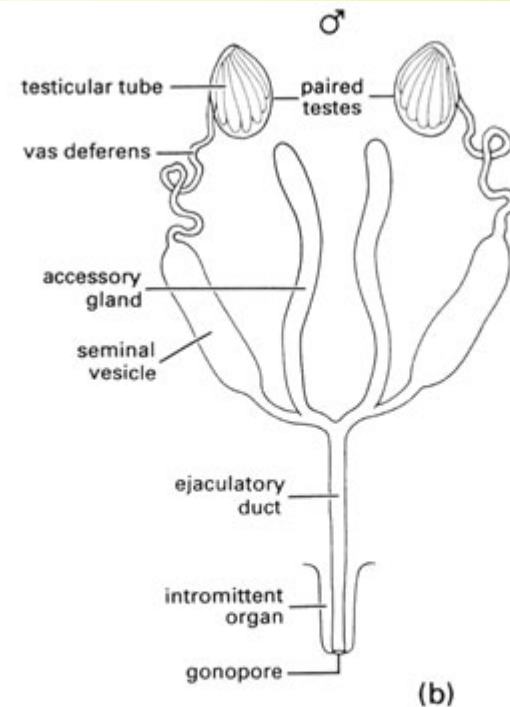
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# Reproductive System

- Male system
  - 2 main functions:
    - Production/storage of spermatozoa
    - Transport in a viable state
  - Main components & function
    - Testes
    - Vas deferens
    - Ejaculatory duct
    - Gonopore
    - Accessory glands
  - Spermatophore



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# Reproductive System

- Male system
  - Spermatophore





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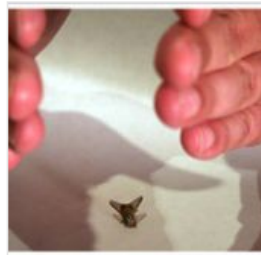
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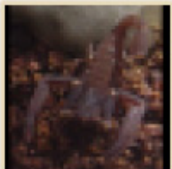
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# ENTOMOLOGY 101

Reproduction



# Reproduction

- Topics
  - Attracting a Mate
  - Courtship
  - Sexual Selection
  - Copulation
  - Genitalic Morphology
  - Sperm
  - Sperm Competition
  - Egg-laying (Oviparity)
  - Ovoviviparity & Viviparity
  - Atypical Reproduction
  - Physiological Control



# Attracting a Mate

- Long range broadcasting and detection
- Crickets, fireflies, cicadas
- Beneficial, but can backfire (predation; firefly mimics)
- Pheromone: a chemical used in communication between individuals of the same species, designed to elicit some behavior
- Sex pheromones
  - Beetle aggregations
  - Testing with moths
  - Use in pest control



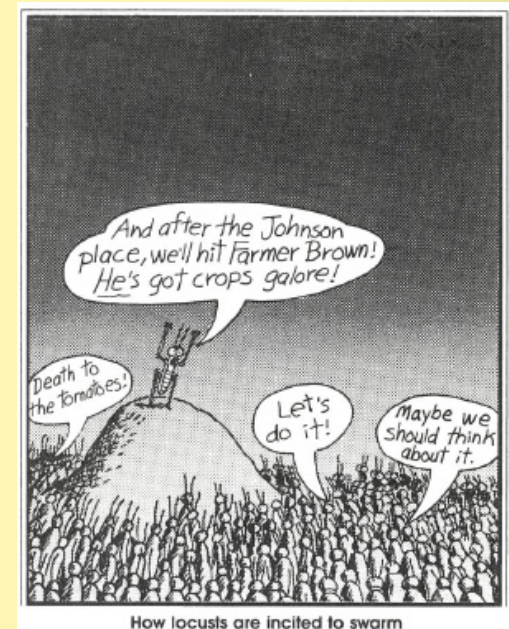
"Hold it right there, young lady! Before you go out, you take off some of that makeup and wash off that gallon of pheromones!"

# Attracting a Mate

- Swarming: an aerial aggregation of insects for mating purposes
  - Can be female, but predominantly male
  - Midges
  - Locusts



- Lek mating system
  - Male mating aggregation with a defended territory
  - Fruit flies



# Courtship

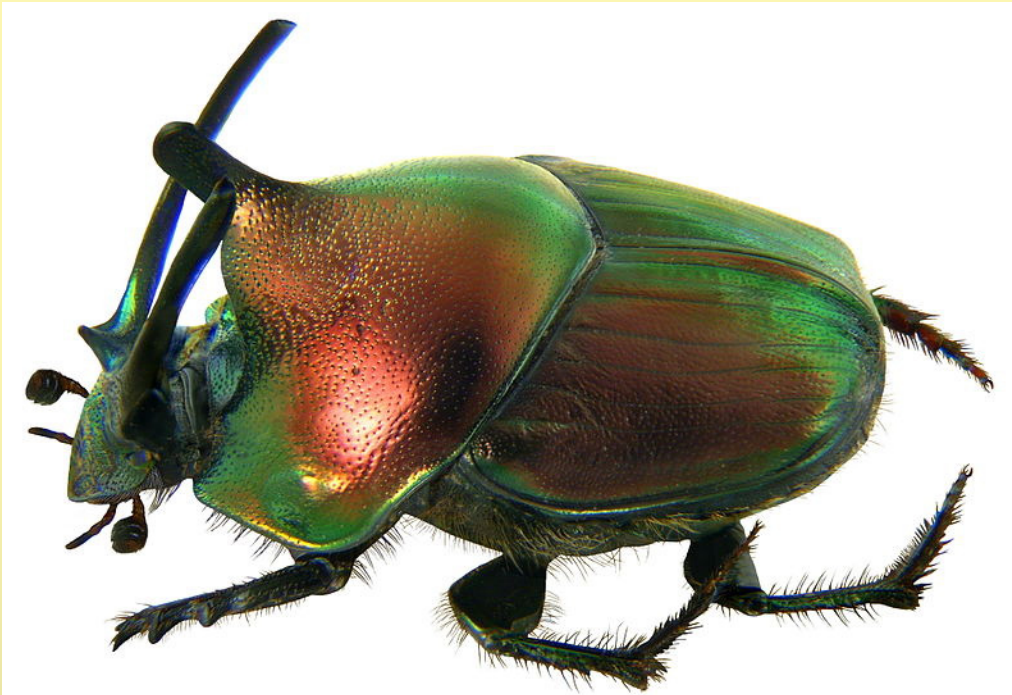
- Still an excess of potential partners
- Courtship is close-range and discriminatory
- Includes visual, tactile, and/or acoustic
- If all goes well, it proceeds to mating





# Sexual Selection

- Courtship is competitive
- Female beetles preferentially select males with larger horns
  - Benefits of doing so include: better defensive capabilities to protect the food source, their mate, and their young
- Males 'pay for' their large horns, however



# Sexual Selection

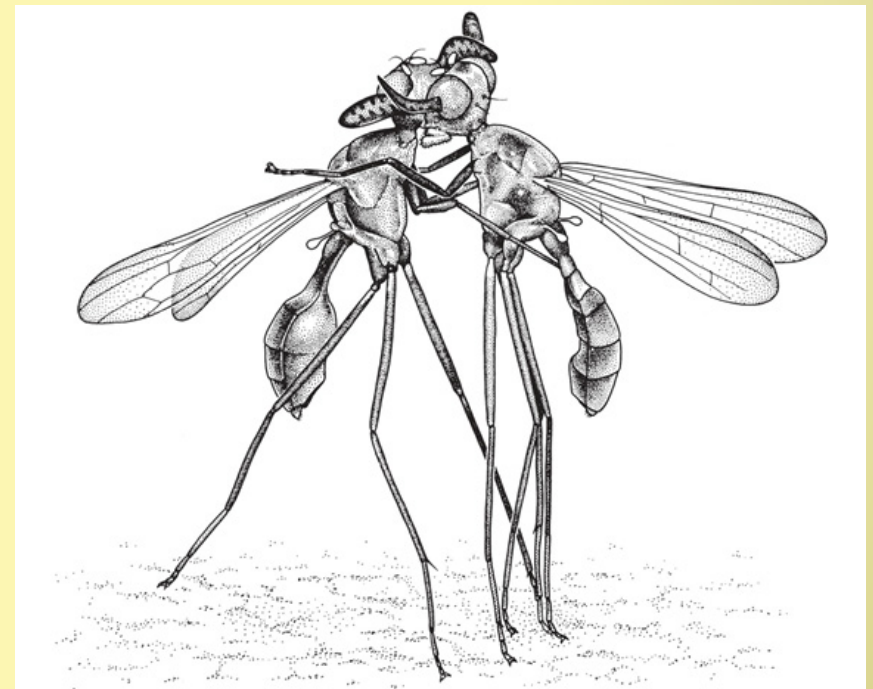
- Sneaky small-horned beetles
- “Survival of the sneakiest”
  - Noisy males
  - Sneaky males
  - Vulnerability





# Sexual Selection

- Other features
  - Eye stalks
  - 'Antlers'



**Fig. 5.3** Two males of *Phytalmia mouldsi* (Diptera: Tephritidae) fighting over access to the oviposition site at the larval substrate visited by females. These tropical rainforest flies thus have a resource-defence mating system. (After Dodson 1989, 1997.)  
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# Copulation

- Spermatophore: an encapsulated package of spermatozoa
- Means of sperm transfer in most insect orders
- Modified locking claspers



# Copulation

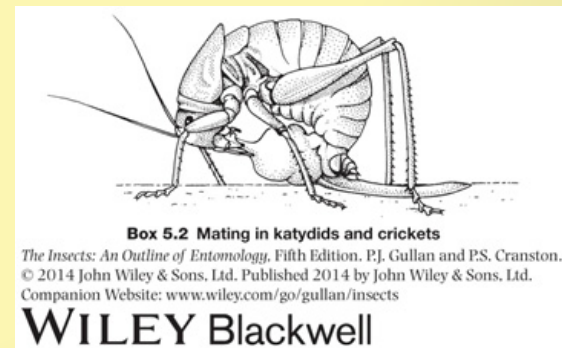
- Nuptial gifts
  - Male locates prey item
  - Presents to female
  - Size and duration correlated
    - If she rejects = no copulation
    - If prey is small = rejection or incomplete passage by male
    - If prey is large = sufficient time for male to pass complete ejaculate
  - Evolved independently in many insect groups
  - Females benefit from offerings
  - Males parental investment





# Copulation

- Nuptial gifts
  - Takes 1 of 3 forms:
    1. Nourishment from food from male
      - “Puddling” butterflies
    2. Ingestion of spermatophore
      - Mormon crickets
      - Multiple benefits

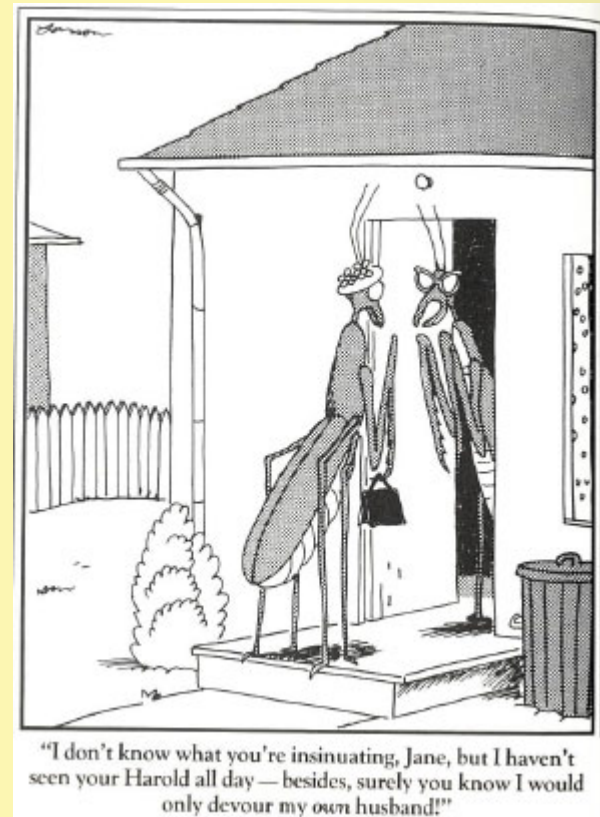


# Copulation

- Nuptial gifts
  - Takes 1 of 3 forms:
    1. Male kills and consumes female
    2. Male kills and consumes prey for female
    3. Cannibalization of male
      - Mantids



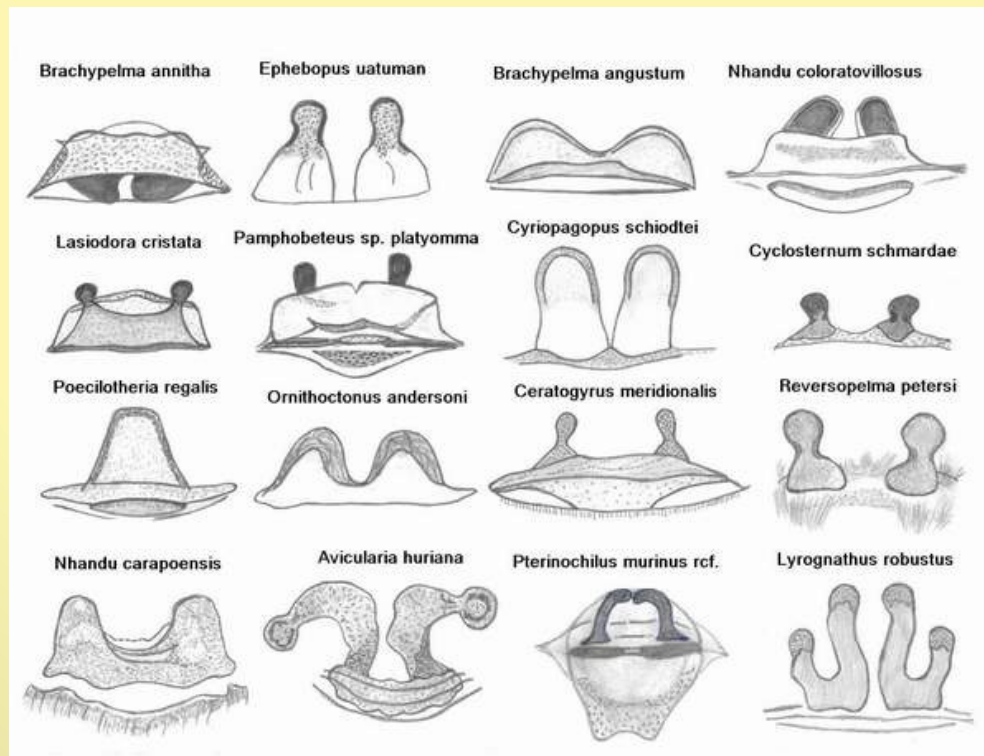
- Trickery!





# Genital Morphology

- Diverse in otherwise similar species
- “Lock-and-key” hypothesis
- Selects against hybridization
- Interspecific breeding can result in damage (ex: *Carabus* beetles)



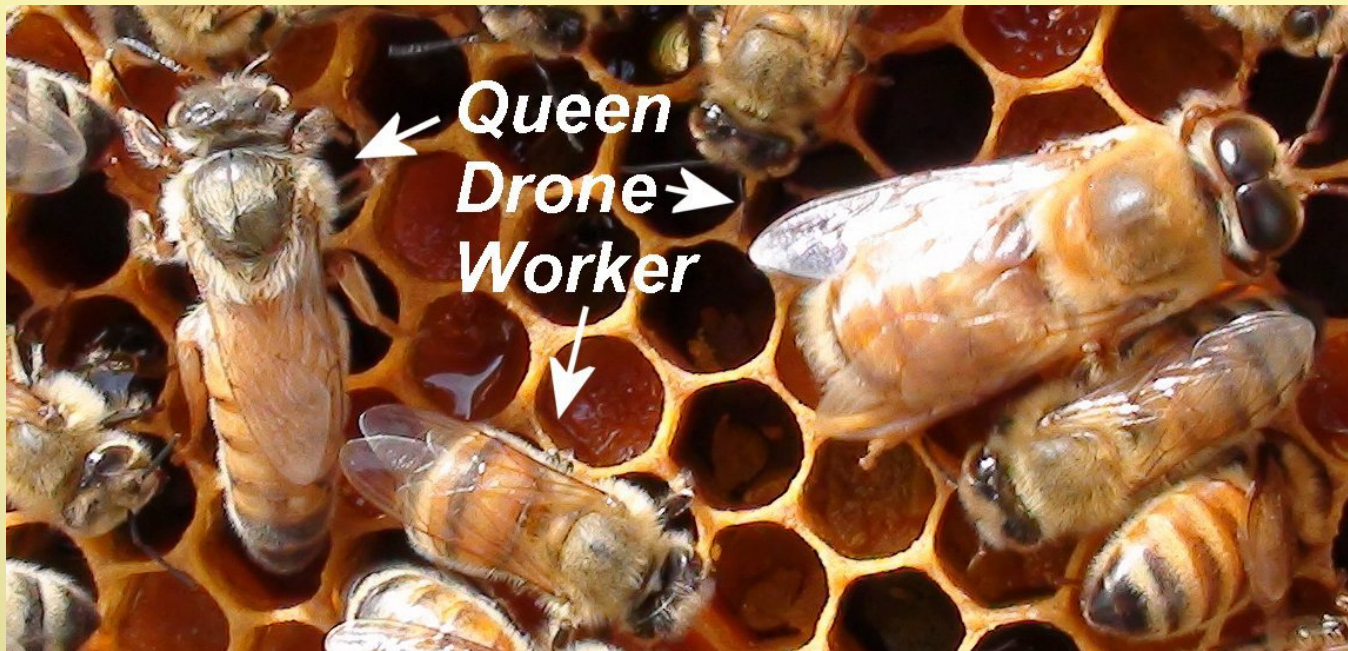
# Genital Morphology

- Species-specific genital morphology
  1. Pleiotropy
  2. Genetalic recognition
  3. Female choice
  4. Intersexual conflict
  5. Male-male competition
- Female choice of fertilization
- Males overcome these barriers (ex: traumatic insemination)



# Sperm

- Spermatheca
- Sperm can stay viable for years
- Sex determination
  - Fertilized = female; unfertilized = male (ex: honey bees)
- Environmental factors



# Sperm Competition

- Multiple matings are common (ex: butterflies)
- Sperm competition: combination of internal fertilization, sperm storage, multiple matings, and overlap of ejaculates
- Occurs within the reproductive tract at time of oviposition



# Sperm Competition

- 2 adaptations in males that increase the odds of paternity
  1. Sperm precedence
    - Damselflies
  2. Lowering competitors' odds
    - Mating plugs
    - Prolonged copulation
    - Guarding of females





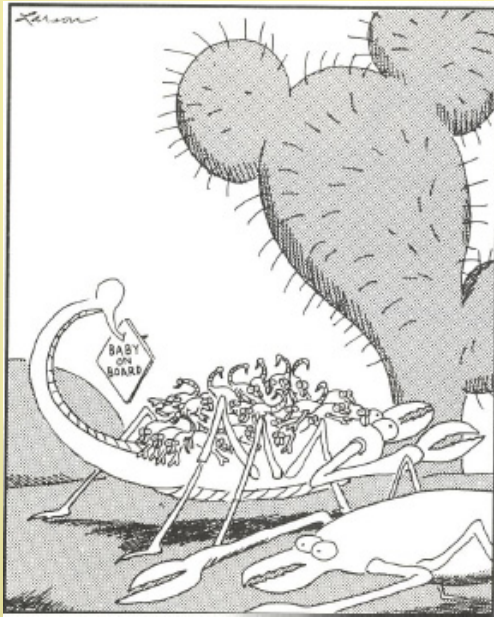
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- Majority are oviparous
- Oviposition
  - Digging, probing, dropping
  - Deposited on or near offspring food source
- Care of eggs ranges



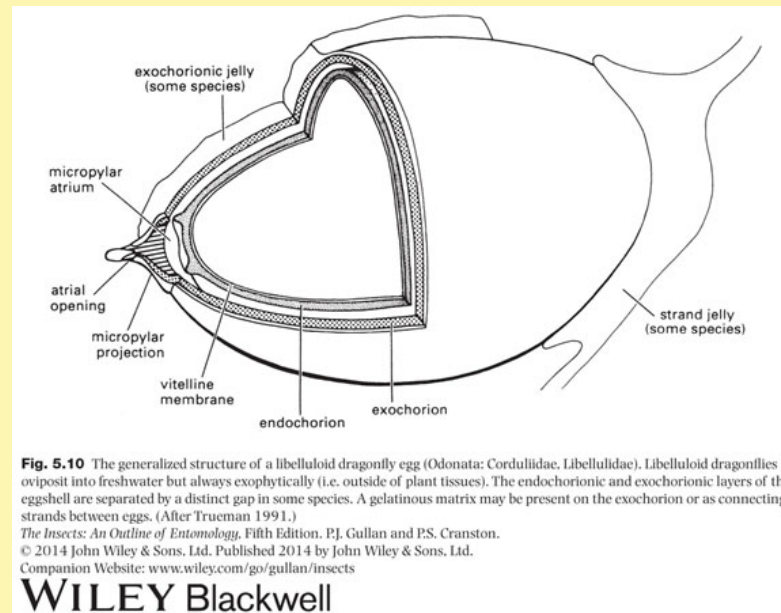
# Egg-laying (Oviparity)

- Egg-tending is rare by insects, even more rare by male insects
- Giant water bugs
- Paternal protection as an adaptation for large size
- “Back-brooding”



# Egg-laying (Oviparity)

- Egg structure

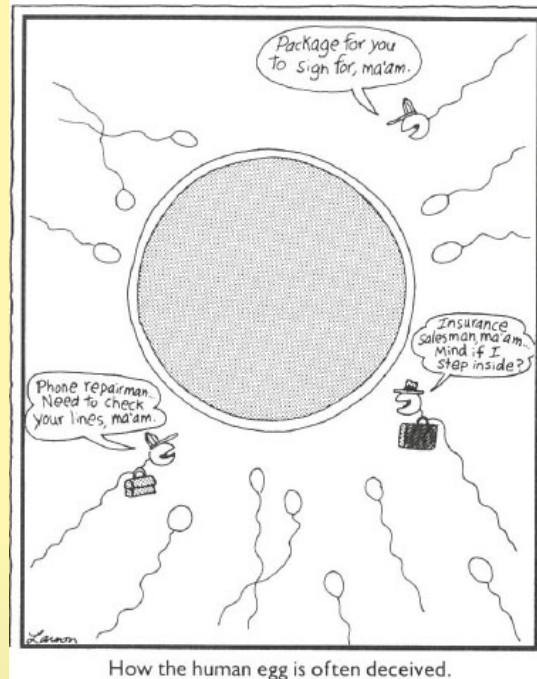


- Vitelline membrane
- Chorion



# Egg-laying (Oviparity)

- Function of the eggshell
  - Elasticity for oviposition
  - Protection from environmental factors
  - Infection avoidance
  - Allows selective entry of the sperm



# Egg-laying (Oviparity)

- Ovipositor modifications
  - Parasitic wasps; bees
- Egg secretions / cement

- Ootheca





# Ovoviviparity & Viviparity

- Viviparity
  - Mother's body provides necessary nourishment
  - Young develop inside mother
  - Live young
  - Example: Tsetse flies
- Ovoviviparity
  - Midway between oviparity and viviparity
  - Appears to be viviparous on the outside
  - Egg created with enough nourishment
  - Hatch immediately prior to, or after, being laid
  - Example: Tachinidae flies



# Atypical Reproduction

- Alternating sexual/asexual reproduction
- Parthenogenesis: development from unfertilized eggs
- Obligatory vs. facultative
- Thelytokous parthenogenesis: female only (aphids)
- Arrhenotokous parthenogenesis: male only (honey bees)
- Amphitokous parthenogenesis: both
- Larval pedogenesis



# Physiological Control

- Reproductive events may start or stop due to:
  - Temperature
  - Humidity
  - Photoperiod
  - Availability of food
  - Suitable egg-laying site
- May also be modified by internal events such as:
  - Nutritional condition
  - Maturation of oocytes
- Hormones
  - Juvenile Hormone- triggers functioning of certain organs
  - Ecdysteroids- influence morphogenesis and gonad functions
  - Neuropeptides- regulate endocrine function

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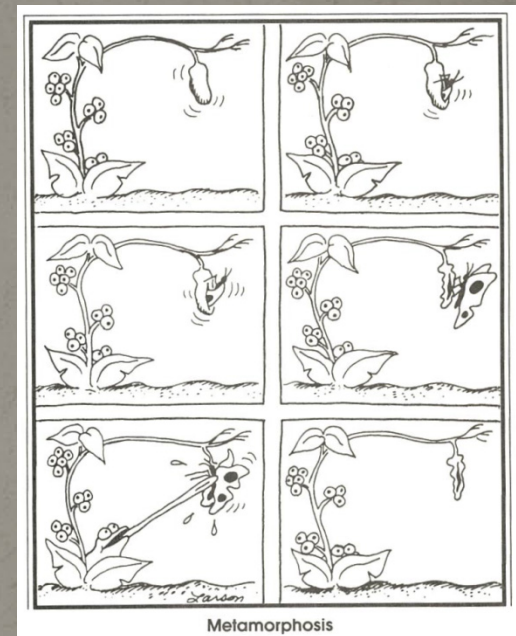
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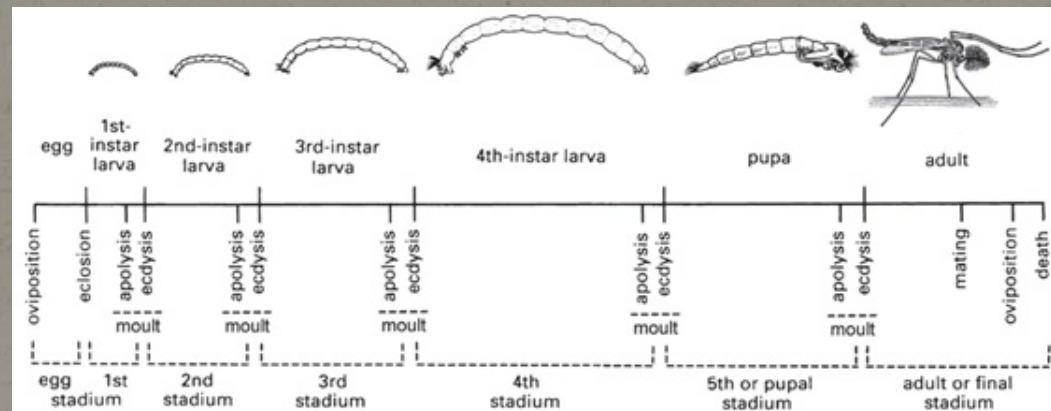
# Insect Development and Life History

- Topics
  - Growth
  - Phases
  - Process of Molting
  - Voltinism
  - Diapause
  - Dealing with Environmental Extremes
  - Migration
  - Effects on Development
  - Climate and Distribution



# Growth

- Insects grow by:
  - Molting: the formation of new cuticle
  - Ecdysis: shedding of the old cuticle
- Sclerotized portions grow in increments
- Instar: stage of insect between molts
- Stadium: time period between molts



**Fig. 6.1** Schematic drawing of the life cycle of a non-biting midge (Diptera: Chironomidae, *Chironomus*), showing the various events and stages of insect development.

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# Growth

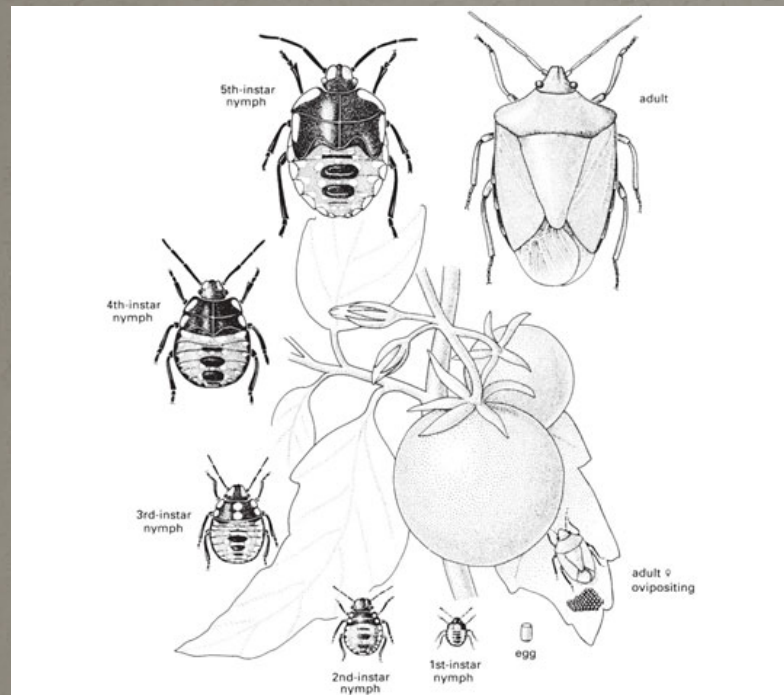
- Magnitude of growth affected by:
  - Food supply
  - Temperature
  - Larval density
  - Physical damage
- Determinate vs. Indeterminate growth
- Mature insect called adult or 'imago'
- Most mature insects are fully winged (notable exceptions include: lice, fleas, and scale insects)
- Subimago: winged penultimate instar of mayflies





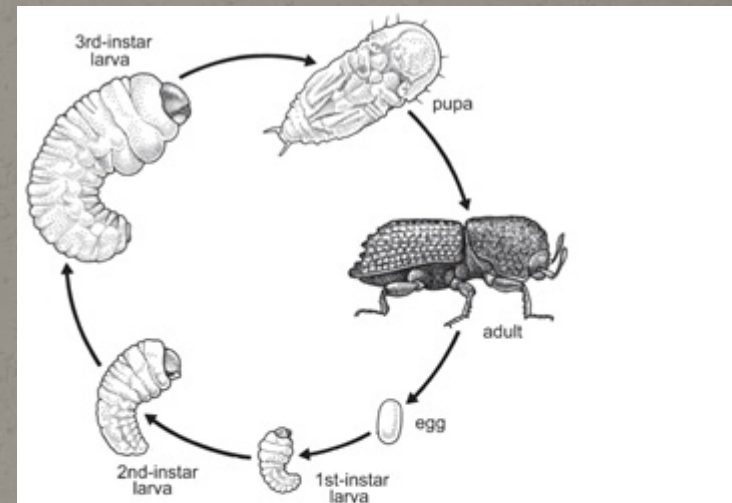
# Growth

- Varying vs. set number of instars



**Fig. 6.2** The life cycle of a hemimetabolous insect, the southern green stink bug or green vegetable bug, *Nezara viridula* (Hemiptera: Pentatomidae), showing the eggs, nymphs of the five instars, and the adult bug on a tomato plant. This cosmopolitan and polyphagous bug is an important world pest of food and fibre crops. (After Hely *et al.* 1982.)  
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**Fig. 6.3** The life cycle of a holometabolous insect, a bark beetle, *Ips grandicollis* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Scolytinae), showing the egg, the three larval instars, the pupa, and the adult beetle. (After Johnson & Lyon 1991.)

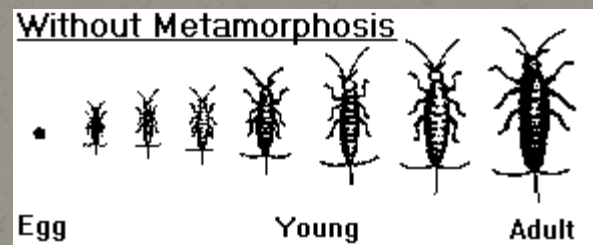
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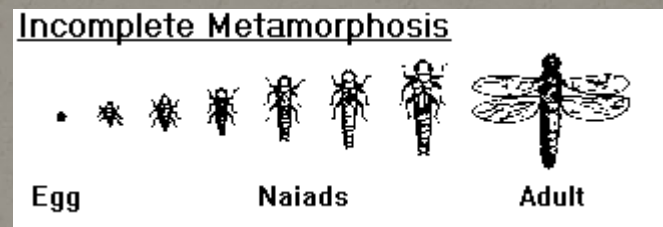
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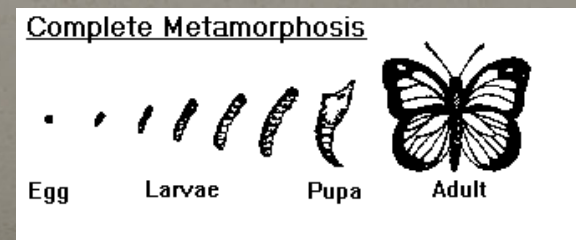
- Ametabolous



- Hemimetabolous



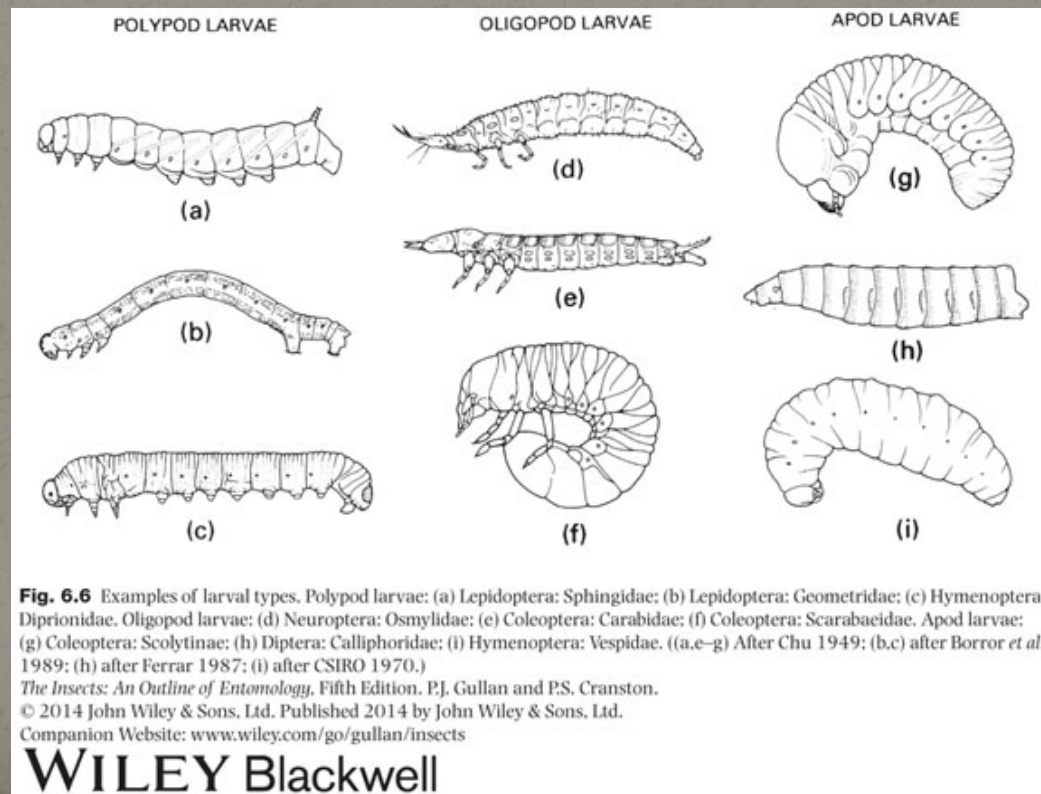
- Holometabolous





# Phases

- Larval / Nymphal Phase
  - Utilization of resources by young and adult (larvae vs. naiad)
  - Different forms



# Phases

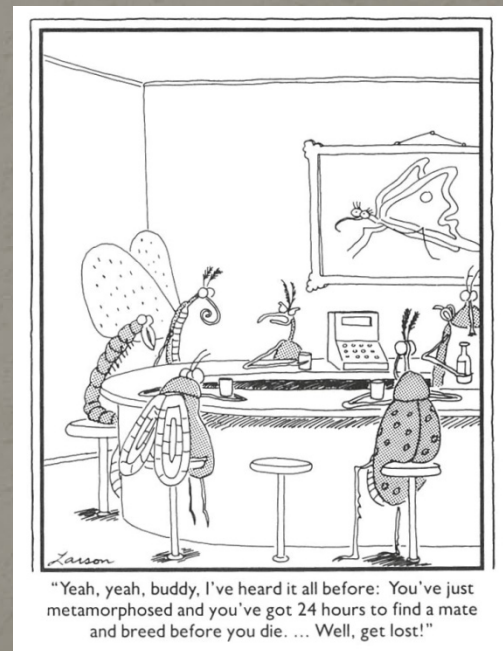
- Metamorphosis
  - Adult organs develop at a faster rate than rest of body (wings, genitalia, etc.)
  - Pupation: process of becoming a pupa
    - Survive unfavorable developmental conditions in this stage
    - Pupal types





# Phases

- Adult
  - Primary role is reproduction
  - Reproductive cycles range from one to many
  - Lifespans
    - Several years (termite/ant/bee queens)
    - Few hours (mayflies, midges)



- Changes in light or temperature may synchronize emergence



# Phases

- Adult
  - 5 important hormones are involved in eclosion:
    - Ecdysis-triggering hormone
    - Eclosion hormone
    - Crustacean cardioactive peptide
    - Bursicon
    - Cardiopeptides





# Process of Molting

- Simple steps of the molting process:
  1. Epidermal cells separate from the inner face of the old cuticle
  2. Apolysial space fills with inactive molting fluid
  3. Endocuticle is resorbed
  4. Hemolymph pressure increases, splitting the old cuticle along the dorsal midline
  5. New cuticle is expanded by swallowing air and increasing hemolymph pressure



# Process of Molting

- Hormones and nervous system control the process of molting, especially neuropeptides, ecdysteroids, and JH
- How do insects know when to molt to the adult phase?
  - JH inhibition and high hemolymph level (absent at the pupal-adult molt)
- Ecdysis-triggering hormone and eclosion hormone crucial



# Voltinism

- Number of generations per year
  - Univoltine: 1 gen / year
  - Bivoltine: 2 gen / year
  - Multivoltine:  $>2$  gen / year
  - Semivoltine:  $<1$  gen / year
- Extreme examples:
  - Periodic cicadas (17 years)
  - Aphids (5 days)
- Lifespans of different voltine insects





# Diapause

- Insect development is often interrupted by a period of dormancy
- Diapause: delayed development not caused by environmental conditions
- Can last days, months, or sometimes even years
- Major environmental cues that can induce or terminate diapause:
  - Photoperiod – significant cue
  - Temperature
  - Moisture – flooding mosquito eggs
  - Chemicals



# Dealing with Environmental Extremes

- Cold
  - Cryobiology
  - Antarctic insects
  - Glaciers, snowfields
  - Examples
  - Cryoprotection: mechanisms that allow organisms to survive periods of extreme cold
- Tactics for dealing with cold
  - Freeze tolerance
  - Freeze avoidance
  - Chill tolerance
  - Chill susceptibility
  - Opportunistic survival





# Dealing with Environmental Extremes

- Cold
  - Freeze tolerance
    - Most occur in extreme areas such as the Arctic and Antarctic
    - Protection provided by production of icenucleating agents induced by falling temps
    - Freezing is encouraged outside of the cells
    - Supercooling: lowering the temperature of a liquid below its freezing point without it becoming a solid
    - Does not guarantee survival- depends on other factors and conditions





# Dealing with Environmental Extremes

- Heat
  - Insects can be found in thermal vents, like those in Yellowstone NP
  - Temperatures up to 122 degrees Fahrenheit
  - Mostly Diptera, but others include Odonata and Coleoptera
  - Heat kills by denaturing proteins, altering structures, and by dehydration
  - Little is known about how they do this, but “acclimation” certainly helps
  - Options for escaping / dealing with heat include burrowing and others, such as...





# Dealing with Environmental Extremes

- Heat
  - *Cataglyphis* ant aka “Saharan silver ant”





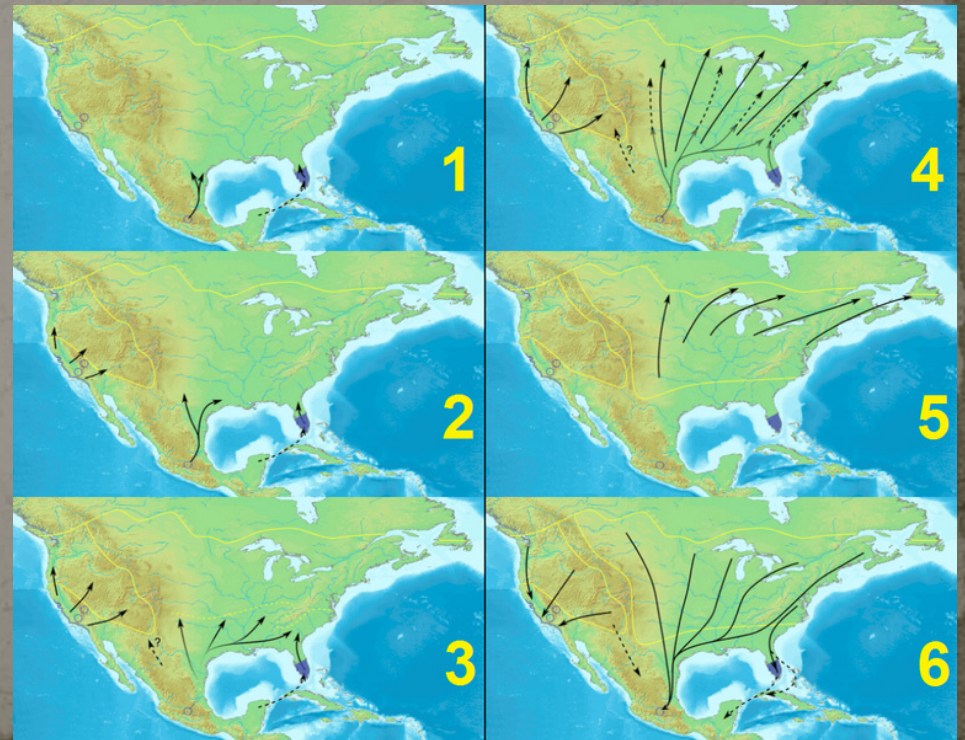
# Dealing with Environmental Extremes

- Aridity
  - “Fog basking” of Namibian beetles
  - Water loss prevention strategies
    - Cuticular
    - Spiracular
    - Metabolic
    - Excretory
  - Tenebrionids vs. carabids



# Migration

- Migration: directional movement to more appropriate conditions
- Typified by certain criteria
- Pre-migration behaviors
- Hormonal control and environmental cues
- Monarch butterflies

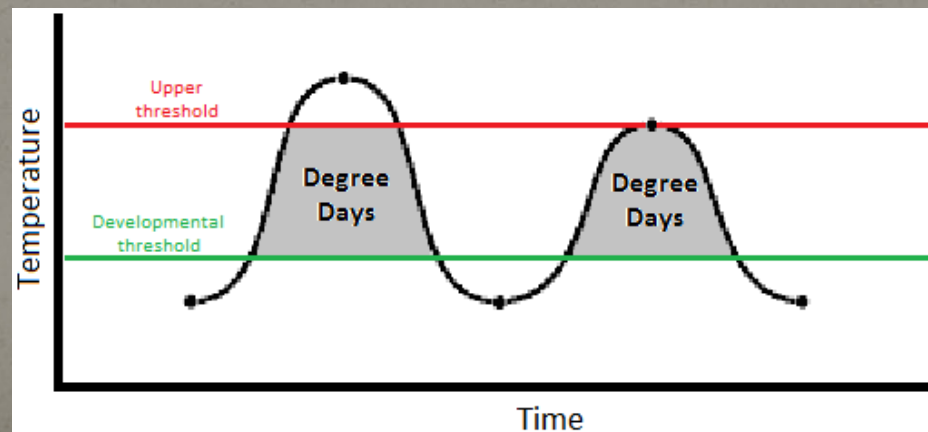




# Effects on Development

- Temperature

- Poikilothermic: having a body temperature that varies with its surroundings
- Heat drives rate of growth and development (quite predictably!)
- Heat speeds up metabolism and development
- “Degree-days”: a measure of physiological time as the product of time and temperature above the “developmental threshold”
  - Also: “Degree-hours”
  - Cumulative hours  $\times$  temperature (in degrees) above threshold
  - Known by extensive laboratory testing
  - Issues and problems establishing degree-days





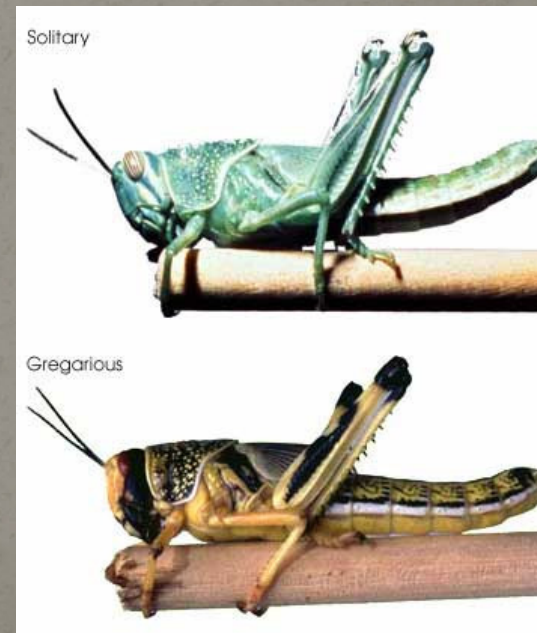
# Effects on Development

- Photoperiod
  - Photoperiod: Duration of the light part of the the 24-hr daily cycle
  - Most predictable environmental indicator of changing seasons
  - Many insects measure duration of light phase in the 24-hr period
- Humidity
- Mutagens and toxins



# Effects on Development

- Biotic effects
  - Food
    - Quantity
    - Quality
- Crowding
  - Solitary and gregarious locusts





# Climate and Distribution

- Knowledge of climatic influences on insect development is vital for:
  - Prediction of pest outbreaks (malaria)
  - Successful pest management
- CLIMEX
- “Ecoclimatic index” and the 4 stress indices – Figure 6.15
  - Example: bishopi vs. geometricus
- Real world examples include: screwworm flies, fire ants, ticks
- Great potential for: epidemiology, quarantine, pest management

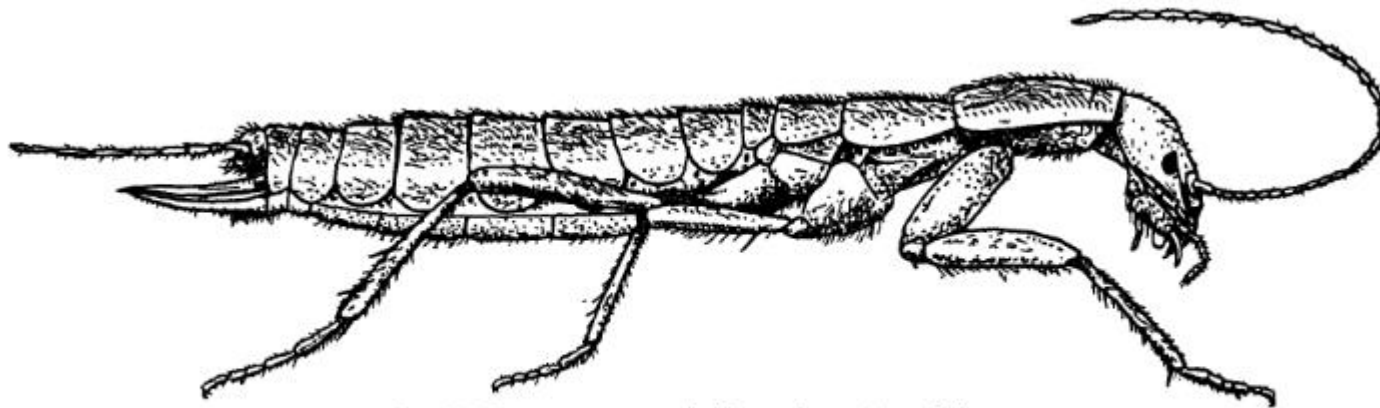


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# Climate and Distribution

- Climate change and distribution
  - Short or long term climate change can result in:
    - Expansion of vectors and arboviruses
    - Northward extension of ranges
    - Habitat loss and/or extinction
    - Early emergence



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{ Biogeography and Evolution

# Biogeography & Evolution

- Topics
  - Biogeography
  - Antiquity of Insects
  - Aquatic or Terrestrial
  - Evolution of Wings
  - Insect Diversification
  - Pacific Insect Evolution

# Biogeography

- Biogeography: the study of biotic distribution in space and time
- Different locations have different flora and fauna
- Examples
- “Oceans” and “islands”





# Biogeography

- Biogeographic patterns – difficulties
- Biogeographic patterns – explanations
  - Anthropophilic
  - Human-associated
  - External / internal parasites
  - Agriculture / horticulture
  - Anthropogenic introduction
- Regulation of shipments and international travel

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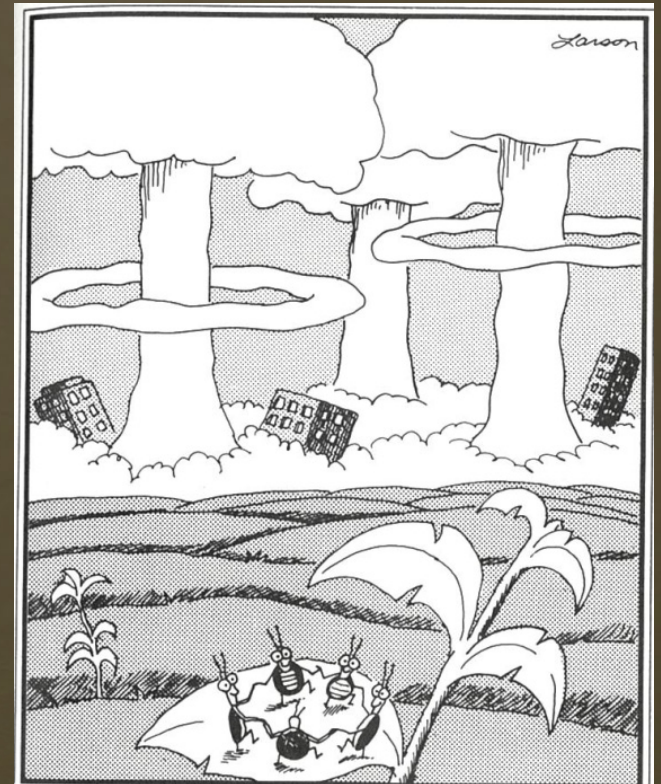
- Oldest hexapod fossils are from Devonian (over 400 mya)
  - *Rhyniognatha hirsti* (a springtail)
- Carboniferous (359-299mya) explosion
  - The earliest winged insects are from this time period
- Permian (299-245mya) insects
  - Protodonata (largest wingspan ever)
    - The top predators for over 100 my?
  - Origination of beetles





# Antiquity of Insects

- Extinctions (and cockroaches!)
  - Carboniferous (359-299mya)
    - Cockroach origination: early Carboniferous
    - Many cockroach remains found in coal deposits
  - Permian – Triassic extinction event
    - the largest extinction event in the history of the Earth
    - 30% of all insect species became extinct
  - Triassic – Jurassic extinction event
  - Cretaceous – Paleogene extinction event



# Antiquity of Insects

- Triassic period
  - 245-201mya
  - Much radiation occurred
  - Major orders are well represented in this period
  - Appearance of Hymenoptera and immature aquatic insects





# Antiquity of Insects

- Jurassic period
  - 201-145mya
  - Origin and development of birds marked the first aerial competition for insects
  - Many species started to spread globally
  - Dramatic increase in Coleoptera families
  - Proliferation of phytophagous insects



# Antiquity of Insects

- Cretaceous – Tertiary
  - 145-65mya / 65-1.7mya
  - Excellent preservation of specimens in amber
  - Preservation in amber vs. compression
  - Smaller, forest-dwelling insects over-represented
  - Coleoptera and Lepidoptera underwent massive radiation
  - By 65mya, insect fauna looks rather modern
  - Like dinosaurs, Cretaceous-Tertiary boundary marked a major extinction event





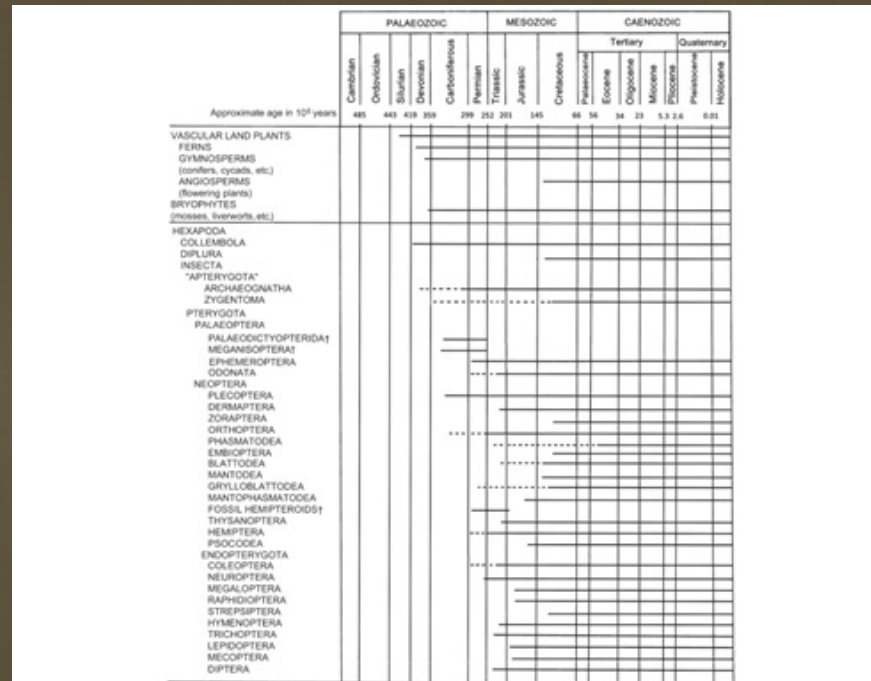
# Antiquity of Insects

- Cretaceous – Tertiary
  - Attempts to extract, amplify, sequence DNA from amber insects
    - Positives
    - Negatives



- Attributable types of feeding damage (despite absence of actual insect)

# Antiquity of Insects



**Fig. 8.2** The geological history of insects in relation to plant evolution. Taxa that contain only fossils are indicated by the symbol †. The record for extant orders is based on definite members of the crown group and does not include stem-group fossils; dashed lines indicate uncertainty in placement in the crown group. Thus, this chart does not include records of most early insect radiations; for example "roachoid" fossils occur in the Palaeozoic but are not part of the more narrowly defined Dictyoptera and Blattodea. Protura and Siphonaptera are not shown due to inadequacy of their fossil record; Isoptera is part of Blattodea. The placement of *Rhyniognatha* is unknown. (Insect fossil records have been interpreted from primary sources and after Grimaldi & Engel 2005; the date for the start of each geological period is from the International Commission on Stratiigraphy; the Tertiary often is divided into the Palaeogene (66–23 Ma) and the Neogene (23–2.6 Ma.)

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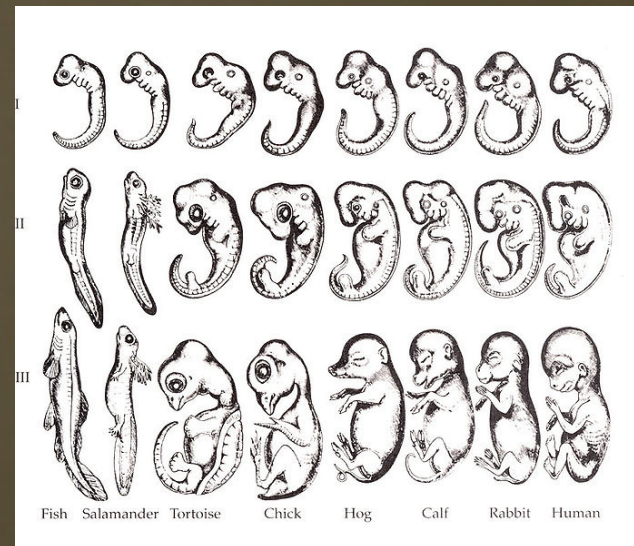


# Aquatic or Terrestrial

- First arthropods were from the sea
- First insects, however, were terrestrial
- Independent colonization of land seen from:
  - Arachnids
  - Crustaceans
  - Myriapods
- Other terrestrial hexapods include:
  - Diplura
  - Collembola
  - Protura
- Ancestral condition for winged insects might have involved aquatic immatures
- Problems with the rise of a tracheal system in water
- Why have immature aquatic insects retained an aerial adult stage?

# Evolution of Wings

- Evo-devo: a field of biology that compares the developmental processes of different organisms to determine the ancestral relationship between them, and to discover how developmental processes evolved.
  - Examples
  - Impact
- Hypotheses of the origin of wings
  1. Paranotal lobes (Paranotal Hypothesis)
  2. Limb modification (Endite-Exite Hypothesis)
  3. Tracheated gills (Epicoxal Hypothesis)



# Evolution of Wings

- 4 routes to flight
  1. Floating
  2. Paragliding
  3. Running-jumping
  4. Surface sailing



- Support / criticism of route theories
- Flight had evolved by the middle of the Carboniferous (315mya)



# Evolution of Wings

- Division of pterygotes (winged insects) into:
  - Paleoptera – moveable, non-folding wings
    - Mayflies, dragonflies
  - Neuroptera – complex wing articulation
    - Bees, butterflies, beetles, etc

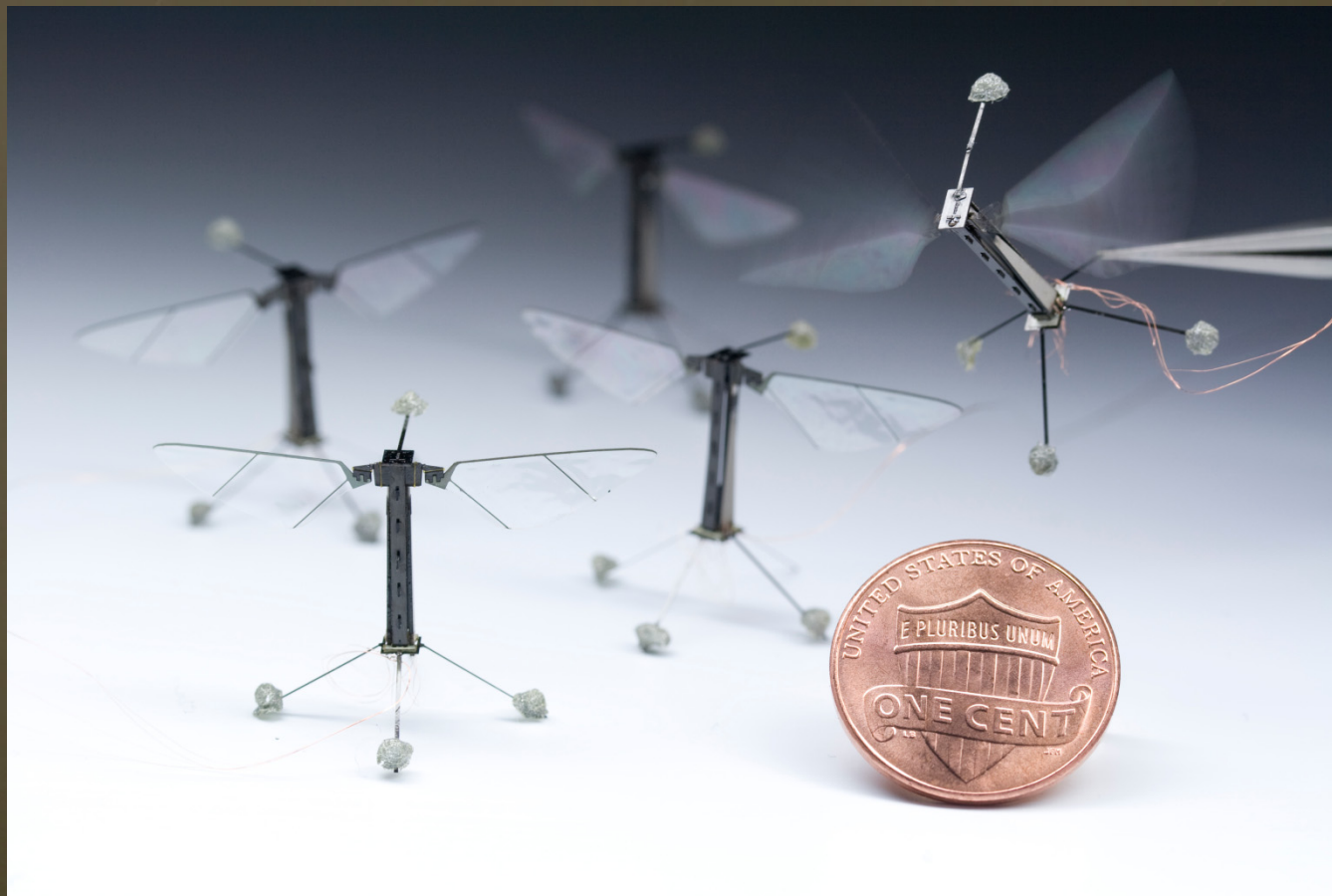


- Some suggest that wings have originated twice due to differences
- Venational patterns, however, point to single origin (monophyly)



# Evolution of Wings

- Applications for military purposes



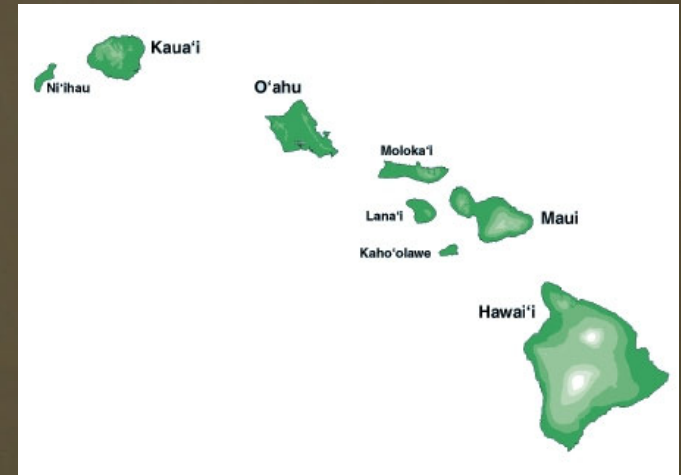
# Insect Diversification

- Phytophagous insects diversified rapidly
- In direct correlation, parasites and parasitoids also diversified rapidly
- Effects of flight on diversification
  - Isolated populations
  - Fragmentation
- North American apple maggot fly
- No single factor explains the diversification of insects



# Pacific Insect Evolution

- Importance of studying isolated fauna populations
  - Galapagos and Hawaii
- Comparable to “Darwin’s finches”
- Geology of the Hawaiian islands
- Origination of colonization
  - Rare event – due to extreme isolation
  - Unbalanced biota, with major groups missing
  - Strange behaviors
  - Sources
- Loss of features
- Human influences





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# ENTOMOLOGY 101

Ground-Dwelling Insects



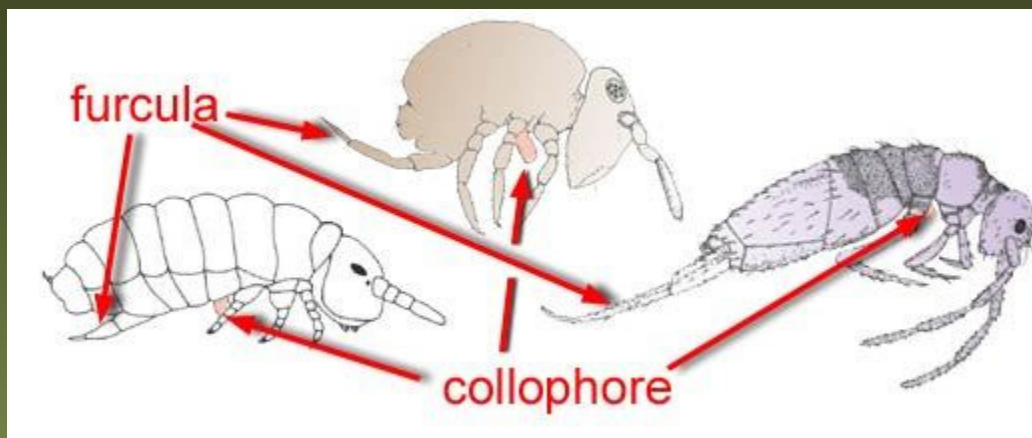
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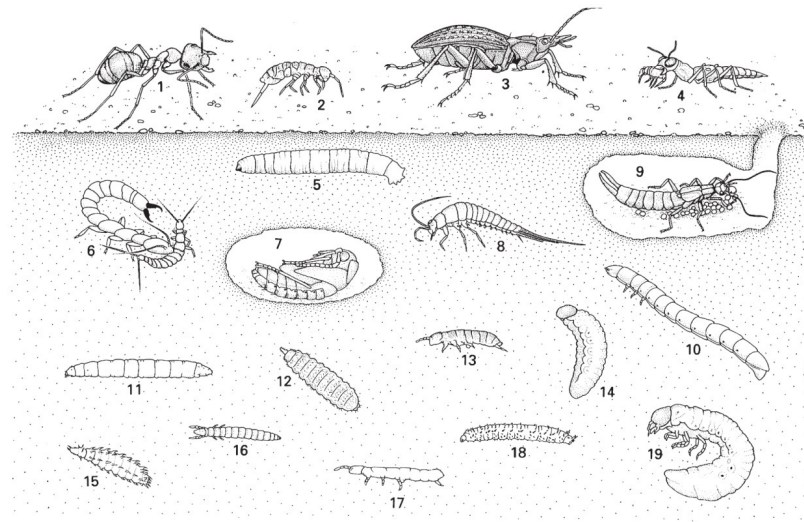
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  - Litter and Soil
  - Dead / Decaying Wood
  - Dung
  - Carrion
  - Fungal Interactions
  - Cave Insects

# Litter and Soil

- Soil composition and profile
- Morphology often reflects soil layer
  - Pigmentation
  - Wings
  - Appendages
- Adaptations
- Seasonal distribution in soil level



# Litter and Soil



**Fig. 9.1** Diagrammatic view of a soil profile showing some typical litter and soil insects and other hexapods. Note that organisms living on the soil surface and in litter have longer legs than those found deeper in the ground. Organisms occurring deep in the soil usually are legless or have reduced legs; they are unpigmented and often blind. The organisms depicted are: (1) worker of a wood ant (Hymenoptera: Formicidae); (2) springtail (Collembola: Isotomidae); (3) ground beetle (Coleoptera: Carabidae); (4) rove beetle (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae) eating a springtail; (5) larva of a crane fly (Diptera: Tipulidae); (6) japygid dipluran (Diplura: Japygidae) attacking a smaller campodeid dipluran; (7) pupa of a ground beetle (Coleoptera: Carabidae); (8) bristletail (Archaeognatha: Machilidae); (9) female earwig (Dermaptera: Labiduridae) tending her eggs; (10) wireworm, larva of a tenebrionid beetle (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae); (11) larva of a robber fly (Diptera: Asilidae); (12) larva of a soldier fly (Diptera: Stratiomyidae); (13) springtail (Collembola: Isotomidae); (14) larva of a weevil (Coleoptera: Curculionidae); (15) larva of a muscid fly (Diptera: Muscidae); (16) proturan (Protura: Sinentomidae); (17) springtail (Collembola: Isotomidae); (18) larva of a March fly (Diptera: Bibionidae); (19) larva of a scarab beetle (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae). (Individual organisms after various sources, especially Eisenbeis & Wicherd 1987.)

# Litter and Soil

- Strategies to combat infection by microorganisms
- European beewolf, *Philanthus triangulum*



- Detritivore: an organism that consumes detritus (plant and animal parts)



# Litter and Soil

- Difficulties in studying root-feeding insects
- Plant responses
- Pests and crop damage
- Estimating damage / losses
- Biological control agent strategies



# Dead / Decaying Wood

- Transmission of pathogens to trees
- “The evolution of agriculture” in beetles
  - Symbiosis
  - Origination
  - Role of the fungi
- Locating burned trees
- Rotten timber a valuable resource
- Xylophagous: an organism that eats wood





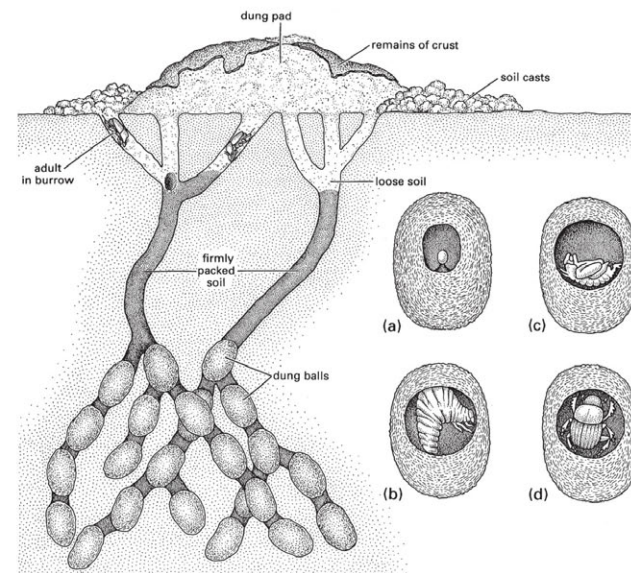
# Dead / Decaying Wood

- Tunnels in wood caused by beetles



# Dung

- Dung as a rich source of nutrients
- Coprophage: an organism that feeds on dung
- Insects that utilize dung:
  - Flies
  - Beetles
  - Bees / wasps
  - Termites
  - Sloth moth

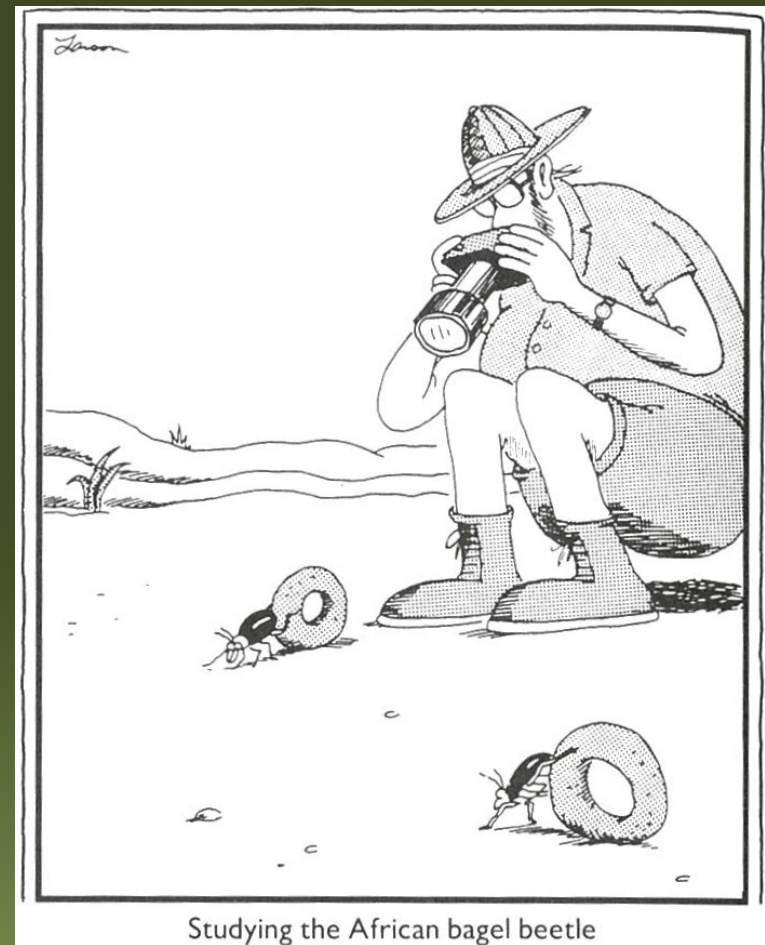


**Fig. 9.6** A pair of dung beetles of *Onthophagus gazella* (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae) filling in the tunnels that they have excavated below a dung pad. The inset shows an individual dung ball within which beetle development takes place: (a) egg; (b) larva, which feeds on the dung; (c) pupa; and (d) adult just prior to emergence. (After Waterhouse 1974.)



# Dung

- Beetles
  - Roles and benefits
    - Billions of dollars in America alone
    - Seed dispersal
    - Parasite suppression
    - Soil fertilization
    - Soil aeration
  - Types
    - Rollers (Milky Way), Tunnellers, Dwellers



Studying the African bagel beetle

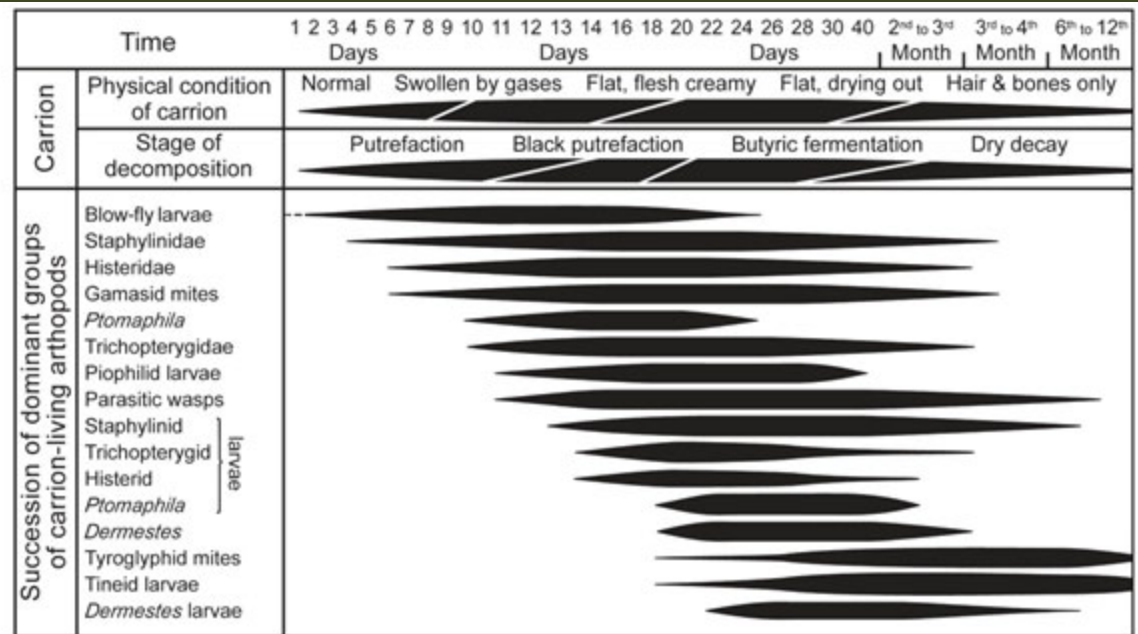
# Dung

- Australia introductions
  - Introduction of cattle
  - Putrification of landscape / environment
  - No natural excrement decomposers
  - Australian Dung Beetle Project
  - “Decomposition control agents”



# Carrion

- 5 stages of decay:
  1. Initial decay
    - aka “fresh”
  2. Putrefaction
    - aka “bloat”
  3. Black putrefaction
    - aka “active decay”
  4. Butyric fermentation
    - aka “advanced decay”
  5. Dry decay



**Fig. 15.2** The stages of carcass (carrion) decomposition associated with a succession of arthropod groups in guinea-pig carcasses during spring in a woodland habitat in Perth, Australia. Variation in the thickness of each band indicates the approximate relative abundance within the groups at different times. (After Bornemissza 1957.)

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# Carrion

- Necrophage: an organism that eats dead/decaying animals
- Succession: a continuous, sequential pattern of insect species exploiting a carcass as decay progresses
- Waves of colonization
- Interactions
- Experiences





# Fungal Interactions

- Fungivore:
- Fungus farming
  - Attini ants
  - Cultivate fungi on dead matter
  - Leaf cutting and transport
  - Processing and cultivation
  - Domination of ecosystems
  - Defense / deterrence
- Fungus cultivation



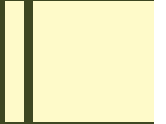
# Cave Insects

- Habitat
- Food sources
- 3 categories of cave dwellers:
  - Trogloxene
  - Troglophile
  - Troglobiont: occur exclusively in caves, never in the open
- Reduction in body pigmentation
- Last refuge for many ancient types of insects
- Studies in Hawaii



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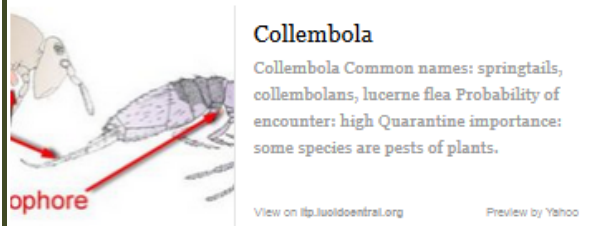


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# ENTOMOLOGY 101

Aquatic Insects

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# AQUATIC INSECTS

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- Topics
  - Common Aquatic Insects
  - Distribution & Terminology
  - Oxygen Supply
  - Aquatic Environment
  - Environmental Monitoring
  - Functional Feeding Groups
  - Temporary Waterbodies
  - Marine Insects

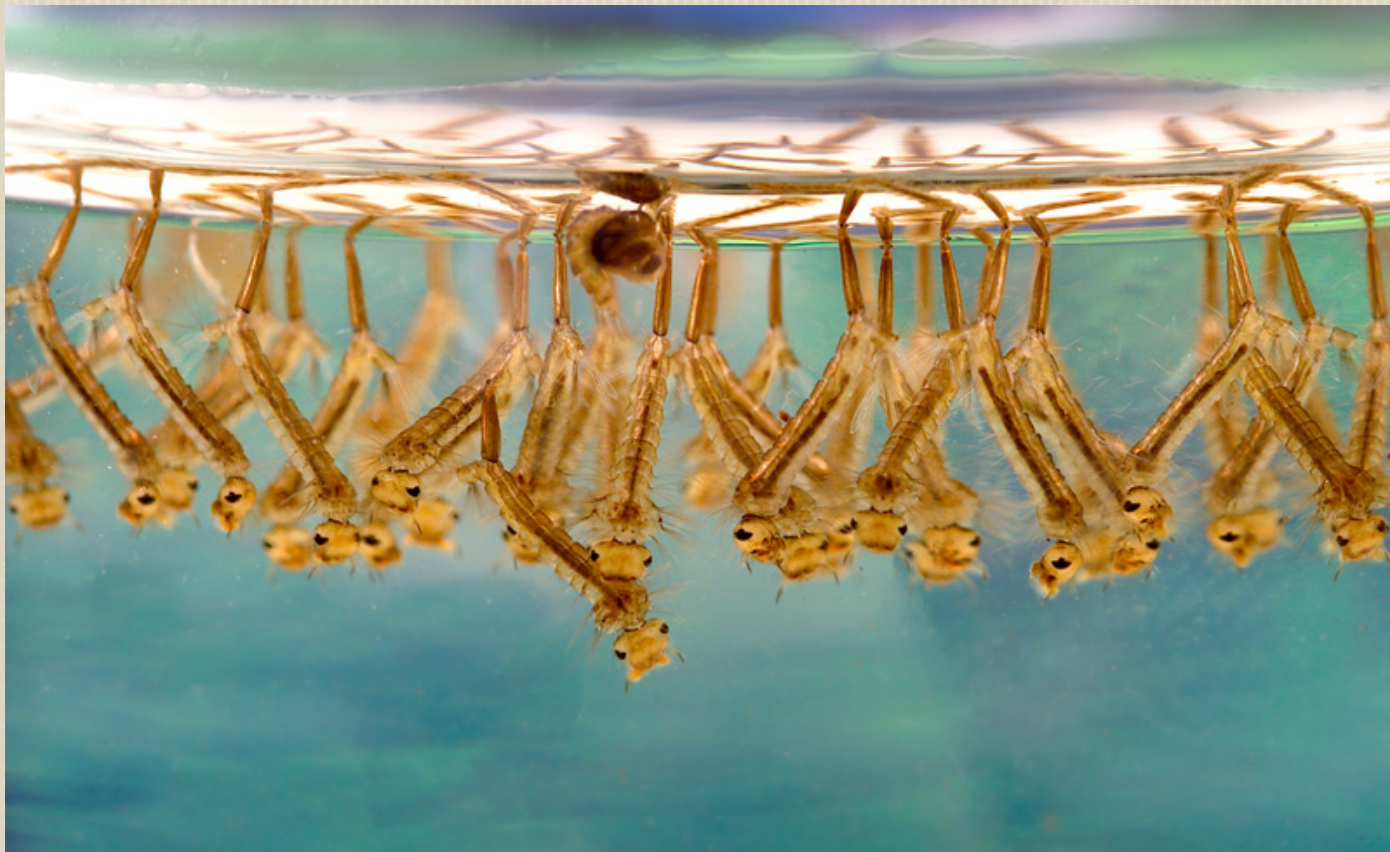




# AQUATIC INSECTS

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- Insects dominate freshwater aquatic systems
- Nearly all orders of insects are associated with water in at least 1 stage
- Diving beetles in aquifers





# COMMON AQUATIC INSECTS

- Diptera (true flies)
  - Over 10,000 aquatic species
  - Includes:
    - Non-biting midges
    - Biting midges
    - Mosquitos
    - Black flies
  - Larvae commonly worm-like
  - Breathe through gills, plastron, or siphon
  - Emergence occurs at water surface



# COMMON AQUATIC INSECTS

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- Hemiptera (true bugs)
  - Most diversity in aquatic habitats
  - Over 4,000 species
  - Commonly includes:
    - Water striders / pond skaters
    - Water boatmen
    - Back-swimmers
    - Toe-biters
  - Often a loss of wings
  - Many are predators or scavengers





# COMMON AQUATIC INSECTS

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- Coleoptera (beetles)
  - Over 5,000 aquatic species
  - Predominately aquatic as larvae and terrestrial as adults
  - Rarely terrestrial as larvae and aquatic as adults
  - Includes:
    - Whirligig beetles
    - Predaceous diving beetles
  - Commonly use bubbles for respiration
  - Pupation is terrestrial (unlike the flies)
  - Most are predators or scavengers





# DISTRIBUTION & TERMINOLOGY

- Exclusively (or nearly) aquatic immature insect orders:
  - Megaloptera
  - Neuroptera
  - Ephemeroptera
  - Odonata
  - Plecoptera
  - Trichoptera
- Many representatives in major orders
  - Diptera
  - Hemiptera
  - Coleoptera
- Nymph / naiad
- Aquatic larva, aerial adult
  - Exploitation of different habitats
  - Exceptions





# OXYGEN SUPPLY

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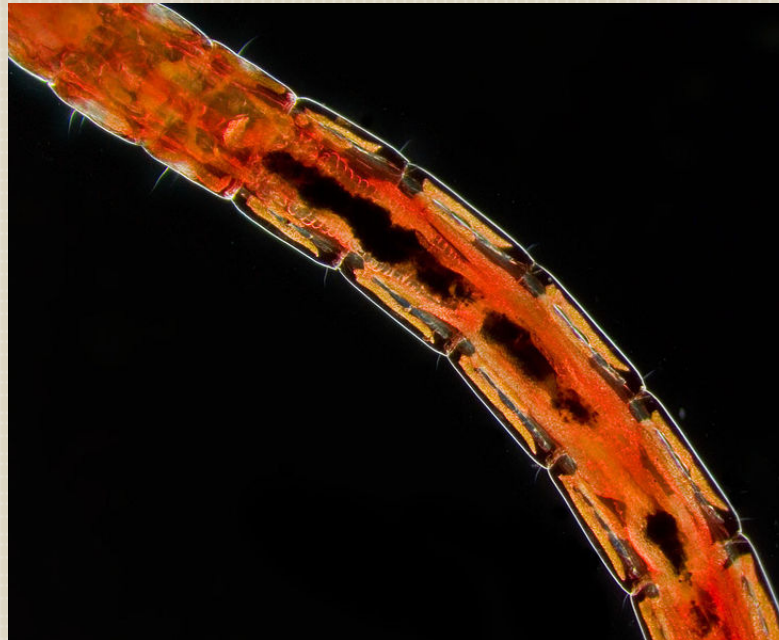
- Lentic: standing water
- Lotic: flowing water
- Gas exchange across different mediums
- Oxygen supply for aquatic eggs



# OXYGEN SUPPLY

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- Cutaneous gaseous exchange is not enough
- Gills: tracheated cuticular extensions from the body
- Found in many important insect orders
- Great diversity in mayflies
- Hemoglobin in insects (bloodworms)





# OXYGEN SUPPLY

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- Examples of gills:





# OXYGEN SUPPLY

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- Open spiracular system
  - Surface suspension
  - Siphon
  - Regardless of dissolved oxygen content
  - Oil-tar ponds
  - Cuticular extensions
  - Plant piercing



# OXYGEN SUPPLY

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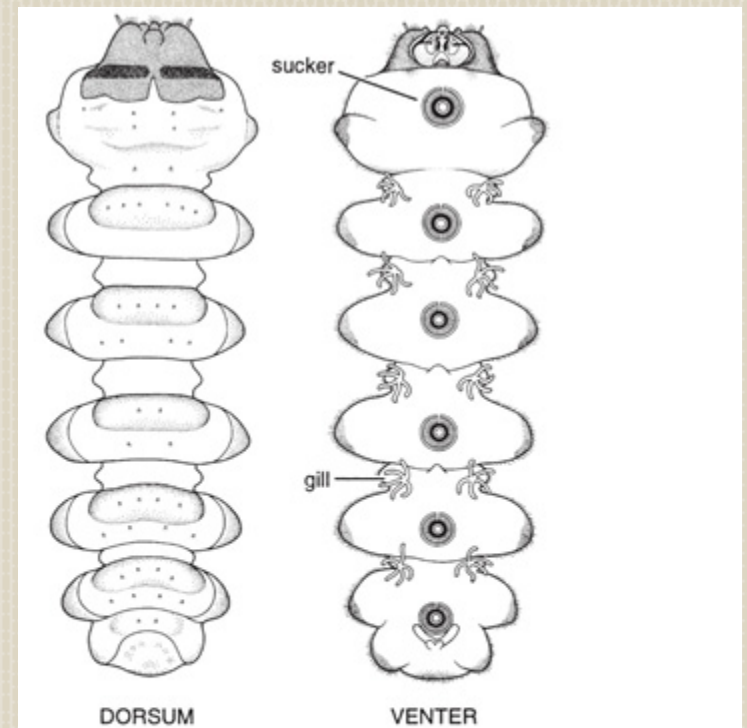
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  - Compressible gills
    - Subelytron retention
    - Atmospheric equilibrium and exchange of O, N, CO<sub>2</sub>
    - Replenishment
    - Longevity
  - Plastron
    - Held by hydrofuge hairs or cuticular mesh
    - Diffusion





# OXYGEN SUPPLY

- Manual ventilation
  - Slow diffusion rate of oxygen through water
  - Ventilation behaviors
    - Undulation
    - Selective positioning
    - Leg movements
    - Pumping



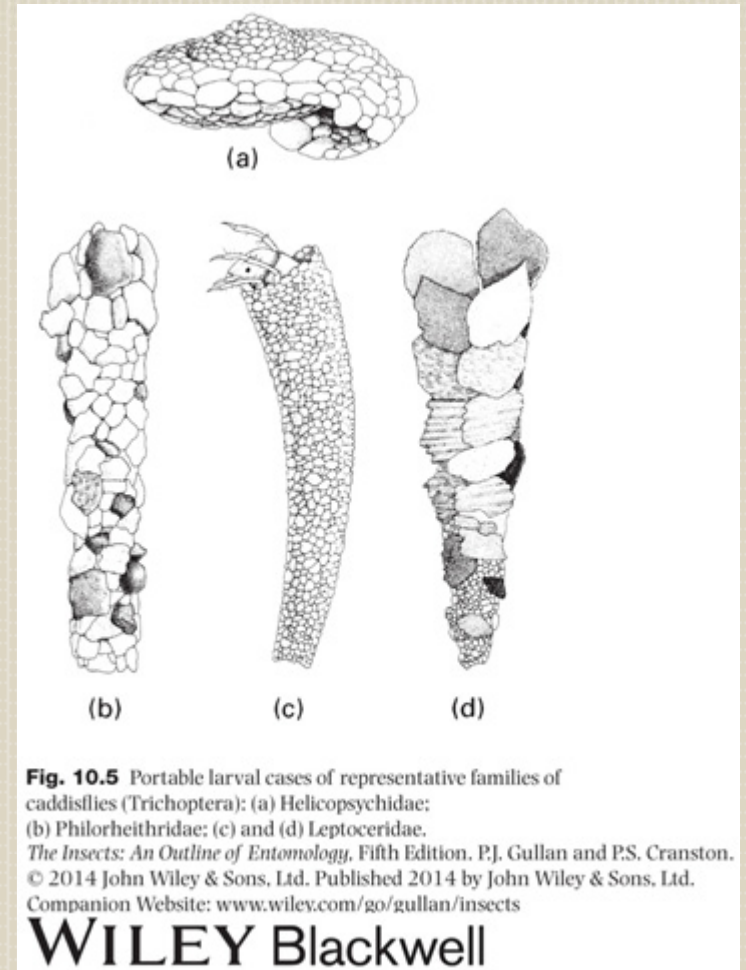
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# AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT

- Lotic adaptations
  - Rheophilic: strong currents
    - Dorsoventrally flattened
    - Caddisfly
      - Cases
      - Suckers
      - Silk
  - Benthos: bed of the stream
    - Drift
    - Burrowing
  - Hyporheic: substrate of the stream





# AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT

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- Lentic adaptations
  - Neuston: surface of the water
    - Water striders
    - Whirligig beetles
  - Limnetic and profundel zones: between the surface and the bed
    - Deep lakes
  - Littoral zone: between surface and bed, where light penetrates completely
    - Typical example: most shallow ponds encountered
    - Diversity is at maximum



# ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

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- Importance and advantages to using insects in monitoring
- Pollutants
- Surrogates for humans – “early warning system”
- Responses to aquatic disturbance
  - Abundance of certain mayflies
  - Increase of bloodworms
  - Loss of stoneflies
  - Reduction in diversity





# FUNCTIONAL FEEDING GROUPS

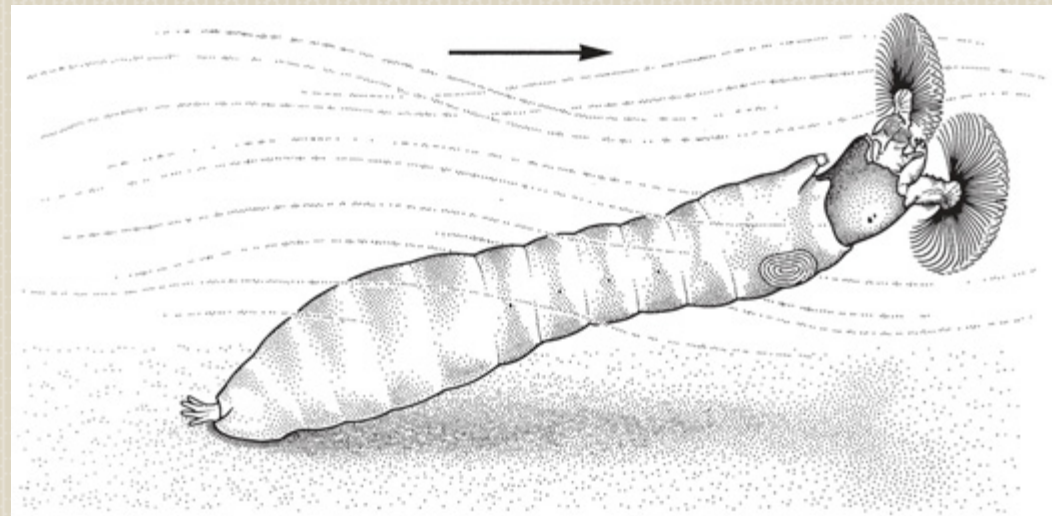
- Reasons for categorizing

- Types of feeders:

- Shredders
- Collectors
- Scrapers
- Piercers
- Predators
- Parasites

- Groups span across taxa

- Locations in river of the different feeding groups



A black-fly larva in the typical filter-feeding posture. (After Currie 1986.)  
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# TEMPORARY WATERBODIES

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- Ephemerality
- Rainfall, floods, pools
- Utilization of fleeting water sites
- Developmental adaptations
- Colonization





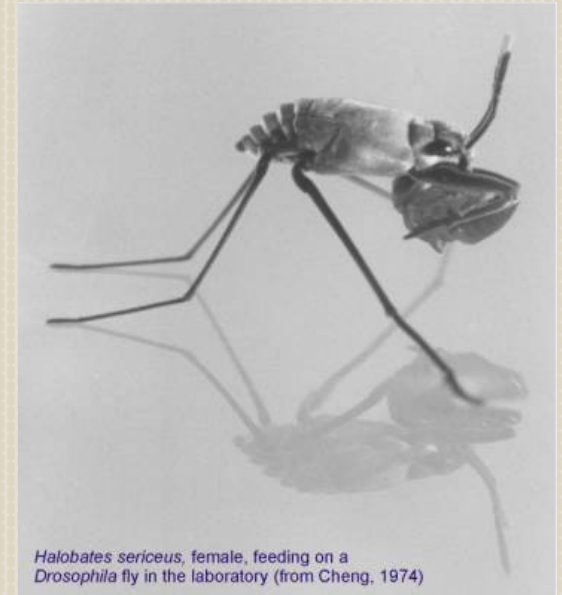
# MARINE INSECTS

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- Saltmarsh zone supports several insects
- Intertidal zone
- *Telmatogeton*
- *Pontomyia*
- *Halobates*
- Why are there not more insects in / on the ocean?



H.M.S. CHALLENGER UNDER SAIL, 1874.



*Halobates sericeus*, female, feeding on a *Drosophila* fly in the laboratory (from Cheng, 1974)

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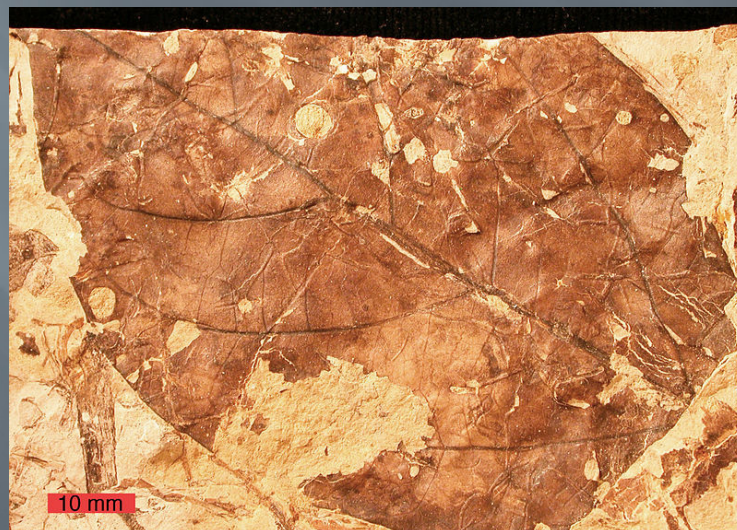


# Insects and Plants

- Topics
  - Coevolutionary Interactions
  - Phytophagy
  - Insects & Plant Reproduction
  - Mutualistic Occupancy in Plants
  - Carnivorous Plants

# Insects and Plants

- Insects and plants share ancient associations
  - Date back to the Carboniferous (300mya)
  - Evidence of insect damage preserved in fossilized plant parts
- Closely related histories
  - Radiating and diversifying together
  - Responsible for each others' speciation
- Pollinators may have promoted speciation in angiosperms
- Race between insect feeding and plant defense



# Coevolutionary Interactions

- Coevolution: evolutionary interactions between two organisms
- Specific / pair-wise evolution
  - Evolution of a trait of one species in response to a trait of another species, which in turn evolved originally in response to the trait of the first species
  - Example: figs and fig wasps



- Guild evolution: reciprocal evolutionary change among groups
- Difficulties of observing such interactions



# Phytophagy

- Insects can be categorized based on the range of plant taxa they use
  - Monophagous
  - Oligophagous
  - Polyphagous
- Continuous spectrum of insects that feed on 1 vs many plants
- No clear boundaries exist between these categories
- May occur in different groups depending on location / flora
- Some oligophagous species eat more plant species than polyphagous species- a reminder that these are based not on the number of plants but rather on the diversity of plants

# Phytophagy

- Monophagous insects
  - Feed on only 1 species of plant (or plants within a single genus)
  - Occurs in all major groups of herbivorous insects
  - Potential for use in biological control
    - *Chrysolina quadrigemina* in Klamath weed
  - Examples:
    - *Boottettix argentatus* on creosote bushes in southwestern deserts of the US
    - *Heliconius melpomene* on passion flower vines



# Phytophagy

- Oligophagous insects
  - Feed on a number of plants, usually in different genera within 1 plant family (but may extend to a limited number of different families)
  - Can be restricted or widened based on a characteristic found in similar plants
    - Could be a chemical compound
    - May span several taxa
  - Good examples: Colorado potato beetle- feeds on 14 different plants, all within the potato family (genus *Solanum*); monarch butterflies on various milkweeds





# Phytophagy

- Polyphagous insects
  - Feed on a large number of plants from different families
  - Desert locust, *Schistocerca gregaria*, eats over 400 plant species
  - *Spodoptera littoralis* eats plant species from over 50 different families



# Phytophagy

- Secondary plant compounds: plant chemicals assumed to be produced for defensive purposes
- Apparency: obviousness of a plant to an insect herbivore
  - Large clump of long-lived trees vs. scattered herb plants
  - Effects of human agriculture
- Insect feeding on stressed vs. vigorous trees
- 2 assumptions of herbivory theory
  1. Damage by herbivores is a dominant selective force on plant evolution
  2. Food quality has a dominant influence on the abundance of insects and the damage they cause
- Do insects impair or help plants by feeding on them?



# Phytophagy

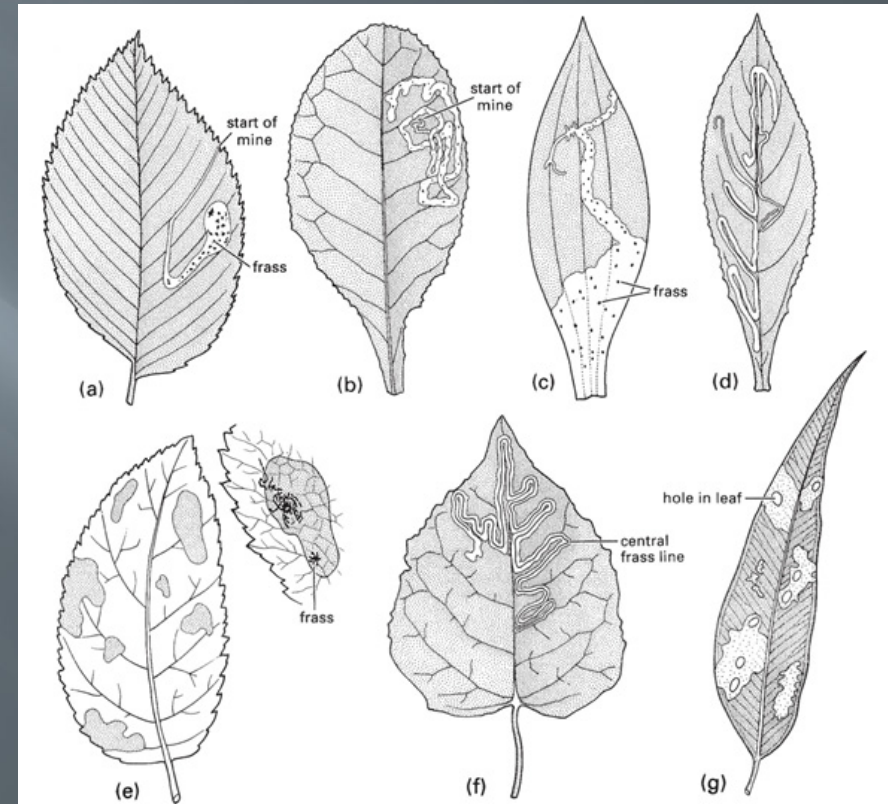
- Leaf chewing
  - Damage is readily visible and measurable
  - Leaf pests easier to identify than root pests
  - Most diverse leaf chewers: moths/butterflies and beetles
  - Damage mostly confined to leaves, but can include other parts
  - Douglas-fir Tussock moth
  - Damage: measuring and differences





# Phytophagy

- Plant mining
  - Leaf mining
  - Agromyzids
  - Commercial damage
  - Stem mining



**Fig. 11.2** Leaf mines: (a) linear-blotch mine of *Agromyza aristata* (Diptera: Agromyzidae) in leaf of an elm, *Ulmus americana* (Ulmaceae); (b) linear mine of *Chromatomyia primulae* (Agromyzidae) in leaf of a primula, *Primula vulgaris* (Primulaceae); (c) linear-blotch mine of *Chromatomyia gentianella* (Agromyzidae) in leaf of a gentian, *Gentiana acaulis* (Gentianaceae); (d) linear mine of *Phytomyza senecionis* (Agromyzidae) in leaf of a ragwort, *Senecio nemorensis* (Asteraceae); (e) blotch mines of the apple leaf miner, *Lyonetia prunifoliella* (Lepidoptera: Lyonetiidae), in leaf of apple, *Malus* sp. (Rosaceae); (f) linear mine of *Phyllocnistis populiella* (Lepidoptera: Gracillariidae) in leaf of poplar, *Populus* (Salicaceae); (g) blotch mines of jarrah leaf miner, *Perithida glyphopa* (Lepidoptera: Incurvariidae), in leaf of jarrah, *Eucalyptus marginata* (Myrtaceae). ((a,e-f) After Frost 1959; (b-d) after Spencer 1990.)

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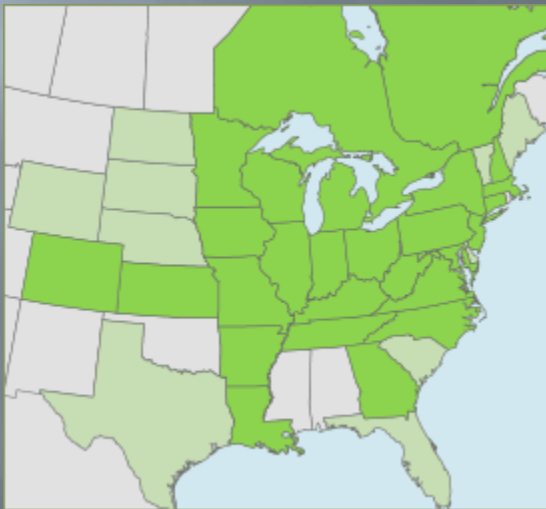
- Plant boring
  - Stem boring
  - Common types of borers:
    - Stalk borers
    - Wood borers
    - Root borers
    - Fruit borers
  - Use as biological control agents





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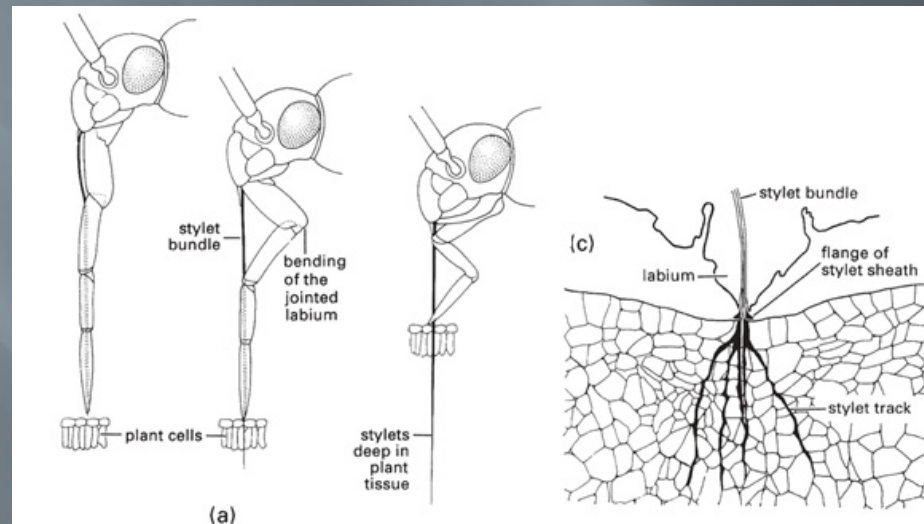
- Emerald ash borer
  - Introduced from Asia in 2002
  - Feed primarily on ash trees and is a major pest
  - Countless trees (in the 10's of millions) have been destroyed
  - Spread to many states in short amount of time
  - Great example of accidental importation of damaging invasive species





# Phytophagy

- Sap sucking
  - Most sap-sucking insects belong to the order Hemiptera (true bugs)
  - Difficult to observe and quantify damage
  - Serious agricultural and horticultural pests
  - Damage: slow root growth, fewer leaves, less overall biomass
  - Details of feeding



**Fig. 11.4** Feeding in phytophagous Hemiptera: (a) penetration of plant tissue by a mirid bug, showing bending of the labium as the stylets enter the plant; (b) transverse section through a eucalypt leaf gall containing a feeding nymph of a scale insect, *Apionomorpha* (Eriococcidae); (c) enlargement of the feeding site of (b), showing multiple stylet tracks (formed of solidifying saliva), resulting from probing of the parenchyma. ((a) After Poisson 1951.)  
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# Phytophagy

- Galls
  - Gall: an aberrant plant growth produced in response to the activities of an insect
  - Plant part morphology is altered
  - Usually stimulated on young plant parts
  - Can be caused by: viruses, bacteria, fungi, nematodes, mites, insects
  - Primarily: true bugs, flies, bees/wasps
  - Cynipidae wasps on oaks and roses
  - Enormous diversity of galls
  - Common types of galls (Figure 11.5)
  - Benefits of galling: protection, quality of food





# Phytophagy

- Seed predation
  - Target for consumption due to high level of nutrients
  - Serious pests of stored products
  - Timing and development of seeds and use by insects
  - Plant defenses against seed predation
  - Harvester ants





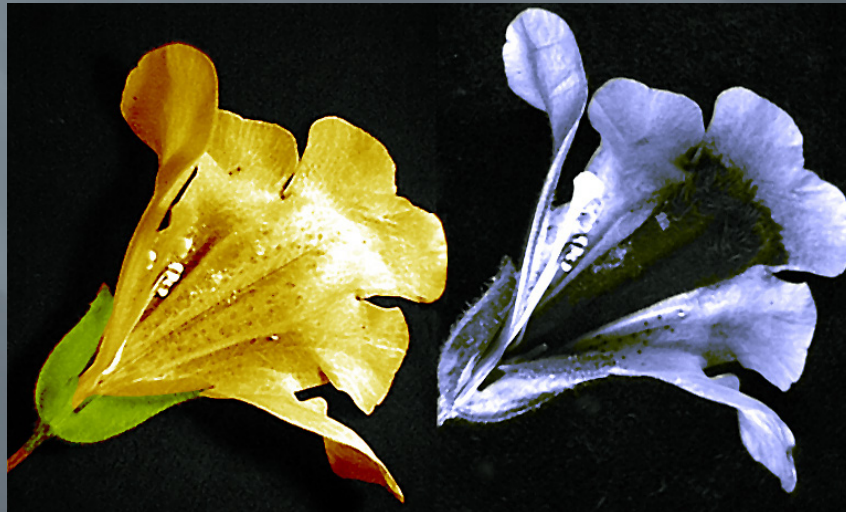
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- Pollination
  - Pollination: the transfer of pollen from male to female flower parts
  - Relationship is mutualistic- both parties benefit
  - Insects pollinate most flowering plants
  - Insects are more efficient pollinators than wind
  - Pseudocopulatory pollination



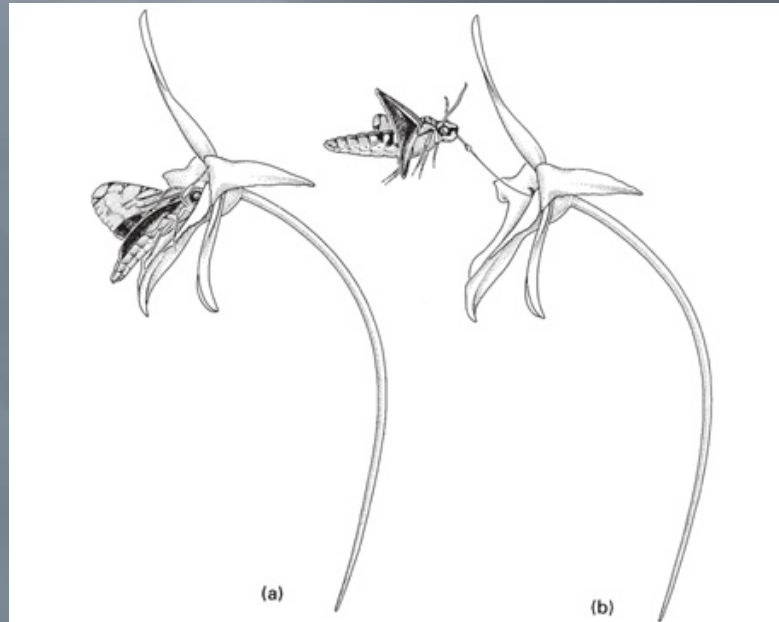
# Insects & Plant Reproduction

- Pollination
  - Major pollinators
  - Different types of -phily
  - Bees are the most important pollinators
  - All species of bees (>20,000) are pollinators
  - Main bee pollinator worldwide: *Apis mellifera*
  - Nectar guides



# Insects & Plant Reproduction

- Pollination
  - Malagasy star orchid and the giant hawkmoth



**Fig. 11.7** A male hawk moth of *Xanthopan morgani praedicta* (Lepidoptera: Sphingidae) feeding from the long floral spur of a Malagasy star orchid, *Angraecum sesquipedale*: (a) full insertion of the moth's proboscis; (b) upward flight during withdrawal of the proboscis with the orchid pollinium attached. (After Wasserthal 1997.)

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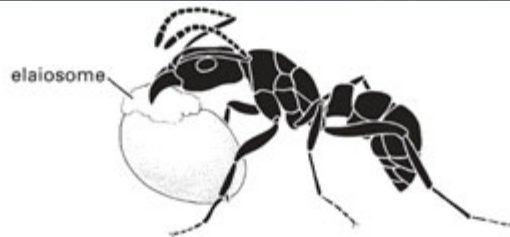
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# Insects & Plant Reproduction

- Myrmecochory
  - Myrmecochory: the collection and dispersal of seeds by ants
  - Elaiosomes: a food body attached to a plant seed
  - Elaiosome is consumed, seed is discarded
  - Plants have become adapted for interactions with ants
  - Benefits both parties: food for ants, dispersion for plants



**Fig. 11.8** An ant of *Rhytidoponera tasmaniensis* (Hymenoptera: Formicidae) carrying a seed of *Dillwynia juniperina* (Fabaceae) by its elaiosome (seed appendage).  
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# Mutualistic Occupancy in Plants

- Domatia
  - Domatia: plant chambers produced specifically to house ants
  - Different than galls
  - Used for feeding, nesting, or both
  - Food bodies, EFNs, and “farming” for food
  - Association benefits both ants and plants
  - Ants provide: protection, removal of pests, pruning



# Mutualistic Occupancy in Plants

- Plant-held water containers
  - Pitcher plants
  - Odor, color, and nectar attract insects
  - Guard hairs and slippery walls prevent exit
  - Insects drown in the liquid, which contains digestive enzymes
  - Mosquitos and midges can live in them without harm
  - Insects living within the plant are mutualistic with the plant
  - *Camponotus* ants in Borneo





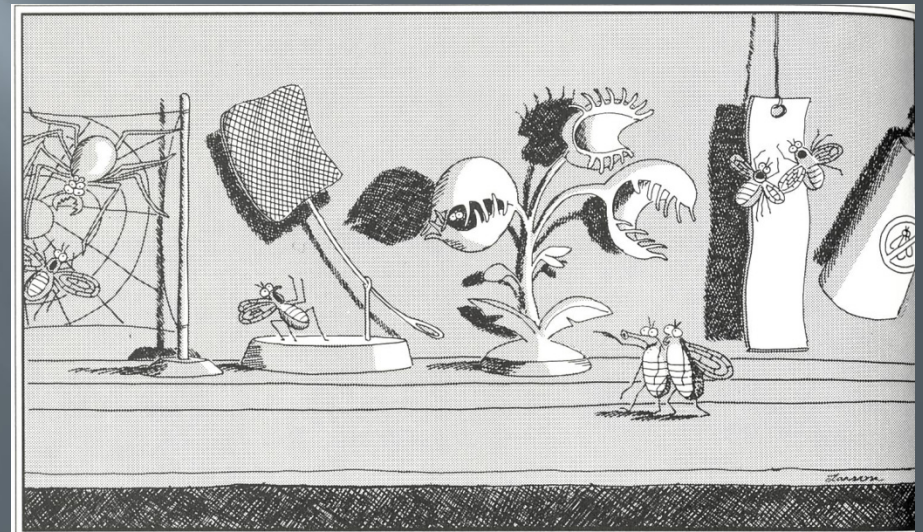
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- Pitcher and pitfall plants
- Sticky plants (sundew)



# Carnivorous Plants

- Venus fly trap



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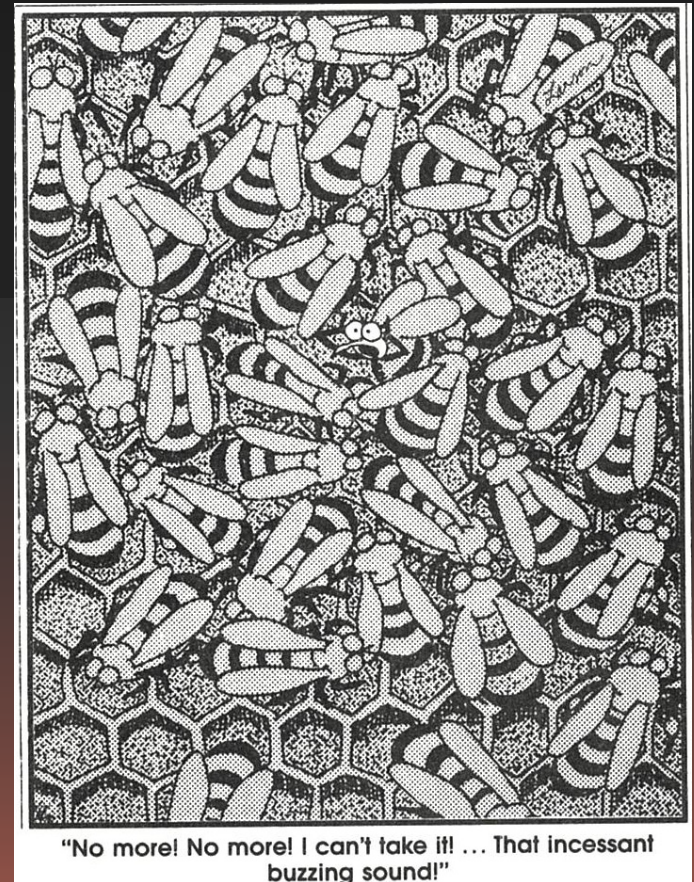
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# ENTOMOLOGY 101

Insect Societies

# Insect Societies

- Topics
  - Subsociality in Insects
  - Eusociality in Insects
  - Inquilines and Parasites
  - Evolution, Origin, & Maintenance
  - Success of Eusocial Insects





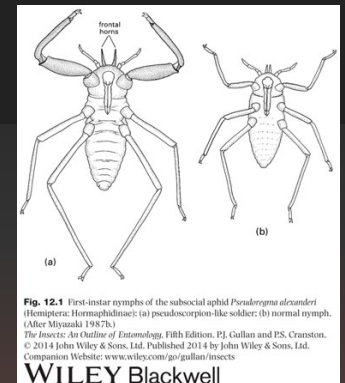
# Insect Societies

- Social insects are a source of fascination and study
- They are highly successful
- They perform many important ecological functions
- Colonies can be extremely large
  - Siafu, or driver ants
- Varying degrees of sociality:
  - Eusocial insects (true social)
  - Subsocial insects (below social)
  - Solitary (not social)



# Insect Societies

- Eusociality is defined by 3 important traits:
  1. Division of labor, with a caste system involving sterile or non-reproductive individuals assisting those that reproduce
  2. Co-operation among colony members in tending the young
  3. Overlap of generations capable of contributing to colony functioning
- Restricted to: ants, termites, and some bees / wasps
- Subsociality is a more widespread phenomenon
- Aphids and Thrips
- Quasisociality
- Semisociality
- Subsociality may or may not be an evolutionary precursor of eusociality



# Subsociality in Insects

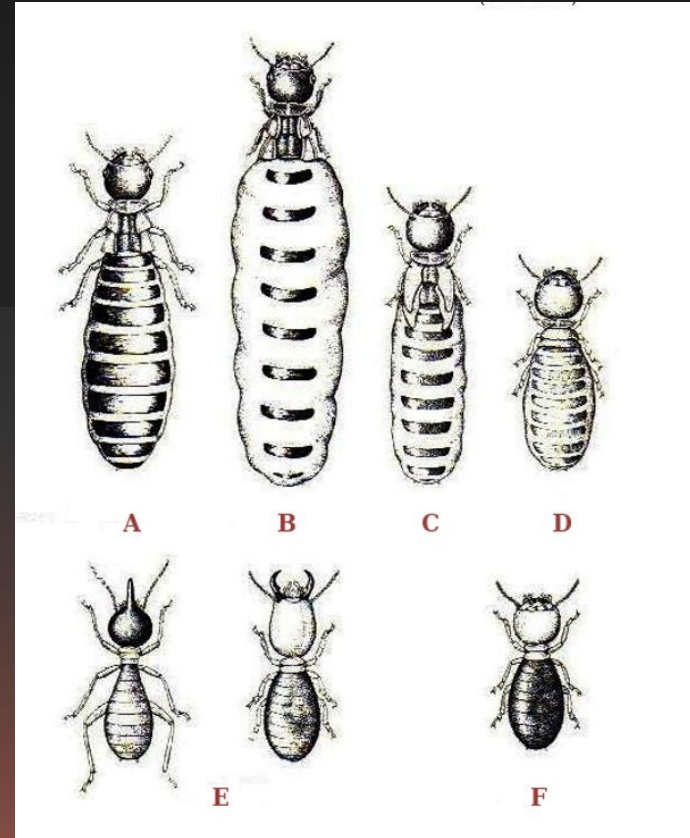
- Parental care
  - Varying degrees of parental care
  - Parental care without nesting
    - Mortality and guarding
    - Delegation to other species
  - Parental care with solitary nesting
    - Beetles
    - Wasps
  - Parental care with communal nesting
    - Sharing of nests
    - Selfish behavior
    - Attract specialized parasites
    - Females guard and maintain
    - Provisioning





# Eusociality in Insects

- There is division in labor, involving a caste system
- Members of the caste:
  - Queen, or gyne
  - Secondary queen
  - King
  - Soldiers
  - Drones
  - Workers
  - Brood
- Primary differentiation is gender
- Polyphenism
- Polyethism



# Eusociality in Insects

- Hymenopterans showing primitive eusociality
  - Such as the paper wasps
  - Monogynous – dominated by 1 queen
    - The queen's rise to dominance
  - Polygynous – several functional queens
  - Serially polygynous – a succession of functional queens
- Bumble bees
- Late season changes



# Eusociality in Insects

- Specialized eusociality: bees and wasps
  - Colony and castes
    - Female castes are dimorphic, differing in appearance
  - Worker duties involve:
    - Distribution of food
    - Cleaning services
    - Ventilation and air-conditioning
    - Defense of the nest
    - Foraging for water and food
    - Construction and repair
  - Age polyethism and roles



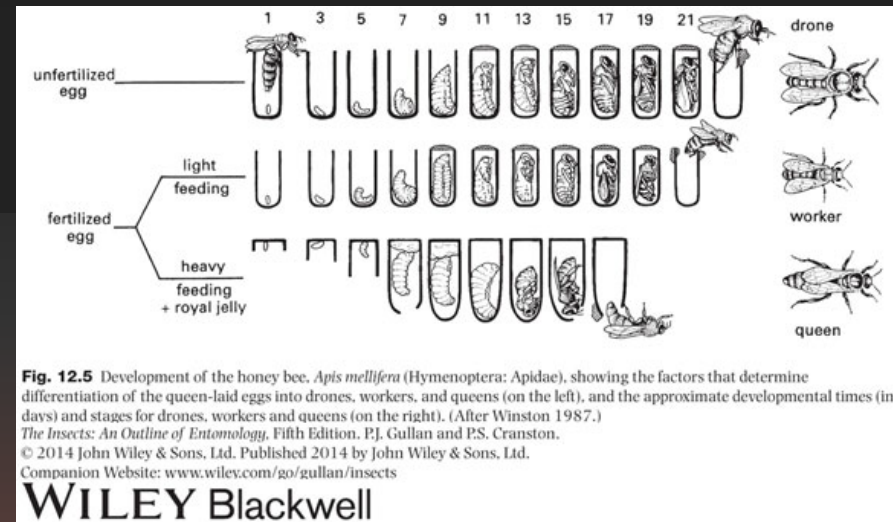


# Eusociality in Insects

- Specialized eusociality: bees and wasps

- Colony and castes

- Differences in stingers
- Caste determination in the cell
  - Royal jelly
  - Full differentiation after only 4 days



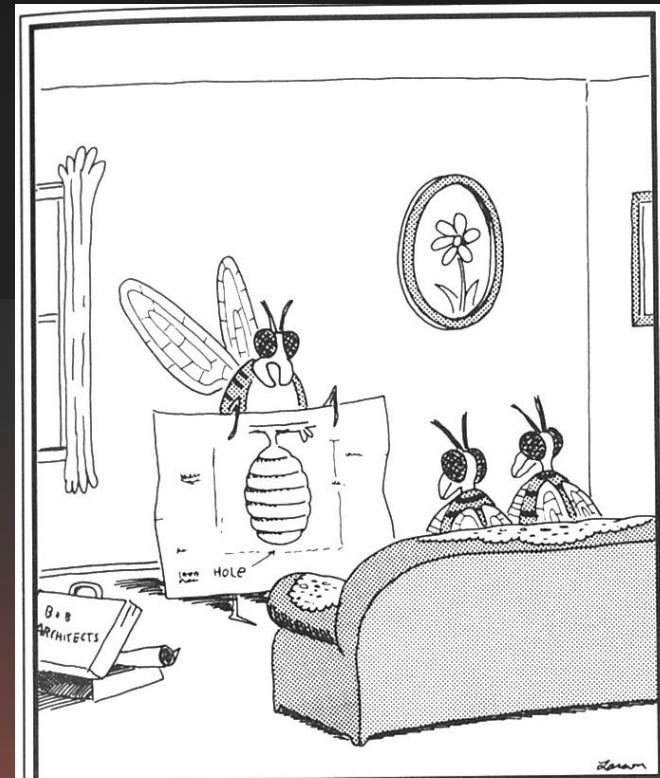
- Drones
  - Their 'contribution'
  - Winter time
- Queen controls worker reproduction through pheromones

# Eusociality in Insects

- Specialized eusociality: bees and wasps

- Nest construction

- Founding takes place in spring
- Nest materials include:
  - Wood fibers
  - Water
  - Saliva
- Construction
  - Pillar
  - Cells
  - Envelope
- Growth
- Combs
- Heating and cooling



"Voila! ... Your new dream home! If you like it, I can get a crew mixing wood fibers and saliva as early as tomorrow."

# Eusociality in Insects

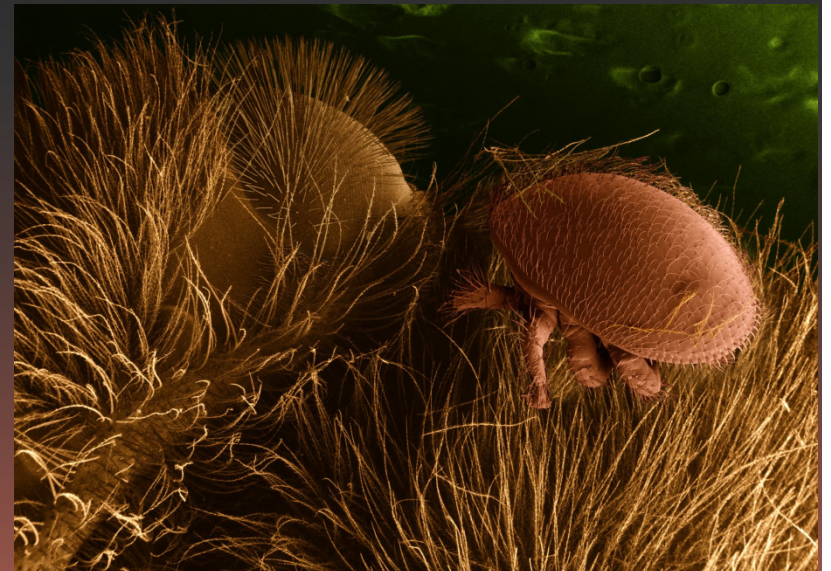
- Specialized eusociality: bees and wasps
  - Nesting in honey bees
    - Wax
    - Building with wax
    - Cells and dimensions
    - Wax and honey production
    - Activity continues through winter
    - Food reserves and 'huddling'
    - Hive boxes and apiculture
    - Commercial pollination and benefits





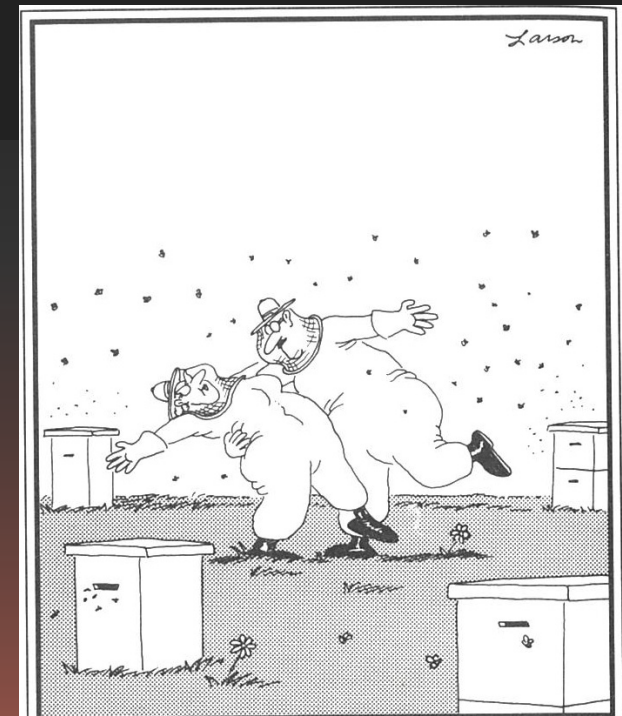
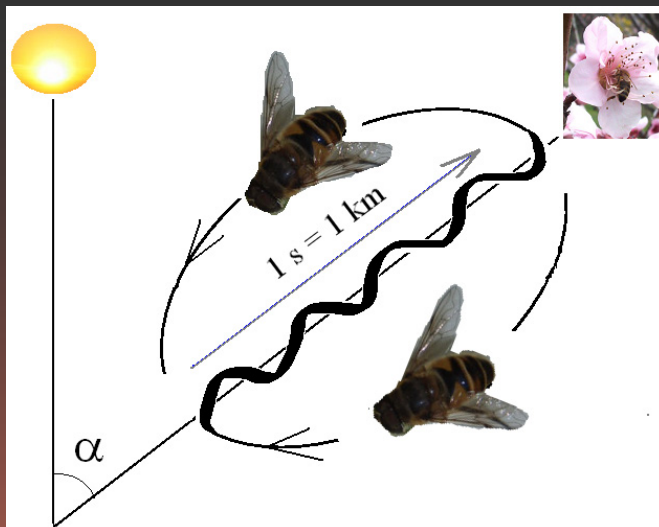
# Eusociality in Insects

- “Colony collapse disorder” or CCD
  - Decline in bees across the USA since 1970s
  - Losses:
    - Over 1/3 of all the bee hives and 1/2 of the beekeepers
  - Symptoms:
    - Abandoned hive by all live bees
    - Honey and pollen stores intact
    - Pests and usurpers slow to capitalize
  - Caused by a number of factors, including:
    - Varroa mite
    - IAPV virus
    - Tracheal mite
    - Pesticides
    - Pollution
    - Stress: transport and other



# Eusociality in Insects

- The dance language of bees
  - Ability to communicate the location of a food source
  - The discovery of the behavior
  - Initial worker performs a dance upon returning to the hive
  - 3 different types of dances depending on purpose:
    1. Round dance - Alerts other workers to a nearby food source
    2. Waggle dance - Alerts workers to more distant food sources
    3. Vibration dance - Acts as a recruitment dance



Dance of the Beekeepers

# Eusociality in Insects

- Killer bees aka Africanized honey bees
  - Hybridization
  - Introduction and subsequent escape
  - Increased tendency to swarm, defend wider areas, and be more aggressive
- Asian giant hornet
  - Effect on 2 different species of honey bees, local and introduced





# Eusociality in Insects

- Specialized hymenopterans: ants
  - Colony and castes
    - 2 major female castes:
      - Queen
      - Workers
    - Some have distinct subcastes based on size:
      - Minor
      - Media
      - Major
    - Polymorphism and polyethism
    - Worker reproduction



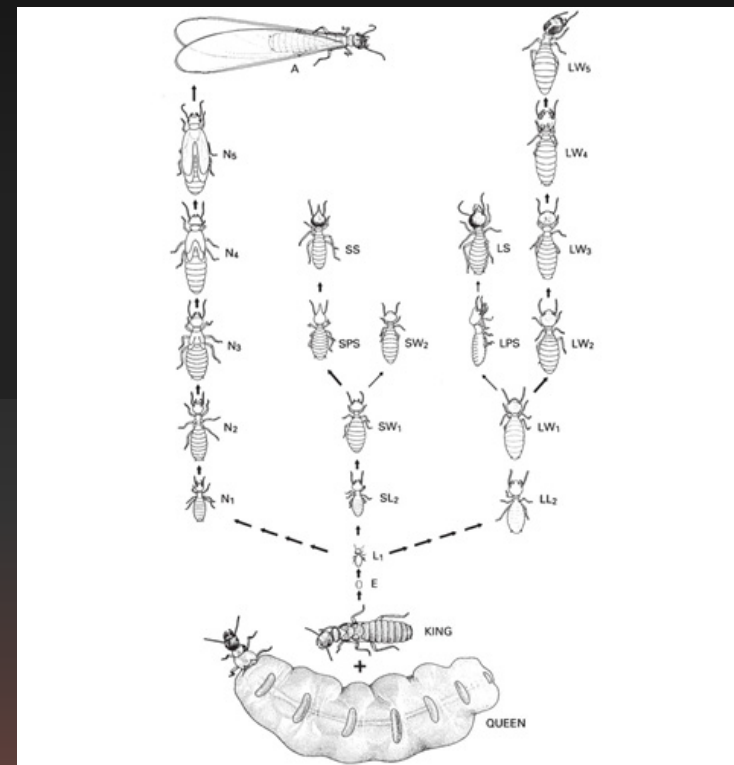
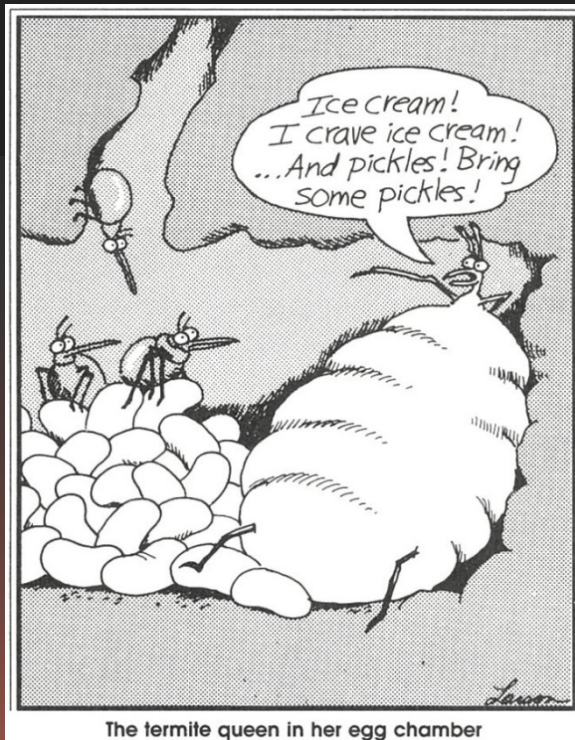
# Eusociality in Insects

- Specialized hymenopterans: ants
  - Nesting
    - Locations of nests
    - Honeypot ants
    - Weaver ants



# Eusociality in Insects

- Termites
  - Colony and castes



**Fig. 12.8** Developmental pathways of the termite *Nasutitermes exitiosus* (Termitidae). Heavy arrows indicate the main lines of development, light arrows indicate the minor lines. A, alate; E, egg; L, larva; LL, large larva; LPS, large presoldier; LS, large soldier; LW, large worker; N, nymph; SL, small larva; SPS, small presoldier; SS, small soldier; SW, small worker. The numbers indicate the stages. (Pathways based on Watson & Abbey 1985.)

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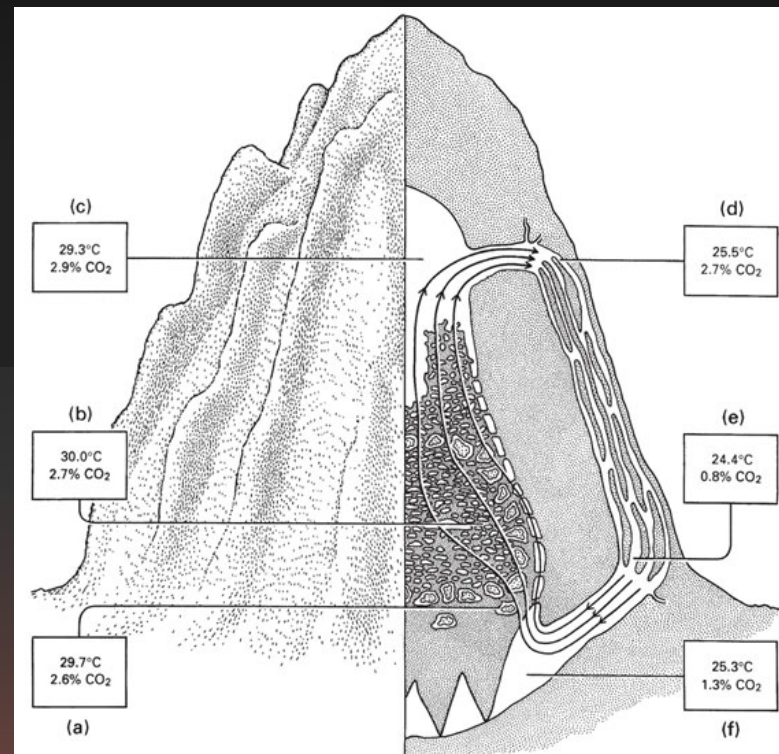
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# Eusociality in Insects

- Termites
  - Nesting
    - Timber
    - Mounds
    - Subterranean
    - Colony size varies greatly
    - Colony maturity
    - Diverse mound architecture
    - Microclimatic control



**Fig. 12.11** Section through the mound nest of the African fungus-farming termite *Macrotermes natalensis* (Termitidae) showing how air circulating in a series of passageways maintains favourable culture conditions for the fungus at the bottom of the nest (a) and for the termite brood (b). Measurements of temperature and carbon dioxide are shown in the boxes for the following locations: (a) the fungus combs; (b) the brood chambers; (c) the attic; (d) the upper part of a ridge channel; (e) the lower part of a ridge channel; and (f) the cellar. (After Lüscher 1961.)

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# Inquelines and Parasites

- Inquiline: an organism that lives in the home of another, sharing food
  - Integrated
  - Non-integrated
- Wasmannian mimicry: a form of mimicry that allows an insect of another species to be accepted into a social insect colony
- Use of chemicals to blend in
  - Caterpillars in ant nests
  - Staphylinid beetles
- Flies in termite nests
- Hover flies in bee nests
- Varroa mites in honeybee hives



# Inquilines and Parasites

- Dulosis: a slave-like relationship between parasitic ant species and the captured brood from another species
- Aka “slave-making ants”
- Manipulation and colony response in the laboratory
- Roles
- Slave raiding
  - Can capture several thousand
  - Fight or flight by host
  - Zero to many deaths may occur
  - Rebellions by the slaves





# Evolution, Origin, & Maintenance

- Origins of eusociality in Hymenoptera
  - Eusociality has arisen independently in wasps, bees, and ants
  - Possible scenarios of solitariness to sociality:
    1. Single queen remains associated with her offspring through maternal longevity
    2. Several unrelated females associate and establish a nest with division of labor; 1 generation
    3. Communal group with related females, multiple queens, and increasing division of labor
  - Altruism: behavior costly to the individual but beneficial to others
  - Genetic theories about the origin of eusociality:
    1. Kin selection
      - 1. Genes and relatedness
    2. Maternal manipulation
    3. Mutualism

	sister	half-sister	own son	son of full sister	queen's son (brother)	son of half-sister
worker	0.75	0.375	0.5	0.375	0.25	0.125

**Fig. 12.12** Relatedness of a given worker to other possible occupants of a hive. (After Whitfield 2002.)  
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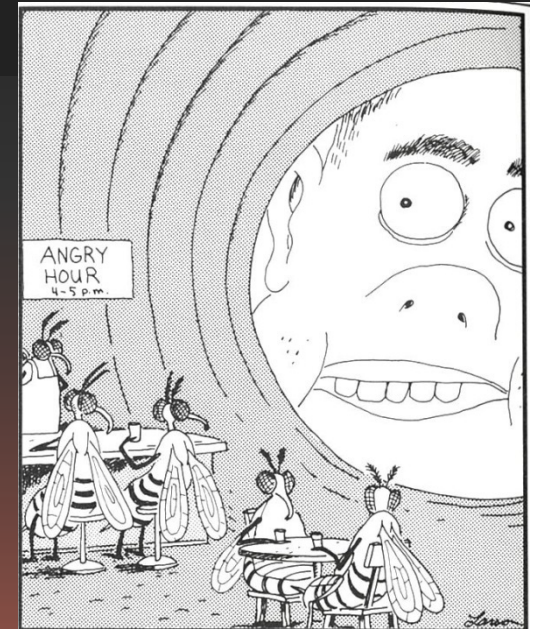
# Evolution, Origin, & Maintenance

- Maintenance of eusociality
  - Control of eggs laid by workers
  - Relatedness of colony if workers reproduce
    - Values
    - When the queen dies
  - Hierarchies in other species
  - Anarchy
  - Cape honey bees and African honey bees



# Success of Eusocial Insects

- 3 qualities contribute to their success
  1. Foraging, feeding, caring, maintenance can be performed simultaneously by different groups rather than sequentially by an individual- activities don't jeopardize each other
  2. Ability to overcome greater obstacles as a group
  3. Specialization of function allows homeostatic regulation for the colony
- Able to allocate individuals according to demand
- Use of pheromones allows for a high level of control
- Labor structure can rival human societies
- Implications for studying ageing (using termites)



It was foolish for Russell to approach the hornets' nest in the first place, but his timing was particularly bad.



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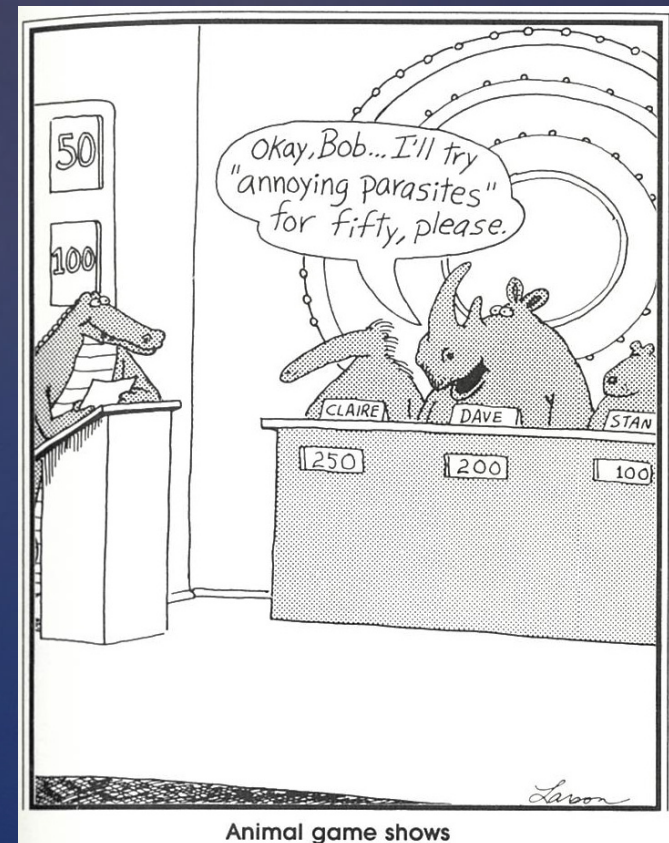
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# ENTOMOLOGY 101

{ Predation and Parasitism

# Predation and Parasitism

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  - Prey/Host Location
  - Acceptance & Manipulation
  - Selection & Specificity
  - Population Biology
  - Evolutionary Success





# Predation and Parasitism

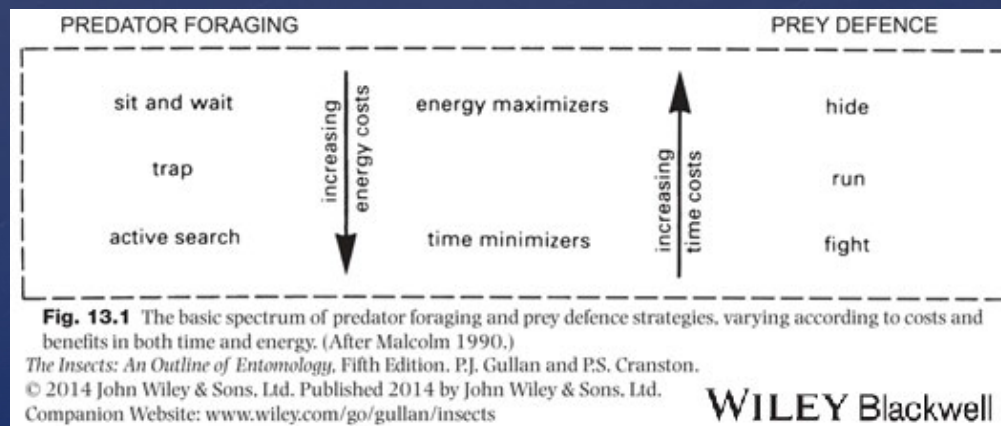
- Predation: preying on other organisms and their interactions
  - Predator
  - Prey
- Parasitism: the relationship between the parasite and its host
  - Host
  - Parasite: lives at the expense of host, but does not kill it
    - Ectoparasites
    - Endoparasites
  - Parasitoid: a parasite that kills its host
    - Ectoparasitoids
    - Endoparasitoids



- About 25% of all species are predatory or parasitic at some stage
- Representatives from nearly every insect order

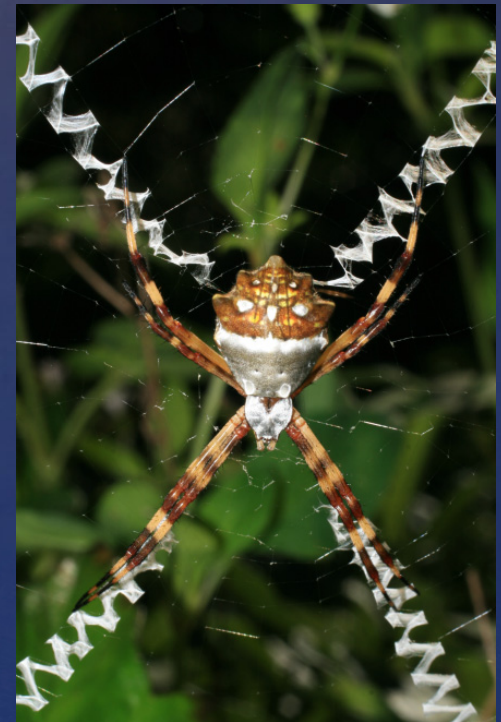
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- Optimal foraging strategy maximizes cost/benefit ratio
  - Where and how to search
  - How much time to devote to fruitless searching before moving on
  - How much energy to expend in capturing food once located
- Responses to patches and prey:
  - Active search
  - Trapping
  - Sit and wait
- Waiting strategy is economically effective, but time-consuming
- Active strategy is energy-intensive but time-efficient



# Prey/Host Location

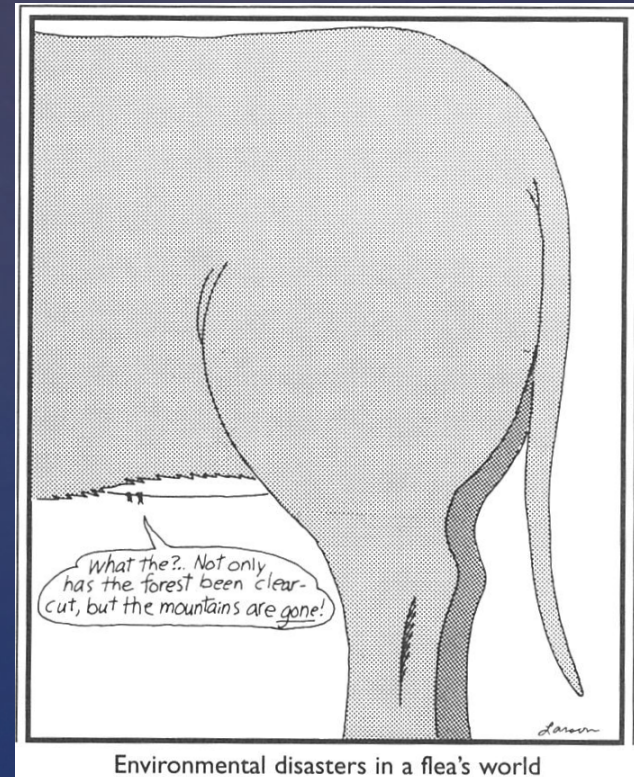
- Sitting and waiting
  - Predators find a suitable spot to ambush prey
  - Some may have camouflage, but many just remain motionless
  - Aggressive foraging mimicry
    - Flower-mimicking mantid
    - Silver argiope spider
  - Not just 'sit-and-wait' (dragons and robbers)





# Prey/Host Location

- Sitting and waiting
  - Use of stimuli
    - Cat flea uses:
      - Vibrations
      - Rise in temperature
      - Carbon dioxide
      - Etc.
  - Use of traps
    - Most notably by the spiders
    - Also by the antlions



# Prey/Host Location

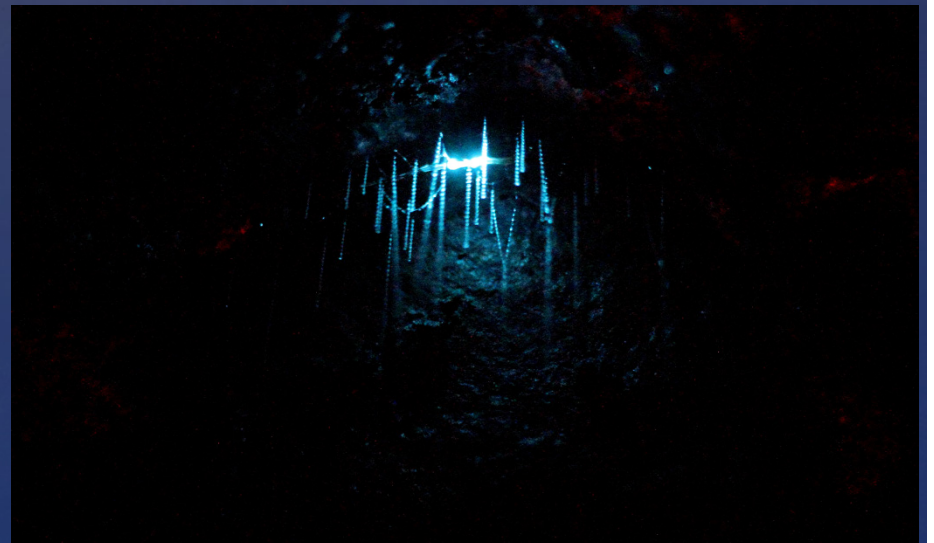
- Sitting and waiting
  - Antlions
    - Larvae dig pits into soft sand
    - Effectiveness depends on steepness of sides, diameter, and depth of pit
    - Larvae waits at the bottom of the pit for passing prey to fall in
    - Escape by prey is prevented by the slippery slope
    - Larvae may also flick sand at prey
    - Location and construction are vital for prey capture
    - Potential as 'pets'





# Prey/Host Location

- Active foraging
  - Random foraging
    - Ladybug larvae and casting for aphids
  - Non-random foraging
    - Host finding can depend on cues: chemical, sound, light, tactile
    - European crabronid wasp and use of different cues
    - Chemical
      - Sex pheromones, plant chemicals, frass odors, carbon dioxide
    - Sound
      - Mating sounds, vibrations
    - Light
      - Bioluminescence, flashing signals





# Prey/Host Location

- Phoresy: a phenomenon in which an individual is transported by a larger individual of another species
  - Benefits the carried without directly affecting the carrier
  - Egg parasitoid wasp and European mantid
  - Human bot fly and mosquito
  - Burying beetle (*Nicrophorus*) and phoretic mites



# Acceptance & Manipulation

- Prey capture and restraint
  - Morphological modifications
    - Legs
    - Mouthparts
- Host acceptance by parasitoids
  - Phorid flies and leaf-cutter ants
- Overcoming host immune responses
  - Encapsulation: surrounding the invading egg/larva by an aggregation of hemocytes
  - Parasitoids cope with host immune system by:
    1. Avoidance
    2. Evasion
    3. Destruction
    4. Suppression
    5. Subversion



# Selection & Specificity

- Insects vary in the number and type of food sources they use
- Some are monophagous (using only a single species of prey)
  - Typically involves only parasitoids
  - Very few exceptions, one being the termite-eater spider
- Some are oligophagous (using a few prey species)
  - Ambush predators may have a restricted diet
- Most are polyphagous (using a variety of species)
  - Predators are mostly polyphagous
- Terminology: -xenous refers to parasites



# Selection & Specificity

- Host use by parasitoids
  - Require only a single host to complete development
  - Always kill their immature host
  - Entomophagous: insect-eating parasitoids
  - May develop internally or externally
  - Ectoparasitoids are less host specific than endoparasitoids
  - May be solitary or gregarious



# Selection & Specificity

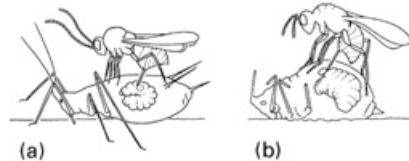
- Host use by parasitoids
  - Most parasitoids “host discriminate”
    - Generally involves a marking pheromone
  - Superparasitism
    - Competition
    - Advantages
    - Disadvantages – viruses
  - Multiparasitism
    - Occurs more often than superparasitism





# Selection & Specificity

- Host use by parasitoids
  - Hyperparasitism
    - Develops on other parasitoid
    - Obligate or facultative
    - “Inception” parasitism
    - Caterpillar may host up to 4 tiers of parasites
    - Jonathan Swift refers to hyperparasitism
    - "On Poetry: A Rhapsody":
      - So nat'ralists observe, a flea  
Hath smaller fleas that on him prey;  
And these have smaller fleas to bite 'em.  
And so proceeds ad infinitum.



**Fig. 13.6** Two examples of the ovipositional behaviour of hymenopterous hyperparasitoids of aphids: (a) endophagous *Alloxysta victrix* (Hymenoptera: Figitidae) ovipositing into a primary parasitoid inside a live aphid; (b) ectophagous *Asaphes suspensus* (Hymenoptera: Pteromalidae) ovipositing onto a primary parasitoid in a mummified aphid. (After Sullivan 1988.)  
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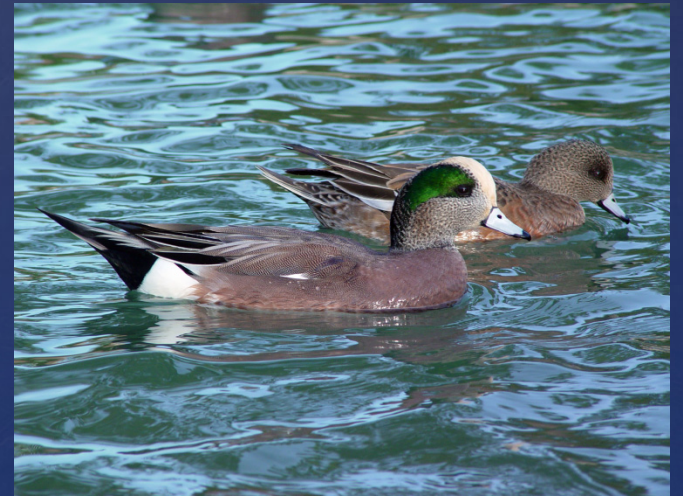
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- Host manipulation and development of parasitoids
  - Host regulation by use of pheromones
  - Host quality/size can induce variation
  - Larval competition may occur inside of host
  - Strepsiptera
    - Parasitize other insects exclusively
    - Endoparasitoids
    - Laid on pollen where hosts frequent
    - “Stylopized” (malformations)
    - Displacement of internal organs
    - Host is castrated
    - Adult Strepsipteran emerges from host



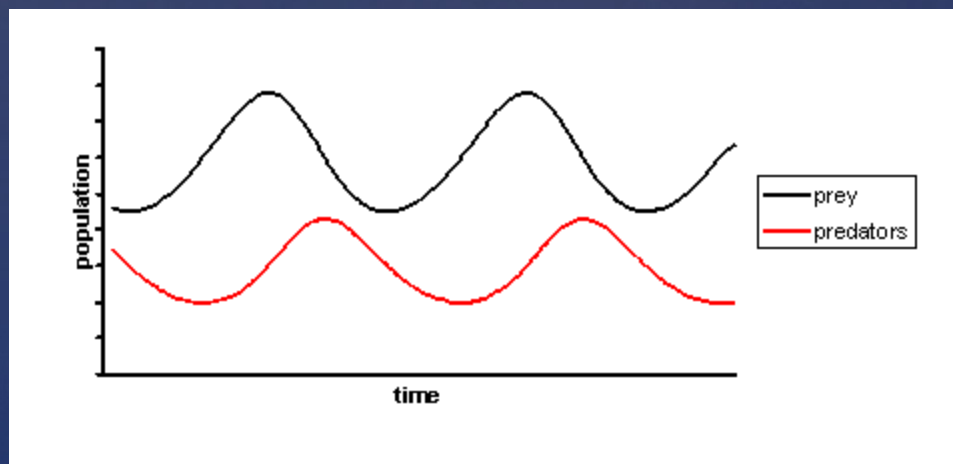
# Selection & Specificity

- Patterns of use and specificity
  - Patterns of host-specificity and preference of parasites raise questions
    - Most orders of mammals bear lice
    - Even seals have lice (but whales do not)
    - Bats do not have lice
  - Host/parasite correlation
  - Comparison of phylogenies
  - Cospeciation: identical patterns of speciation in regards to tree typology
    - Although, host switching has been observed
    - *Columbicola extinctus* and the passenger pigeon
    - *Strigiphilus garylarsoni* found only on owls



# Population Biology

- Accurate estimation of population density and its regulation is important for: population ecology, biodiversity studies, conservation biology, and management of pests
- Sampling techniques
- Carrying capacity
- Parasitoids and predators are major influences on population dynamics
- Time-lagged cycle of predator / prey abundance (aka Lotka-Volterra)



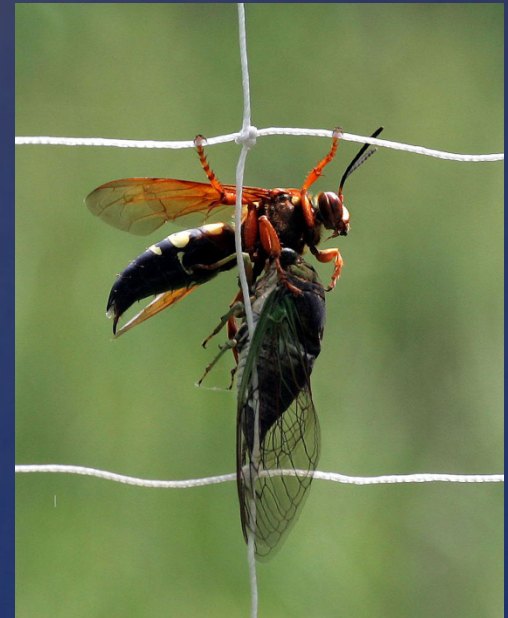


# Population Biology

- Interference
  - Refuges
  - Effects of predators trickle down
  - Trophic cascades: the ecosystem-wide effects of the removal or introduction of predators on primary production via herbivores
  - Results of predator removal
  - Should be an important aspect of pest control
- 
- “How Wolves Change Rivers” video

# Evolutionary Success

- Adoption of parasitic lifestyles is often due to a major evolutionary radiation
- Assuming each insect was host to a single monophagous parasitoid:
  - Degree of host specificity
    - Hard to measure due to size and associations
  - Number of parasitoids harbored by each insect host
    - Many hosts support multiple parasitoids
    - Role of amateur entomologists
- Evolutionary interactions
  - Between parasites and their hosts
  - Niche differentiation
  - Host diapause
    - 13 & 17 year cicadas



# Evolutionary Success

- Parasite / host strategies
- Have been envisaged as evolutionary arms races
- Red Queen hypothesis (Alice in “Through the Looking-Glass”)
  - Contrasted with the recent “Court Jester” theory





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# ENTOMOLOGY 101

Insect Defense

# Insect Defense

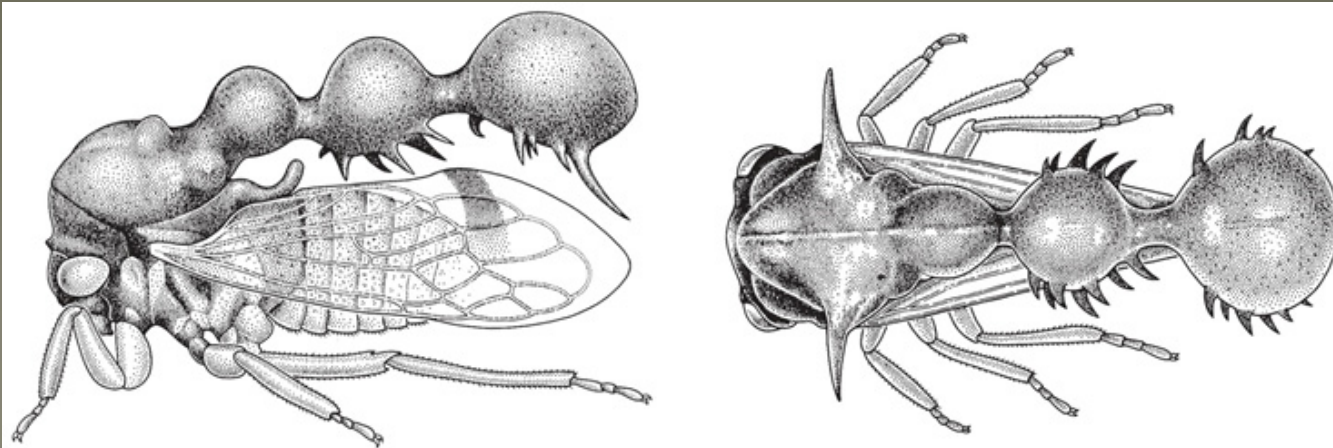
## Topics

- Defense by Hiding
- Secondary Lines of Defense
- Mechanical Defenses
- Chemical Defenses
- Defense by Mimicry
- Collective Defenses



# Insect Defense

- Insects are a substantial food source for many organisms
- They are nutritious, abundant, and diverse
- Insectivores rely almost exclusively on insects
- Insects passively or actively avoid getting eaten
- Many defensive strategies exist
- Insects can change to another strategy if the first one fails



An African ant-mimicking membracid bug, shown in side and dorsal view. (After Boulard 1968.)



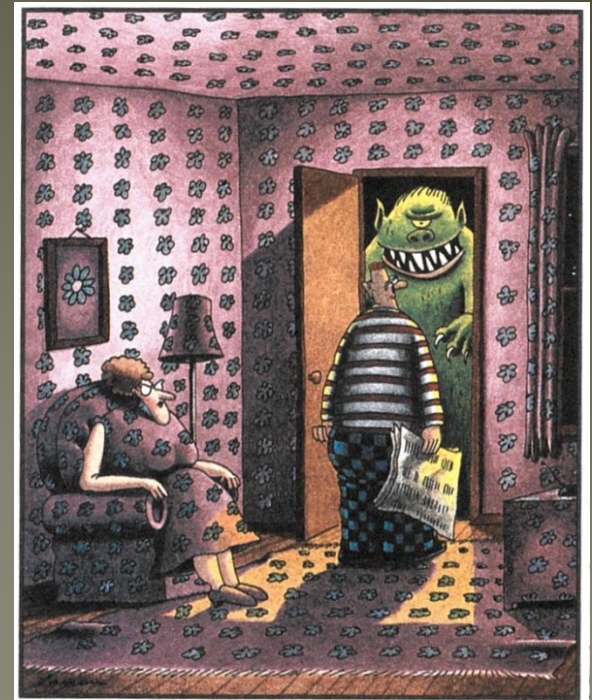
# Defense by Hiding

- Visual deception reduces probability of being found
- Crypsis: camouflage by resemblance to environmental features
- Camouflage- a form of crypsis
  - Resemble uniform or patterned backgrounds
  - Countershading (light below and dark above)
  - Having bizarre shapes (to disrupt silhouette)



# Defense by Hiding

- Peppered moths
  - Dark moths more abundant as industrial pollution increased
  - Classic example of evolution through natural selection
  - Selective predation
  - Proportions of light and dark moths
  - Industrial melanism



When the monster came, Lola, like the peppered moth and the arctic hare, remained motionless and undetected. Harold, of course, was immediately devoured.



# Defense by Hiding

- Birds and lubbers
  - No insect can escape predation completely
  - Birds can overcome even the best of defenses
  - Lubber grasshopper defenses
  - Loggerhead shrike impales lubber
  - Prey becomes edible after a couple of days





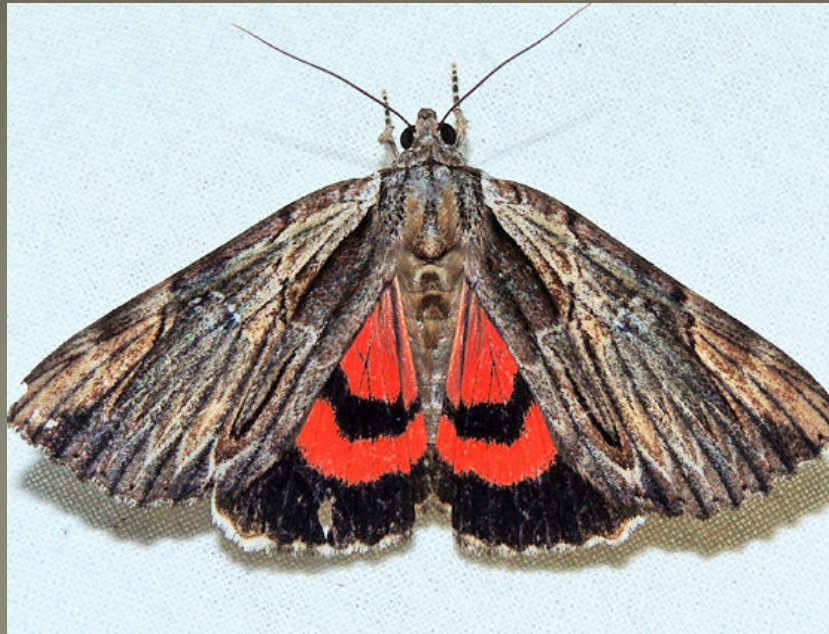
# Defense by Hiding

- Masquerade- another form of crypsis
  - Resembles a feature of the environment
  - Bird dropping caterpillars
  - Looper caterpillars
  - Thorn bugs
  - Stick insects
  - Resemblance to leaves
- Orientation to appropriately colored backgrounds



# Secondary Lines of Defense

- Cryptic insects are not immune to predation
  - Birds
  - Monkeys
- Insect prey may have further defenses
- Taking flight and flashing of under color wings





# Secondary Lines of Defense

- Thanatosis: behavior of feigning death
  - Widows, beetles
- Startle display
  - Opening of forewings to show eye spots
  - May serve to startle or target away from vitals



Cornered and sensing danger, Sidney flares his "eye spots."



# Secondary Lines of Defense

- Resemblance of body part to a feature of a vertebrate
  - Alligator bug
  - Monkey head lycaenid, aka apefly
  - Snake caterpillars



# Mechanical Defenses

- Cuticular horns and spines
- Shape and sclerotization provide defense (as in fleas and lice)
- Construction of retreats and coverings
- Assassin bug nymphs and their 'backpack'
  - Bugs with debris survived far better
  - Confused visual, tactile, and chemical-orientating predators



# Mechanical Defenses

- Waxes and powders secreted by hemipterans
- Wing scales can help prey escape
- Autotomy: shedding of limbs to escape predation
  - Stick insects
  - Crane flies
- Secretions
  - Cockroaches and slimy abdomens
  - Termites and resin
  - Termites and nasal spray





# Chemical Defenses

- Aposematic: the coloration of distasteful animals characterized by bright or conspicuous markings
- Classification and nature of chemicals
  - Class 1 chemicals
    - Noxious chemicals that hurt, poison, or drug predators
    - More specific and effective against vertebrates
    - Nearly always accompanied by aposematism
  - Class 2 chemicals
    - Innocuous chemicals that taste or smell bad
    - Appear unable alone to deter many birds
  - Many insects use mixtures of both classes
  - Learning by predators
  - 'Anting'



# Chemical Defenses

- Sources of chemical defenses
  - Many defensive chemicals come from the plants insects eat
  - Insects are able to detoxify or sequester the plant toxins
  - Certain insects can produce their own toxins (Meloidae)
  - Rarely insects will obtain their chemicals otherwise (*Photurus*)
  - Reflex bleeding: the deliberate action of ejecting blood from the body (typically joints) as a defense mechanism
- Organs of chemical defense
  - Lepidopterans are unique in using osmeterium and urticating hairs



# Chemical Defenses

- Bombardier beetles
  - Chemical spray is released under pressure from anus
  - Is able to be directed toward threat
  - 2 chambers containing different compounds
  - When threatened, contents from chambers are combined
  - Chemical superheats and is expelled due to pressure
  - Same principles as pulse jet propulsion





# Defense by Mimicry

- Batesian mimicry
  - A form of mimicry where a harmless species has evolved to imitate the warning signals of a harmful species directed at a predator of them both
  - Most commonly known and widely studied of mimicry complexes
  - Name comes from Henry Bates and his study of butterflies
  - Each member has a positive or negative effect on the others
    - Model / mimic / observer
  - This mimicry works well until the populations fluctuate
  - Acoustic mimicry



# Defense by Mimicry

- Mullerian mimicry
  - Model and mimic are both distasteful and warningly colored
  - Both benefit from this mimicry as observers learn from any individual
  - Name comes from Fritz Muller and his study of butterflies
  - This mimicry works well even if the population fluctuates
  - History of the monarch and viceroy butterflies





# Defense by Mimicry

- Wasmannian mimicry
  - Mimic resembles a model along with which it lives (inquilines)
- Myrmecomorphy
  - Ant mimicry
  - Grasshoppers
  - Spiders
  - True bugs
  - Stick insects
  - Thrips
  - Mantids
  - Flies
  - Beetles





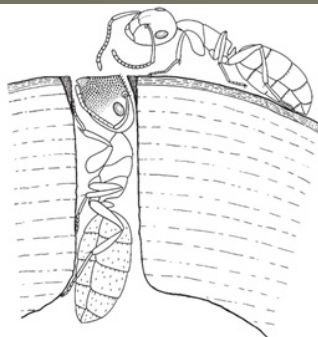
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- Chemically defended aposematic insects are typically clustered
  - Aggregations of butterflies, wasps, beetles
  - Cycloalexy: defended circles
    - Aggregation pheromones
    - Kin selection in subsocial insects
- Eusocial insects
  - Defensive tasks undertaken by morphologically modified individuals
  - Focus is on defending the nest



# Collective Defenses

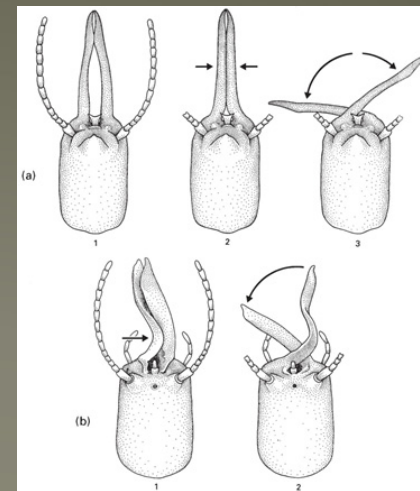
- Termites
  - Complex warfare with ants often takes place
    - Phragmosis: blocking of access to nest with modified head
    - Nasute and spraying
    - Salivary glands
    - Many use mandibles
    - Elastic energy and snapping mandibles
    - Suicidal phenomom



**Fig. 14.9** Nest guarding by the European ant *Camponotus (Colobopsis) truncatus* (Hymenoptera: Formicidae): a minor worker approaching a soldier that is blocking a nest entrance with her plug-shaped head. (After Hölldobler & Wilson 1990; from Szabó-Patay 1928.)

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**Fig. 14.10** Defence by mandible snapping in termite soldiers (Blattodea: Termitidae). (a) Head of a symmetric snapping soldier of *Termitidae* in which the long thin mandibles are pressed hard together (1) and thus bent inwards (2) before they slide violently across one another (3). (b) Head of an asymmetric snapping soldier of *Hemallotermitidae* in which force is generated in the flexible left mandible by being pushed against the right one (1) until the right mandible slips under the left one to strike a violent blow (2). (After Deligne *et al.* 1981.)

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# Collective Defenses

- Social hymenopterans
  - Restriction of the defensive caste to females
  - Venom is a vital defense
  - Effective against even large predators
  - Where the stinger is absent, other strategies have arisen
  - Pheromones incite others to attack





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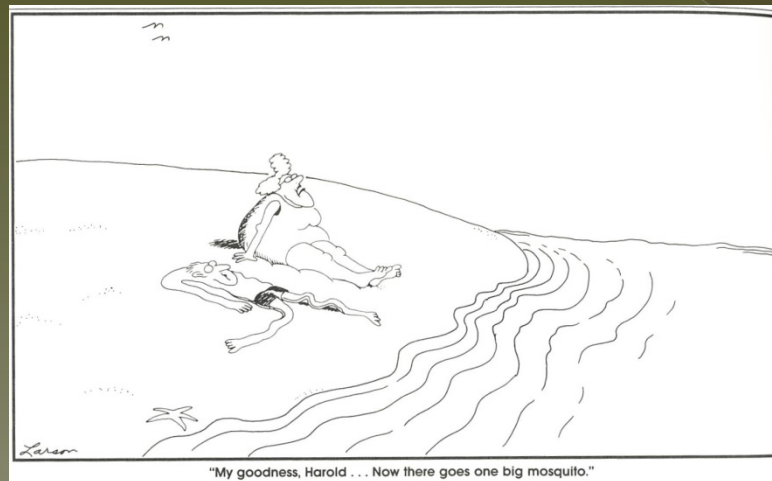
Medical & Veterinary Entomology

# Medical & Veterinary Entomology

- Topics
  - Insect Nuisance and Phobia
  - Venoms and Allergens
  - Causes and Vectors of Disease
  - Generalized Disease Cycles
  - Pathogens
  - Forensic Entomology

# Medical & Veterinary Entomology

- Major scientific disciplines due to:
  - Widespread impact
  - Seriousness of consequences
  - Frequency of nuisance
- Vector: organism that transmits a pathogen to another species
- Very broad in scope:
  - Motivation and study usually focused on the disease
  - Must have wide understanding of host, vector, and parasite
  - Have to consider other arthropods as well





# Insect Nuisance and Phobia

- Arachnophobia – fear of spiders and other arachnids
  - Many different physical reactions
  - Even a picture / drawing can trigger it
  - Little Miss Muffet
  - Can the fear of spiders develop before birth? (crickets)
  - Affects ~5% of the population
- Entomophobia – fear of insects



# Insect Nuisance and Phobia

- Delusory parasitosis
  - Aka "Ekbom's syndrome", a form of psychosis
  - Strong delusional belief that they are infested with parasites
  - Sensation of formication often manifests
  - "Meth mites" and "cocaine bugs"
- Appropriate investigations often ought to be psychological



# Insect Nuisance and Phobia

- Bed bugs
  - Used to be a big problem
    - Nearly eradicated from the developing world in 1940
  - Resurgence in numbers lately, since 1995
  - Can get them nearly anywhere
  - Signs / symptoms:
    - Mysterious bites, specks of blood on sheets, sweet / sickly odor
  - Hiding spots in the daytime
    - Where to look and how to check
    - "Harborages"
  - Earliest recorded use of the word "bug" referred to bed bugs!





# Insect Nuisance and Phobia

- Swarms of insects
  - Buzzers
  - Biters
  - Mayflies on roads



"Wait a minute! ... McCallister, you fool!  
This isn't what I said to bring!"

# Venoms and Allergens

- Insect venoms
- Blister- and itch-inducing insects
  - Blister beetles
    - Cantharadins
    - "Spanish fly"
  - Caterpillars
    - Urtication
    - Hollow spines – venom released when broken
    - Deaths
  - Tarantulas



# Venoms and Allergens

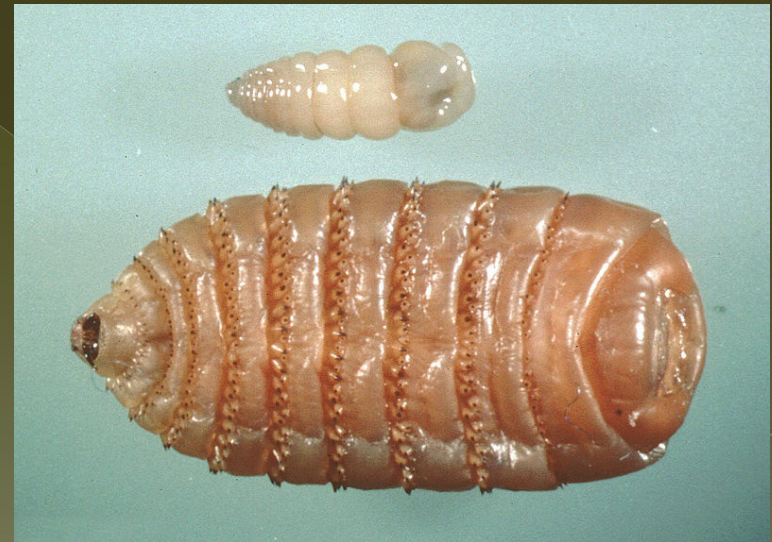
- Insect allergenicity
  - Insect allergens
  - Common in those who handle insects for their job
  - Stored products (infested with mites)
  - Fecal material of house-dust mites
  - Cockroaches and frass
  - Sensitization and anaphylactic shock
    - Bee stings
    - Epipens





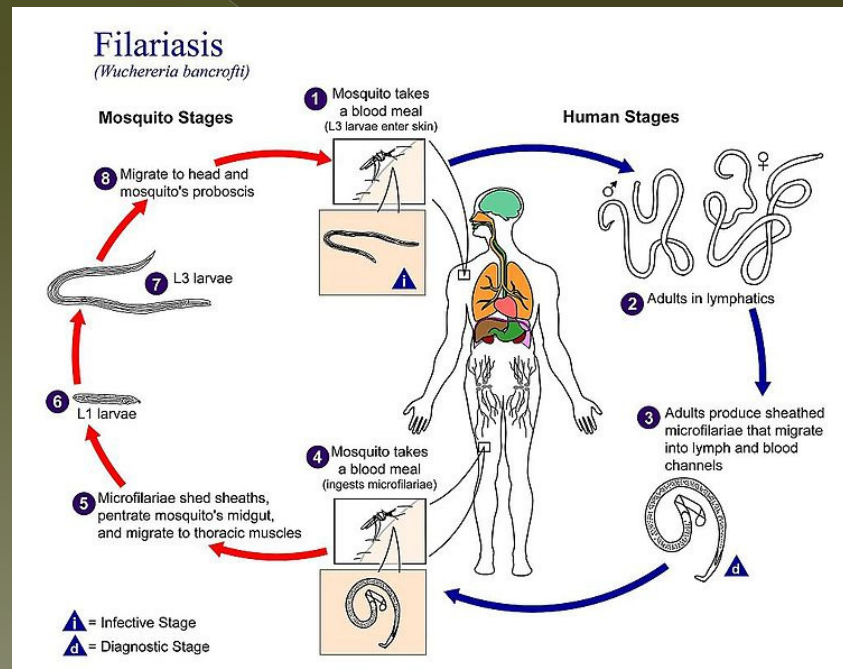
# Causes and Vectors of Disease

- Insects can transmit: protists, viruses, bacteria, nematodes
- Such diseases include: malaria, dengue, yellow fever, onchocerciasis, leishmaniasis, filariasis, and trypanosomiasis
- Diseases may be caused by:
  - The insect itself
    - Lice – pediculosis
    - Mite – scabies
    - Flies – myiasis, strike, screw-worms
  - Pathogen from an insect vector
    - Mechanical transfer
    - Biological transfer
- Disease control requires detailed knowledge of the biology of all 3 components: vector, pathogen, host



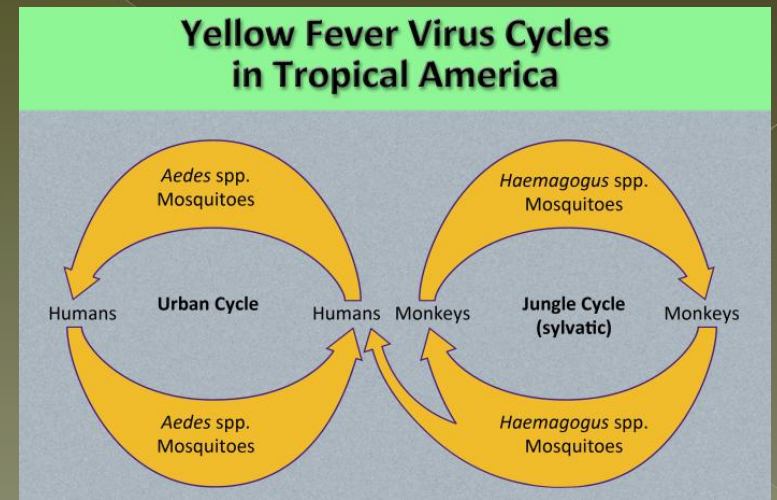
# Generalized Disease Cycles

- Host: organism that harbors the pathogen
- Reservoir: natural host and geographical range; can harbor the pathogen indefinitely with no ill effects
- Single cycle
  - Pathogen completes its lifecycle in vector and human host only
  - It is rare
  - Ex: malaria
  - Ex: filariasis



# Generalized Disease Cycles

- Secondary cycle
  - A different animal serves as a primary host
  - Human inclusion not required for completion of disease cycle
  - More common
  - Ex: monkeys & yellow fever
  - Ex: rats & bubonic plague
  - Ex: desert rodents & leishmaniasis
- Outbreaks and spread
  - "Sylvan" cycle - monkeys and humans
- Disease control is complicated
  - Presence of reservoirs
  - Encroachment of people





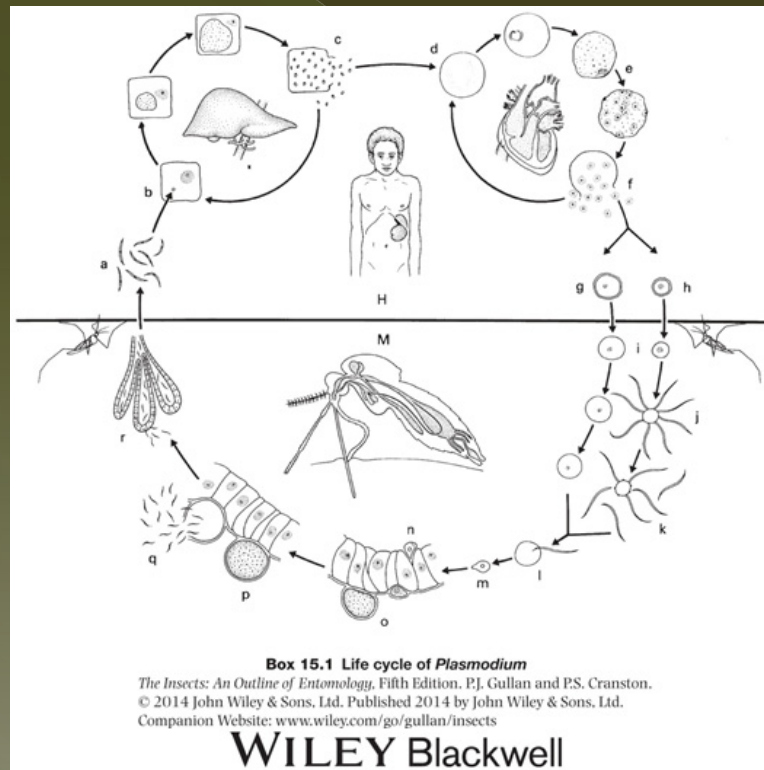
# Pathogens

- Arbovirus: an **AR**thropod-**BO**rne virus
- Malaria
  - Affects more people than any other insect-borne disease
  - 214 million cases in 2015
  - Estimated ½ million + deaths every year
  - Exposure rate lowered in the past, but has risen steadily lately
  - “Roman fever” / “marsh fever”
  - Used to be common in the U.S. and N.A.
  - Always vectored by *Anopheles* mosquitos



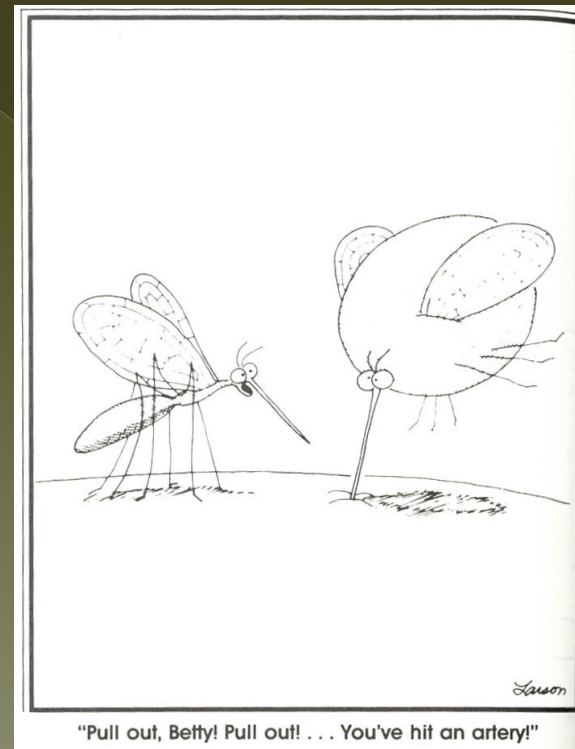
# Pathogens

- Malaria
  - Sporozoan: *Plasmodium*
  - Life cycle
    - Incubation period and time frames
    - 5 different parasites and their effects



# Pathogens

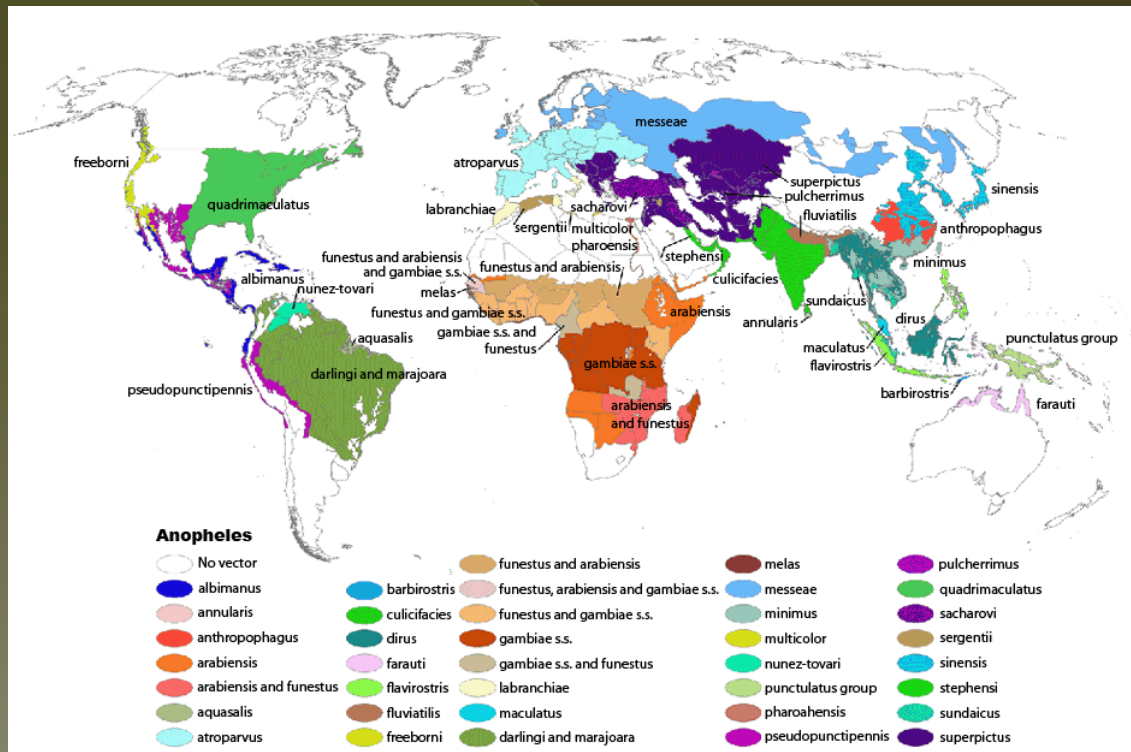
- Malaria
  - Epidemiology
    - Endemic: geographical area a disease is typically restricted to
    - Epidemic: the spread or breakout of a disease
    - Disease transmission is understood in the potential of the vector:
      - Vector distribution
      - Vector abundance
      - Life expectancy of the vector
      - Anthropophily
      - Feeding rate of the vector
      - Vector competence
      - Vectorial capacity





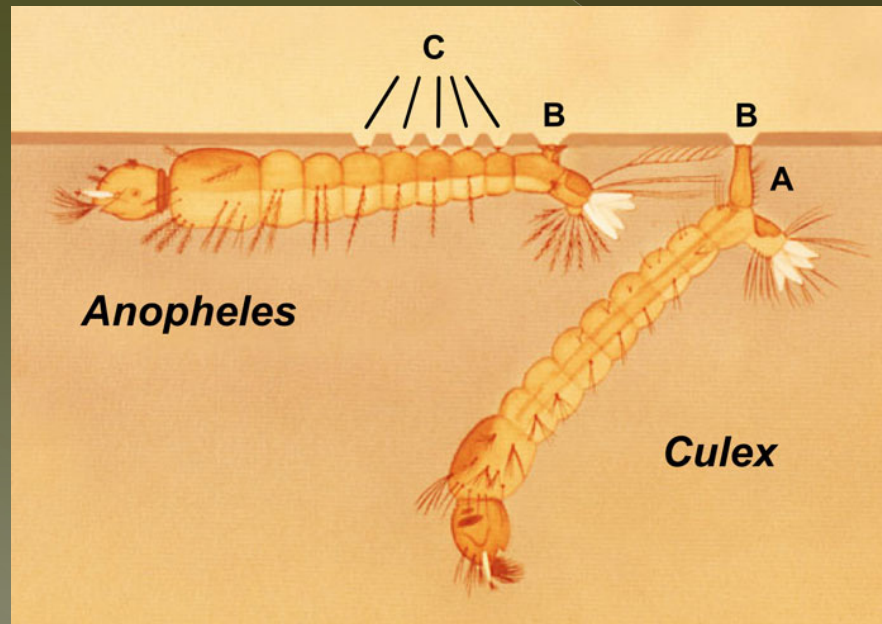
# Pathogens

- Malaria
  - Epidemiology
    - Vector distribution
      - *Anopheles* mosquitos occur almost worldwide
      - Mostly found in warm climates
      - A select few species vector the majority of the pathogens



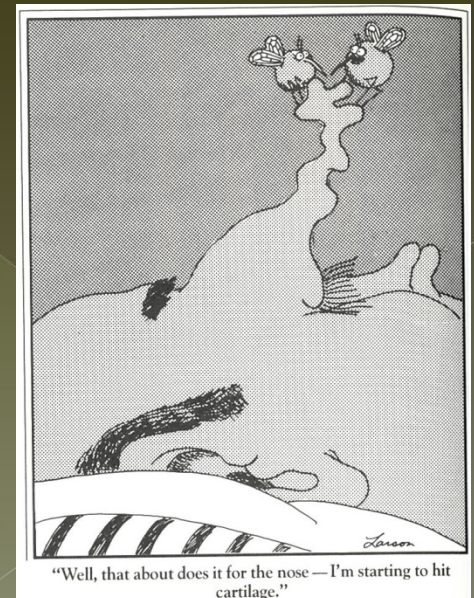
# Pathogens

- Malaria
  - Epidemiology
    - Vector abundance
      - Development is temperature-dependent
      - Generation time can be as short as 10 days in the tropics
      - Potential for 100-fold increase in adults in 14 days
      - Increased rainfall typically increases numbers
      - Adult survivorship related to elevated humidity



# Pathogens

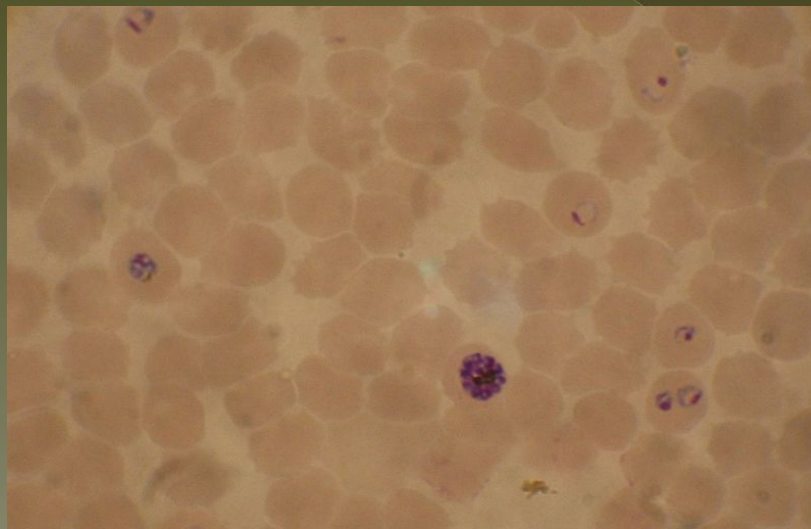
- Malaria
  - Epidemiology
    - Life expectancy of the vector
      - Lifespan is of great significance
      - No disease is transmitted if the vector dies too soon
    - Anthropophily of the vector
      - Must feed twice to be a vector
      - Propensity of vector to feed on host
      - Preference for humans (anthropophily) over others (zoophily)
      - Stable malaria and anthropophilic vectors
      - Transmission can take place even under low populations





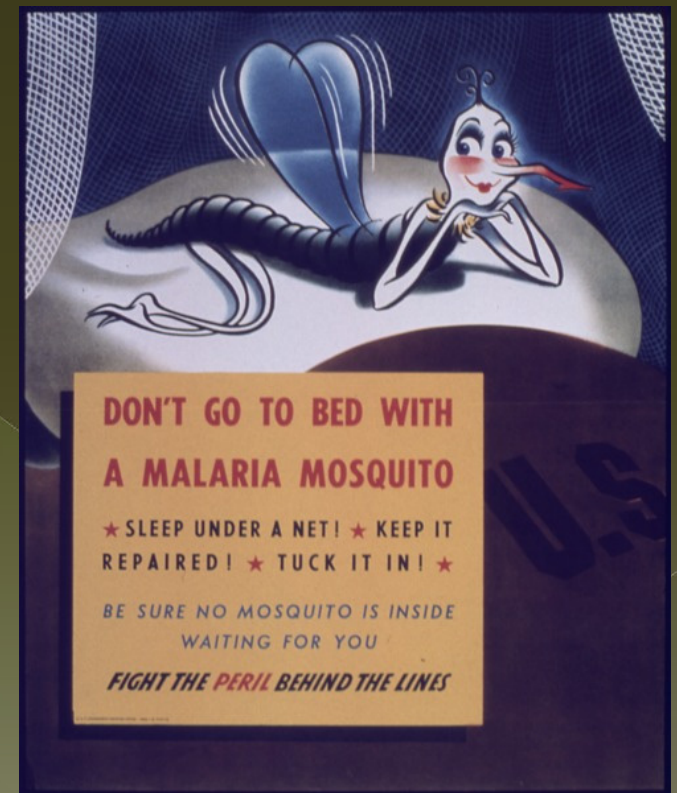
# Pathogens

- Malaria
  - Epidemiology
    - Feeding rate of the vector
      - Frequency of feeding is important in disease transmission
      - Number of blood meals needed for eggs
      - Already-infected vectors may have difficulty feeding
      - Disturbance may lead to multiple transmissions
    - Vectorial capacity
      - Mathematical expression of the probability of disease transmission by the vector
      - Factors involved



# Pathogens

- Malaria
  - Control
    - 2 pronged approach: mosquitos or disease
      - Mosquitos – spraying on a large and small scale
      - Mosquitos – bed nets
      - Disease – an infected person will not transmit the disease if treated within the first 10 days
      - Disease – where treated, incidence rate fell by over 99%
      - Disease – prompt detection and treatment are key



# Pathogens

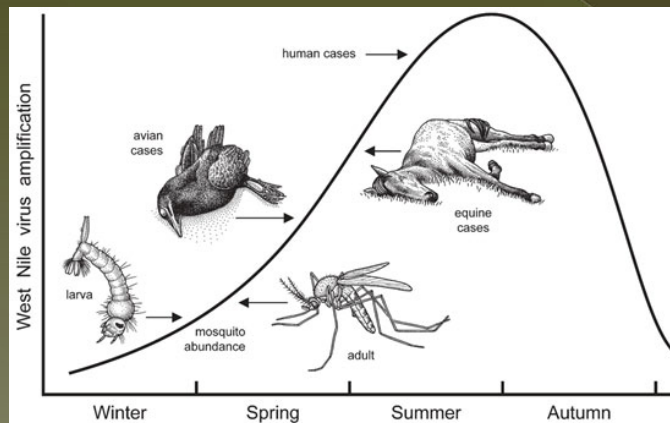
- Arboviruses
  - Modes of transmission
    - Vertical
    - Horizontal
  - Yellow fever
  - Encephalitis, Japanese encephalitis
  - Bluetongue virus
  - Dengue
    - Symptoms
    - Vector
    - Spread





# Pathogens

- Arboviruses
  - West Nile virus
    - Part of the Japanese encephalitis complex
    - Originally from the West Nile district of Uganda
    - Symptoms
    - Principle vectors are bird-feeding *Culex* mosquitos
    - birds are natural reservoirs and principle hosts
    - First appeared in 1999 in New York
    - Extraordinary spread across almost all of North America



**Box 15.5 West Nile virus – an arbovirus disease emergent in North America**  
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# Pathogens

- Rickettsias and plague
  - Bacteria
  - Typhus
    - Caused millions of deaths over hundreds of years
    - Vector is lice (body louse)
  - Other types of typhus and their vectors
  - Plague, aka "Black Death"
    - Found in rodents, vectored by fleas
    - In only 5 years (1347-1352), 25 million people died



# Pathogens

- Protists
  - Malaria
  - Trypanosoma
    - Transmitted by blood-feeding flies and “kissing bugs”
    - Chagas’ disease
    - Affects millions and causes tens of thousands of deaths annually
    - Presence in Colorado
  - Sleeping sickness
    - Humans and cattle in Africa
    - Tsetse fly
  - Leishmaniasis
    - Sand flies
    - Disfigurement





# Pathogens

- Filariases
  - Canine heartworm
  - Elephantiasis aka lymphatic filariasis
    - Vectored by *Culex* mosquitos
    - Cycle and transmission
    - Severe swelling, mainly in legs and genitals
    - Worms live only in the lymphatic system
    - No vaccine, but treatment exists
  - Onchocerciasis aka river blindness
    - Debilitating, but does not cause death
    - Vectored by *Simulium* black flies
    - Worms invade eye tissues and die there
    - 37 million people are infected
    - 99% of cases occur in Africa
    - "OCP" – launched in 1974



# Forensic Entomology

- Divided into 3 sub-fields
  1. Urban forensic entomology
    - Pest infestations in buildings
    - Between private parties and landlords or exterminators
  2. Stored-product forensic entomology
    - Infestation of commercially distributed foods
  3. Medico-legal forensic entomology
    - Used in cases of: murder, rape, suicide, physical abuse, contraband
    - Some prominent murder cases

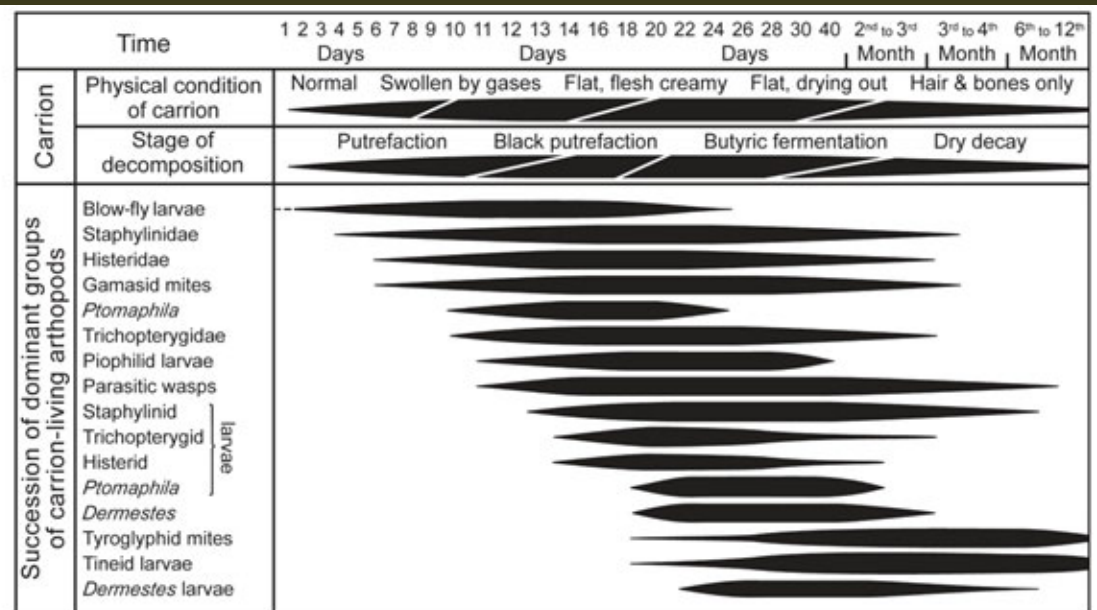
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# Forensic Entomology

- 5 stages of decay:
  - Initial decay
    - aka "fresh"
  - Putrefaction
    - aka "bloat"
  - Black putrefaction
    - aka "active decay"
  - Butyric fermentation
    - aka "advanced decay"
  - Dry decay

- Typical succession



**Fig. 15.2** The stages of carcass (carrion) decomposition associated with a succession of arthropod groups in guinea-pig carcasses during spring in a woodland habitat in Perth, Australia. Variation in the thickness of each band indicates the approximate relative abundance within the groups at different times. (After Bornemissza 1957.)

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# Forensic Entomology

- Insects of most importance in forensics
  - Flies
  - Beetles
- Post mortem interval (PMI)
- Accumulated degree days
- Estimating time of death
- Importance of environmental factors
  - Moisture level
  - Exposure: sun / air / water
  - Geography
  - Various weather conditions



# Forensic Entomology

- Career as a forensic entomologist
  - ABFE – American Board of Forensic Entomology
  - Only 17 in all of North America



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# ENTOMOLOGY 101

Pest Management

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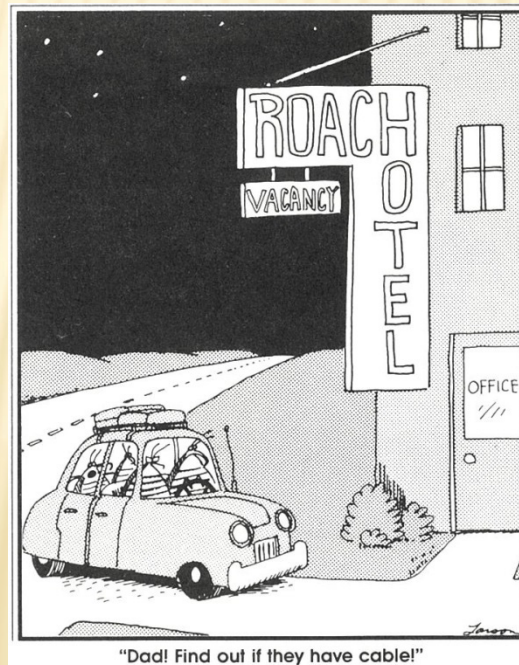
# PEST MANAGEMENT

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- Topics
  - Insects as Pests
  - Effects of Insecticides
  - Integrated Pest Management
  - Chemical Control
  - Biological Control
  - Host-Plant Resistance to Insects
  - Physical Control
  - Cultural Control
  - Pheromones and Attractants
  - Genetic Manipulation of Pests

# PEST MANAGEMENT

- Become 'pests' when they interfere with welfare, aesthetics, or profits
- Defined from a purely anthropocentric point of view
- Pest can be a normal insect in the wrong place or numbers
- Main pests are of crops and health



# INSECTS AS PESTS

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- Assessment of pest status
  - Injury vs. damage
  - Most plants tolerate injury without loss of vigor
  - Level of injury for fruits is much lower (due to blemishes)
  - Control becomes economic when:
    - Financial loss outweighs cost of control
    - Economic injury level (EIL):

$$EIL = C / VDK$$

- C = cost of control measure
- V = value in market per unit
- D = yield loss per number of insects
- K = reduction of pest numbers by control measure



# INSECTS AS PESTS

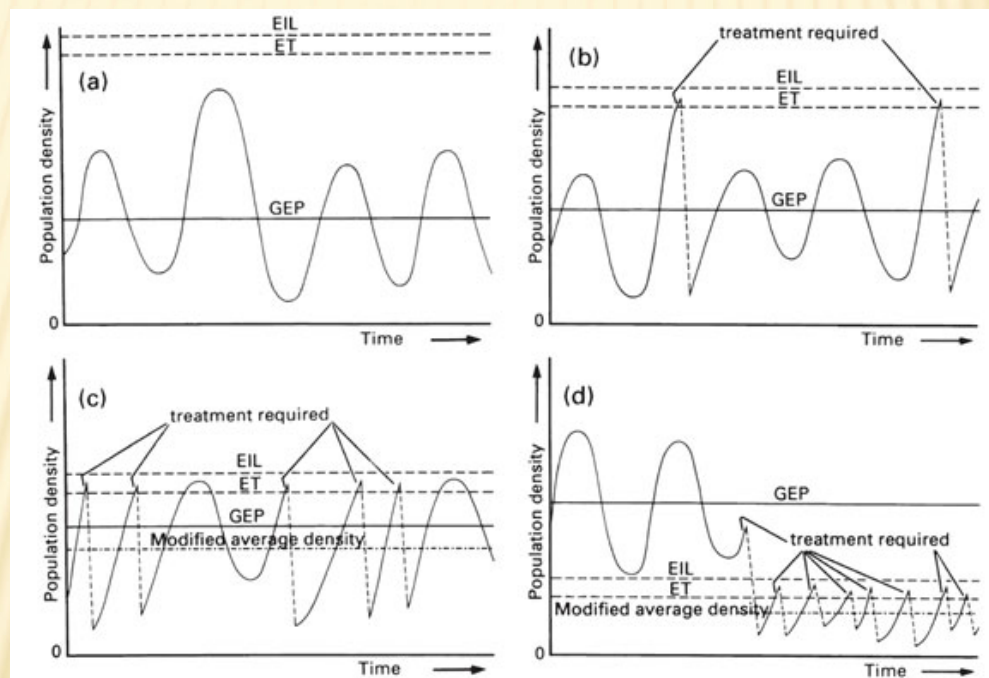
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- Assessment of pest status
  - EIL will not be the same in all (or even similar) conditions - Miridae
  - Varies based on many conditions
  - Economic threshold (ET):
  - Different level than EIL and is predictive



# INSECTS AS PESTS

- Assessment of pest status
  - Pests can be: non-economic, occasional, perennial, or severe / key



**Fig. 16.1** Schematic graphs of the fluctuations of theoretical insect populations in relation to their general equilibrium position (GEP), economic threshold (ET) and economic injury level (EIL). From comparison of the GEP with the ET and EIL, insect populations can be classified as: (a) non-economic pests if population densities never exceed the ET or EIL; (b) occasional pests if population densities exceed the ET and EIL only under special circumstances; (c) perennial pests if the GEP is close to the ET so that the ET and EIL are exceeded frequently; or (d) severe or key pests if population densities always are higher than the ET and EIL. In practice, as indicated here, control measures are instigated before the EIL is reached. (After Stern *et al.* 1959.)

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# INSECTS AS PESTS

- Assessment of pest status
  - EIL does not consider external factors such as:
    - Natural enemies
    - Insecticide resistance
    - Adjacent control areas
  - Developed mostly as a means for more sensible pesticide use
  - EILs largely relevant only to agriculture
  - Limited when multiple pests are present





# INSECTS AS PESTS

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- Why insects become pests
  - Insects become pests for many reasons:
    - Harmless insects are introduced to areas outside their native range
    - Previously harmless insects become vectors of pathogens
    - Move from feeding on native plants to introduced ones
    - Monocultural ecosystems create dense aggregations of predictable resources
    - Cultivation methods lead to increase in pest status and numbers
      - Continuous cultivation without a fallow period – broccoli, potatoes, herbs, etc
      - Prolonged use of insecticides

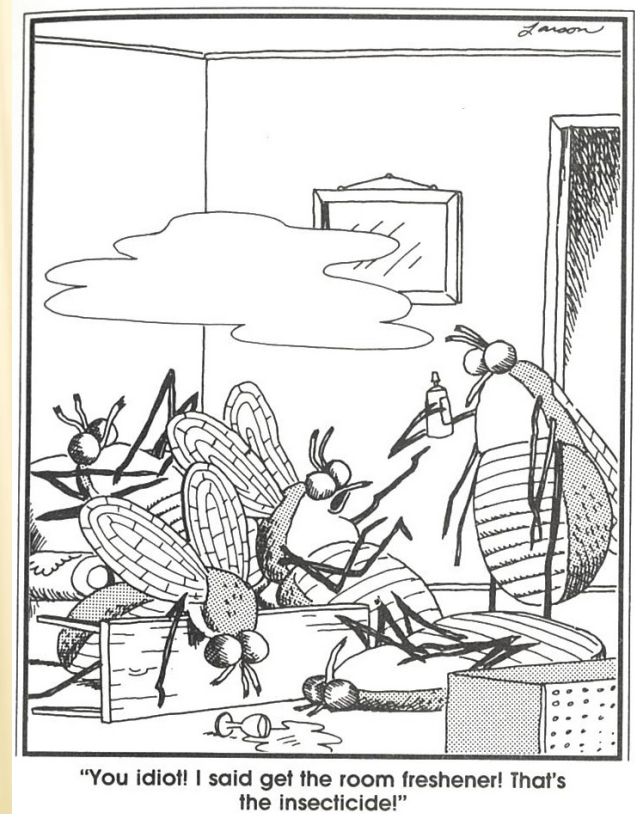


# EFFECTS OF INSECTICIDES

- Many insecticides developed during the 1950's and 1960's
- They are still the main tactic used today

- Undesirable effects of insecticides include:

- Selection for genetically resistant insects
- Collateral damage of non-pests
- Pest resurgence
  - As a result of resistance and elimination of predators
  - Natural enemies often recover more slowly
- Secondary pest outbreak
- Economic contamination and biomagnification
- Danger to human health

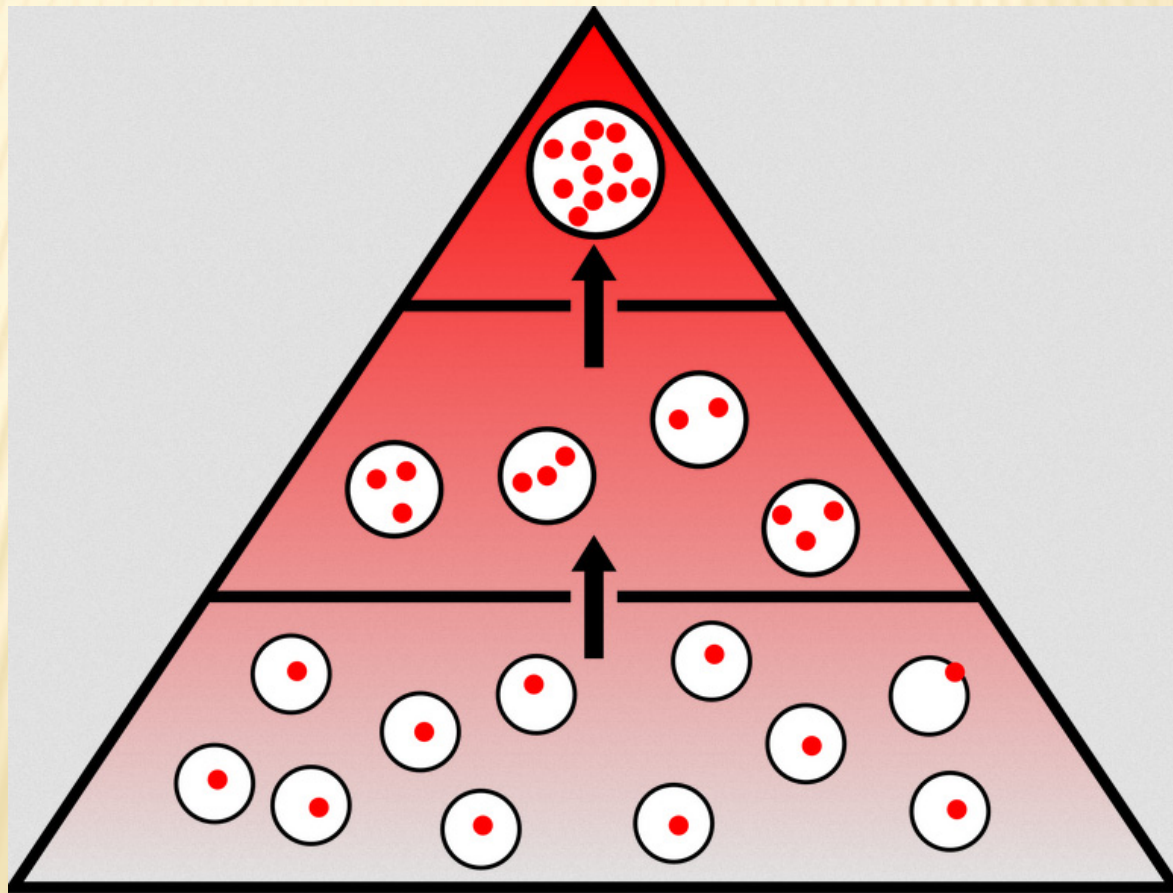


- Pest damage continues to increase despite heavy pesticide use



# EFFECTS OF INSECTICIDES

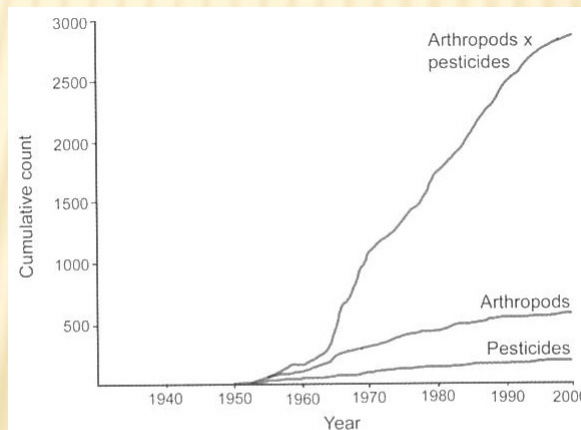
- Biomagnification





# EFFECTS OF INSECTICIDES

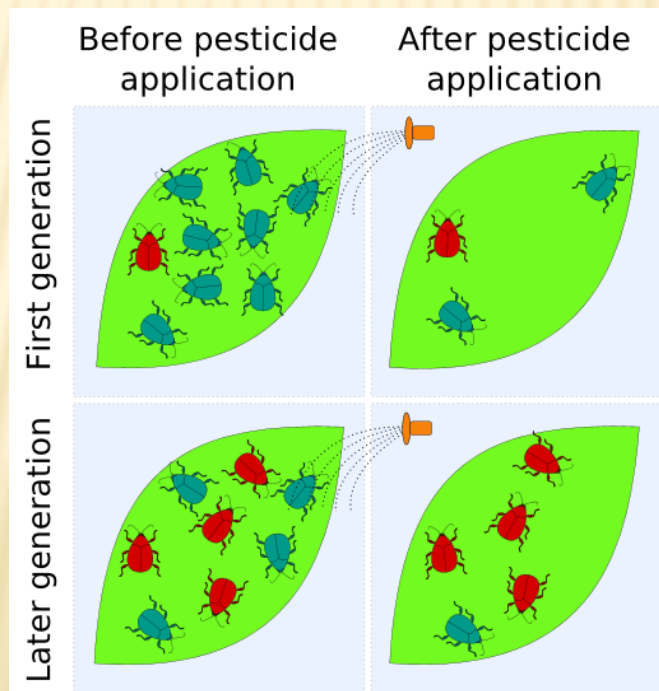
- Insecticide resistance
  - Insecticide resistance: insects that are predisposed genetically to survive insecticide; develops over time, essentially a selection of a specific biotype
  - Tolerance: the ability to survive insecticide at some level; a natural tendency and not a result of selection pressure
  - CO potato beetle is resistant to nearly every chemical control
  - Multiple resistance: resistance to many different insecticides



**Fig. 16.2** Cumulative increase in the number of arthropod species (mostly insects and mites) known to be resistant to one or more insecticides up to year 2000; the number has increased since then. (After Bills et al. 2000.)

# EFFECTS OF INSECTICIDES

- Insecticide resistance
  - 4 mechanisms of insecticide resistance
    - Tobacco hornworm
    - Polyphagous insects are pre-adapted to evolve resistance
  - Problem of “kill-all” applications
  - This and other factors have led to other control methods



# INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

- IPM: a broad-based approach that integrates practices for economic control of pests
- Aims to suppress pest populations below the economic injury level (EIL)
- Successful IPM requires knowledge of several key factors
- Key concept: compatibility of pest-management tactic
- Philosophy that may approach organic farming
- Allows for safer pest control
- Implementation of IPM has been slow
- Reasons why the adoption rate of IPM is low





# INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

- IPM system is designed around 6 basic components:
  - Acceptable pest levels
    - Emphasis on control, not eradication
    - Annihilation can be costly and unsafe
  - Preventive cultural practices
    - Sanitation
  - Monitoring
    - Inspection and identification
  - Mechanical controls
    - Barriers, traps, picking, tillage, etc.
  - Biological controls
    - Natural processes and materials
  - Responsible use
    - As required and at specific times



# INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

- Control measures of IPM include: insecticides, biological control, cultural control, plant resistance, genetic modification, pheromones, and growth regulation





# CHEMICAL CONTROL

- Despite the hazards, some use is unavoidable
- Carefully timed doses reduce ecological damage
- Chemicals enter the insect in 1 of 3 primary ways:
  1. Cuticle
    - Contact poisons
  2. Trachea
    - Inhalation poisons
    - Fumigants
  3. Mouth
    - Stomach poisons
- Some may act as all 3 simultaneously
- Typically attack the nervous system





# CHEMICAL CONTROL

- Chemical insecticides
  - Alkaloids
    - Used since 1600's
    - Natural, plant-derived; from nicotine in tobacco
  - Pyrethrins
    - Kills effectively on contact at low dosage
    - Low environmental persistence
    - Low mammalian toxicity
  - Nicotinoids / Neonicotinoids
    - Synthetic, modeled on natural nicotine
  - Carbamates
  - Organophosphates
    - Malathion, parathion
  - Organochlorines
    - DDT
  - Phenylpyrazoles
    - New class
    - Frontline, Maxforce



# CHEMICAL CONTROL

- Chemical insecticides
  - Formulation: components and proportions of additional substances that accompany an insecticide when prepared for application
  - Modes of application:
    - Solutions or emulsions
    - Unwetable powders dispersed in water
    - Dusts or granules
    - Gaseous fumigants
  - Can be formulated in different ways
  - Concern about sublethal effects of pesticides on non-target organisms (honey bees)
  - Sublethal effects generally not considered





# CHEMICAL CONTROL

- Insect growth regulators
  - “IGR” – compound that inhibits an insect’s growth or development
  - Very efficient against specific stages of an insect pest
  - 2 types of IGRs, distinguished by their mode of action
    1. Chemicals that disrupt the hormonal control of metamorphosis
      - Insect fails to reach adulthood, or is sterile and malformed
      - Useful when the adult is the pest
    2. Chemicals that prevent the formation of chitin / cuticle
      - Insects die at or immediately after the molt
      - Useful for larval pests
  - Can result in severe pest outbreaks





# BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

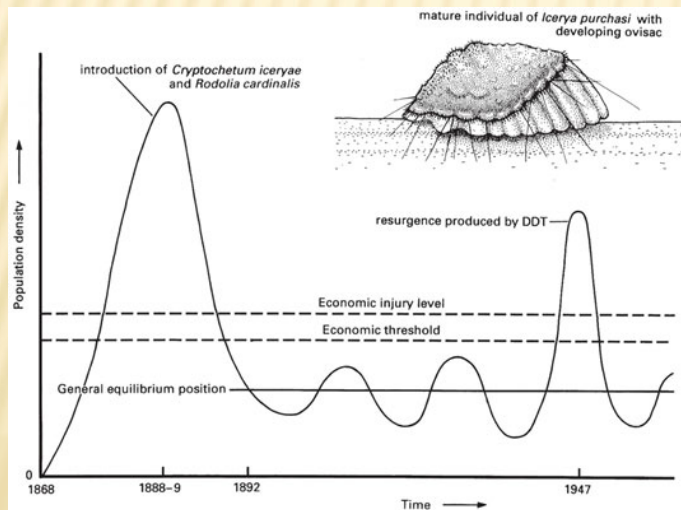
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- Biological control: the establishment of natural enemies to control pests
- Deliberate human intervention
- Goal is reduction, not elimination
- 3 types of biological control:
  1. Classical biological control aka importation
    - Appropriate for when insect spread outside their natural range
    - Some great successes, many failures
    - Disastrous side effects (Hawai'i, Fiji)
    - Neoclassical biological control: importation of non-native species to control native ones
      - High risk



# BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

- 3 types of biological control:
  1. Classical biological control aka importation
    - Vedalia beetle and cottony-cushion scale
      - Great success story of classical biological control
      - Scale was devastating the California citrus industry in the late 1800's
      - Vedalia ladybug and parasitoid fly were introduced
      - Controlled the scale population within just a few years
      - DeBach and Rosen suggested this “established the biological control method like a shot heard around the world”. (1991, Biological control by natural enemies, 2nd edition. Cambridge University Press)



Box 16.3 The cottony-cushion scale

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# BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

- 3 types of biological control (continued):
  2. Augmentation: supplementation of existing natural enemies
    - Periodic release
    - Inoculation
    - Inundation
    - Can be helpful in reducing pesticide use
  3. Conservation: protect or enhance activities of natural enemies, reducing pest effects
    - Preservation
    - Environmental manipulation – to improve conditions for predators and parasitoids
- Failure in systematic studies can be very costly

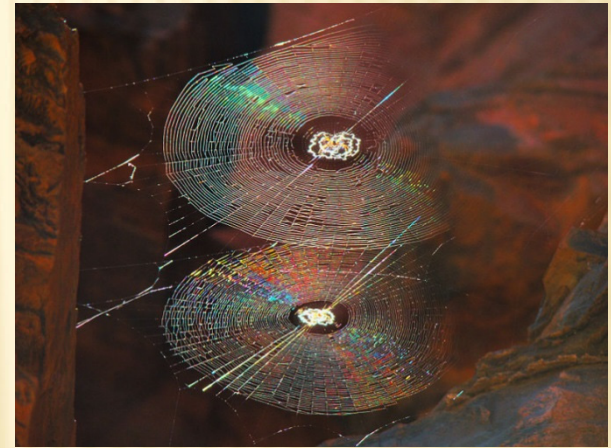




# BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

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- Arthropod natural enemies
  - Predators
    - Spiders
      - Diverse and efficient predators
      - Great impact on insect populations
      - Lack of feeding specificity
    - Many predators are polyphagous
      - Unsuitable for targeting particular pest species
  - Parasites and parasitoids
    - Most important biological control agents are wasps and flies
- Complexities of food webs and complications



# BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

- Microbial control
  - Includes: nematodes, fungi, bacteria, viruses, protists
  - Many are specific to a particular genus or family of insect
  - Entry mode
  - Strategies of control mimic those used with natural enemies
  - Nematodes
    - Desiccation restricts use to moist environments
    - Other environmental restrictions
  - Fungi
    - Most common disease organisms in insects
    - Ability to infect insect during any stage





# BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

- Microbial control
  - Bacteria
    - *Bacillus thuringiensis*, or Bt
      - Mode of action
      - Control is dependent on several factors
      - Increasingly used for control
      - Some resistance
      - Optimism that high levels of resistance is unlikely
      - Colorado potato beetle
  - Viruses
    - Considered safe because of their restriction to insects
    - Mode of action and persistence in the environment





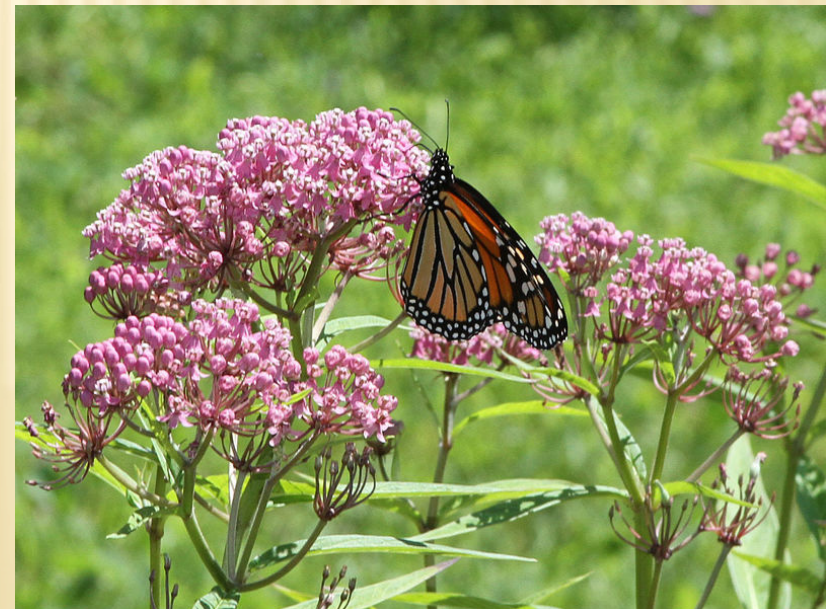
# HOST-PLANT RESISTANCE TO INSECTS

- Plant resistance: mechanisms by which plants resist insect attack
- 3 types of plant resistance:
  1. Antibiosis: plant negatively affects the biology of the insect
    - Factors include: toxins, growth inhibitors, low nutrients, trichomes, indigestibles
  2. Antixenosis: plant deters insect feeding due to being a poor host
    - Factors include: repellents, deterrents, trichomes, waxes, thickness, toughness
  3. Tolerance: plant is able to withstand or recover from insect damage
    - Involves only plant features and not interactions with insects



# HOST-PLANT RESISTANCE TO INSECTS

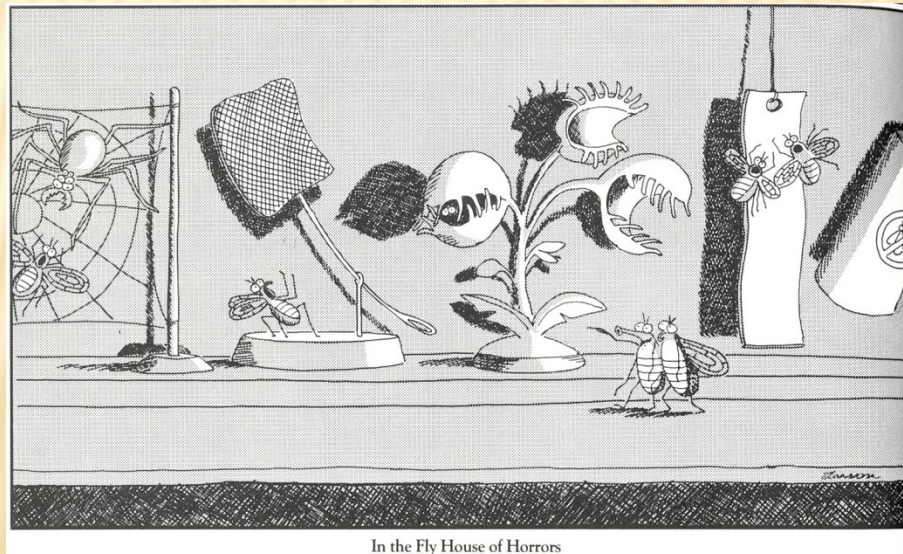
- Insect-resistant varieties of: corn, cotton, tobacco, tomato, potato
- 2 methods of gene insertion into plants
- Advantages over insecticides
- Exacerbation of the situation by negatively affecting predators
- Environmental risks from the use of transgenic plants:
  - Genes may transfer to other plants
  - Plant may become weedy itself
  - Non-target organisms may be affected





# PHYSICAL CONTROL

- Non-chemical and non-biological methods
- Indoors and outdoors
- Fences, traps, trenches, packaging, swatters
- Insect zappers
  - Should probably not be used
  - Statistical studies





# CULTURAL CONTROL

- Crop pests
  - Crop rotation, tillage, burning of stubble, synchrony avoidance, plants for natural enemies, pest-free seeds
  - Intercropping
    - 4 hypotheses
- Medical pests
  - Draining marshes
  - Container removal
- Livestock pests
  - Removal of dung
  - Walk-throughs and dipping



# PHEROMONES AND ATTRACTANTS

- Sex pheromones can be used with great success
- Other attractants such as food baits or oviposition sites can be used
- 3 main uses for pheromones:
  1. Monitoring
  2. Mass trapping
    - Attraction-annihilation
  3. Mating disruption
    - Pheromone dispensers create “noise”





# GENETIC MANIPULATION OF PESTS

- Screw-worm fly
  - Devastating pest
  - Eradication in US
  - Female mates only once
  - Swamping with infertile males
  - Sterile insect technique (SIT, SIRM)
  - Gamma irradiation
- Tsetse fly
- Other successes around the world
- Lack of success can be due to many factors





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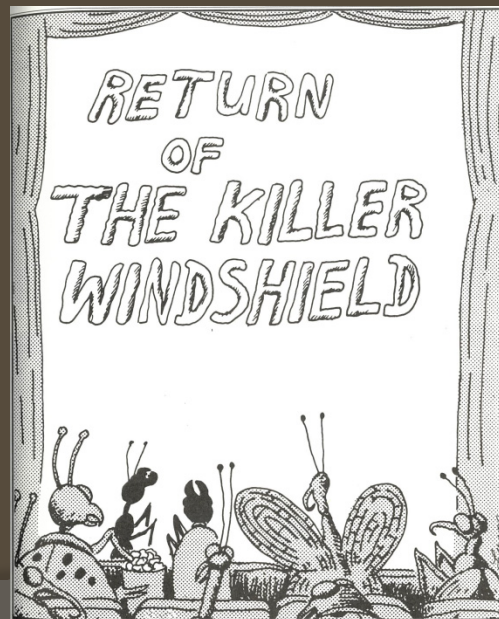
Insect Collecting

# Insect Collecting

- Topics
  - Collection
  - Preservation and Curation
  - Identification

# Insect Collecting

- Method of collection depends on many factors
- Identification of specimen is necessary
- Proper identification requires appropriate preservation
- Collections remain important after many years
- Ethical collecting





# Collection

- Active collecting
  - A lot of insects are collected this way
  - Useful for slow or sedentary insects
- Methods include:
  - Forceps
  - Brushes and cups
  - Aspirators
  - Lighted sheets at night



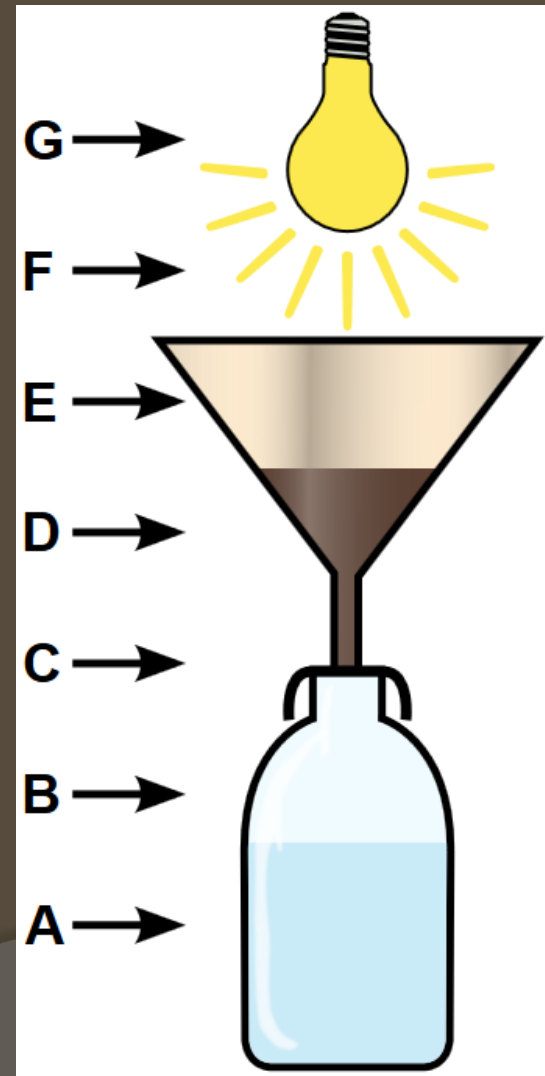
# Collection

- Active collecting
  - Methods include (cont.):
    - Netting
      - Very popular technique
      - For all ages and purposes
      - Net sizes
      - Deep net bag necessary
      - On the fly or by sweeping
      - Beating bushes
    - Aquatic nets



# Collection

- Passive collecting
  - Leaf litter, debris, and soil
  - Insect movement to / from stimulus
  - Berlese funnel





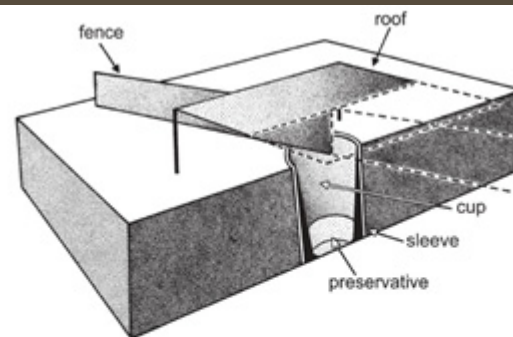
# Collection

- Passive collecting
  - Winkler bag
  - Separating bag
  - Barrier trap
    - Flight patterns
    - Intercept flying insects
  - Malaise trap
    - Modified tent
    - Gutter below
  - Window trap



# Collection

- Passive collecting
  - Ground and crawling insects
  - Pitfall traps
    - Sink containers to rim-level
    - Used often to estimate species richness and relative abundance
    - Trappability
  - Baiting for different insects
  - Sugaring
  - Pan traps
    - Outdoor pools
  - Light trapping

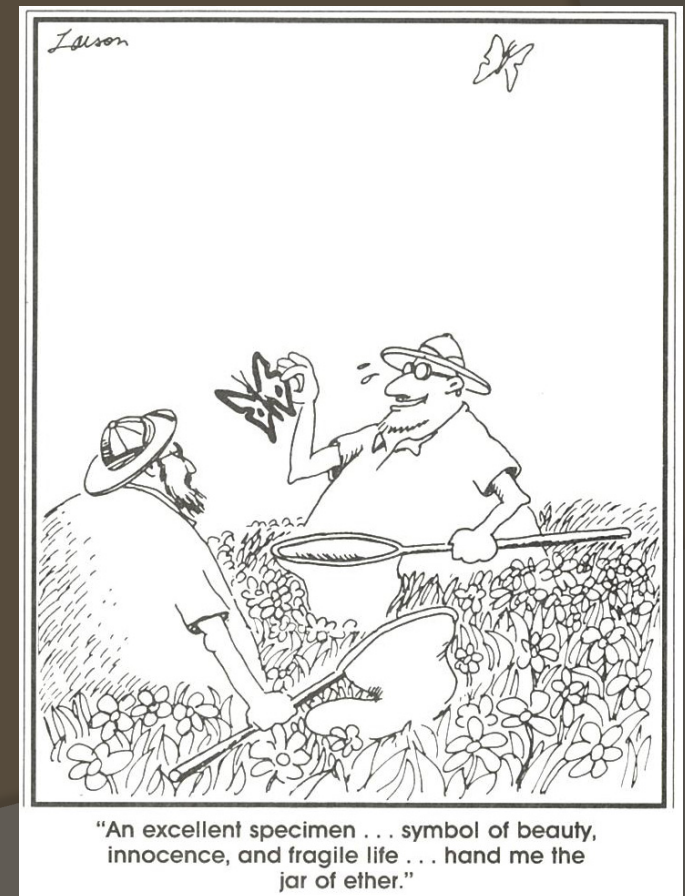


**Fig. 18.1** A diagrammatic pitfall trap cut away to show the in-ground cup filled with preserving fluid. (After an unpublished drawing by A. Hastings.)  
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# Preservation and Curation

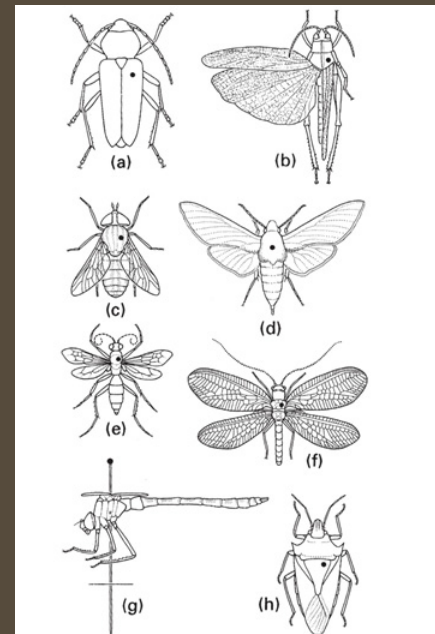
- Dry preservation
  - Most adult insects are preserved dry
  - Killing and handling prior to dry mounting
    - Best kill methods: killing bottle or freezing
    - Care must be taken when freezing
    - Best killing agent is ethyl acetate
    - Creating and charging the killing bottle
    - Only stay relaxed for a period of hours
    - Gutting large insects
    - Relaxing chamber





# Preservation and Curation

- Dry preservation
  - Appropriate method depends on size and kind of insect
  - Entomology pins only
  - Pinning
    - Thickness relative to size
    - Placement dependent on taxa
    - Avoid identifying features



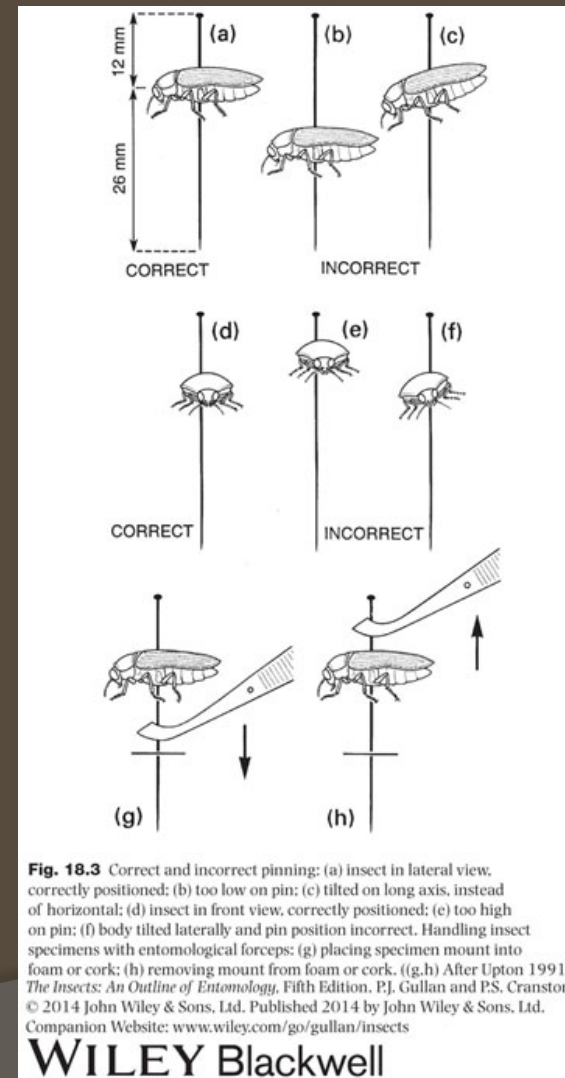
**Fig. 18.2** Pin positions for representative insects: (a) larger beetles (Coleoptera); (b) grasshoppers, katydids and crickets (Orthoptera); (c) larger flies (Diptera); (d) moths and butterflies (Lepidoptera); (e) wasps and sawflies (Hymenoptera); (f) lacewings (Neuroptera); (g) dragonflies and damselflies (Odonata), lateral view; (h) bugs, cicadas, leafhoppers and planthoppers (Hemiptera: Heteroptera, Cicadomorpha and Fulgoromorpha).

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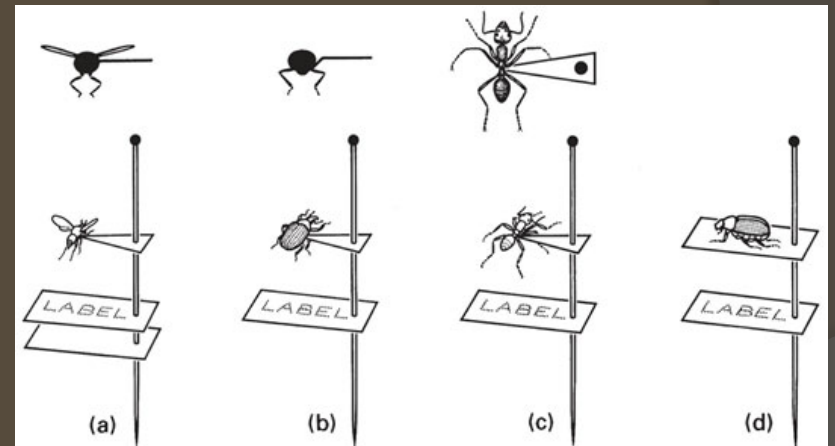
# Preservation and Curation

- Dry preservation
  - Pinning (cont.)
    - Positioned  $\frac{3}{4}$  way up on pin
    - Room to grab pin
    - Correct pinning placement



# Preservation and Curation

- Dry preservation
  - Carding
    - For select purposes
  - Pointing
    - Used for small insects
    - Small, triangular, white pieces of cardboard
    - Glue insect to end of point



**Fig. 18.5** Point mounts: (a) a small wasp; (b) a weevil; (c) an ant. Carding: (d) a beetle glued to a card mount. (After Upton 1991.)

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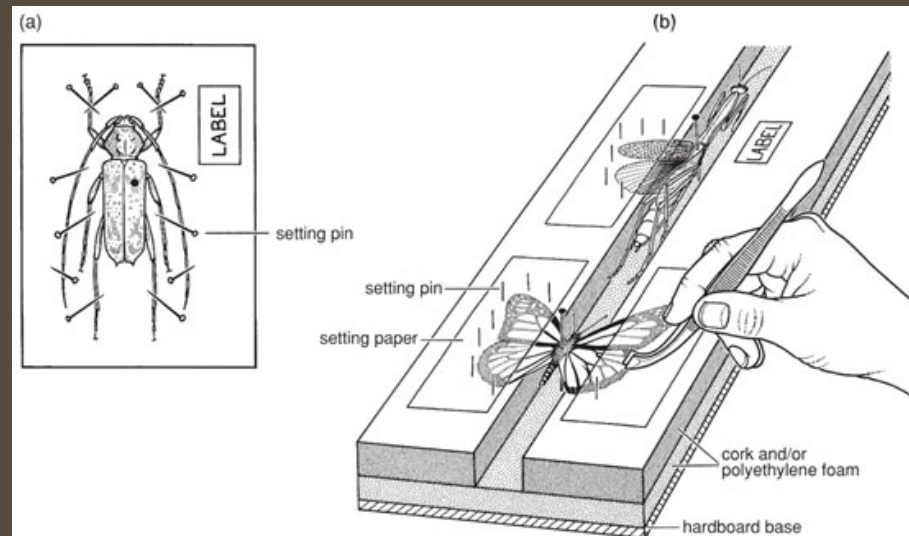
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# Preservation and Curation

- Dry preservation
  - Spreading
    - Important because of identifying features
    - Appendages spread with help of board
    - Much more attractive in a collection



**Fig. 18.6** Spreading of appendages prior to drying of specimens: (a) a beetle pinned to a foam sheet showing the spread antennae and legs held with pins; (b) setting board with mantid and butterfly showing spread wings held in place by pinned setting paper.

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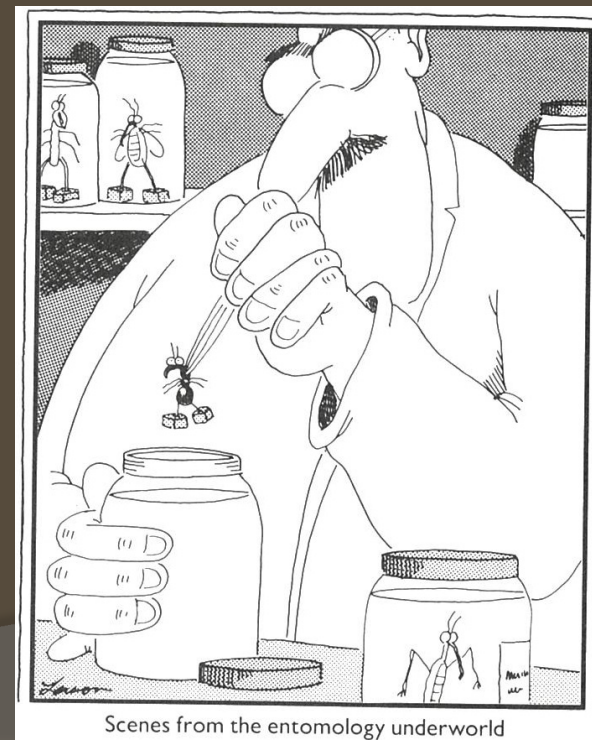
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# Preservation and Curation

- Wet preservation and fixing
  - Drying causes certain insects to shrivel and rot
  - Eggs, nymphs, larvae, pupae, puparia, and soft-bodied insects should be preserved in liquid
- Ethyl alcohol diluted with water
- Discoloration and fixing
- Different solutions



# Preservation and Curation

- Microscope slide mounting
  - Magnification is necessary for many of the smaller insects
  - Must be mounted on a slide
  - Staining of the cuticle may be needed
  - Soaking to clear the specimens





# Preservation and Curation

- Curation
  - Labelling
    - Collection has little-to-no value without information
    - 2 labels
    - The data on the labels should include:
      - Location: Country, state, city
      - GPS: lat / long coordinates are extremely valuable, especially today
      - Date: date, month (spelled out or abbreviated - to avoid cross-culture confusion), year
      - Name of collector
      - Order and genus / species



"Professor LaVonne had many enemies in the entomological world, detective, but if you examine that data label, you'll find exactly when and where he was—shall we say—'collected.'"

# Preservation and Curation

- Care of collections
  - Can deteriorate rapidly due to pests, mold, etc.
  - Light can cause fading
  - Dermestid beetles can destroy collections
  - Insecticides or deep freezing can curtail pests
  - Good practices for future use



# Identification

- Identification keys
  - Dichotomous key
  - Can lead to family, genus, or species
  - Importance to check other descriptions
  - Early mistakes in the key
  - Nomenclature in most keys
  - Sex or juvenile restrictions
  - Efficiency of computer keys
  - Vincent Brothers murder trial
  - Need for identification specialists





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Questions?

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## LECTURE 1

- What is a keystone species? Provide a non-termite example of one and describe what makes it a keystone species
- Visit BugGuide.net and find a feature on the website that would help in the study of entomology. Explain why this is beneficial to the scientific community.
- What is one of the benefits that insects provide, and what do you predict would happen if they ceased to provide that benefit?
- Why is there a higher diversity of insects in tropical regions?
- Pick an insect species (besides the mosquito) and write out the full taxa, from kingdom-species
- What are some types of insects that people eat, and what parts of the world are they eaten in?
- Explain why habitat loss and fragmentation are so detrimental to conservation

## LECTURE 2

- Describe the difference between young and adults in the 4 types of metamorphosis
- Give 2 reasons why molting is beneficial for insects
- Pick a region of the insect body (head, thorax, or abdomen) and provide: the number of segments that make it up, and a characteristic of that region
- Contrast 2 different antennae types
- Pick an insect leg adaptation type (fossorial, raptorial, saltatorial, etc.) and explain the function of it

## LECTURE 3

- Describe a type of ground locomotion and an insect that exhibits it
- Explain a benefit of aerial locomotion (flying) and why it would be beneficial to the insect
- Pick an endocrine center and tell the hormone it secretes and what the hormone controls
- What is hemolymph and why is it important?
- Explain the role of symbionts in the digestive system of termites
- What is a spermatophore and how is it used?

## LECTURE 4

- Name an advantage and disadvantage of long range broadcasting when attracting a mate
- Describe what happens in “survival of the sneakiest”
- What is a nuptial gift and what factor does the size of the gift play?
- Describe an adaptation males use to increase their odds of paternity
- Name 2 functions of the eggshell and why they may be important

- Compare / contrast oviparity and viviparity

## LECTURE 5

- Molting and ecdysis are often used interchangeably to describe an event in the life of an insect. What is the difference between the two?
- Name 3 different factors that affect magnitude of growth in insects
- How do insects know when to molt to the adult phase?
- Pick a form of voltinism (uni, bi, multi, or semi) and list: the number of generations per year and an insect that exhibits that type
- What is diapause and how long does it last
- Describe 2 different tactics that insects use to deal with cold temperatures
- Find an insect species or order (other than the monarch butterfly) that migrates long distances
- Describe the importance of photoperiod on the development of an insect

## LECTURE 6

- What era are the following oldest fossils from: oldest hexapod, earliest winged insects, origination of beetles
- Name a major extinction event and something noteworthy about it
- During what period did the bees first appear?
- By what time (mya) did the insect fauna look much like it does today?
- Describe one of the hypotheses of the origin of wings in insects
- Pick a 'route to flight' theory and list both a support and criticism for it
- What is the difference between Paleoptera and Neuroptera and provide an example of each

## LECTURE 7

- Explain how the morphology of insects often reflects the soil layer they occupy
- Name a couple of difficulties in studying root-feeding insects
- List a few types of insects that utilize dung
- List 2 benefits that dung beetles provide to us and tell why they are important
- What is insect "succession" (with regard to carrion) and what are some of the first insects to arrive?
- Name something unique about cave-dwelling insects

## LECTURE 8

- Pick an insect order that is a common aquatic insect and list the number of aquatic species in the order and method of respiration

- List 3 insect orders that are exclusively (or nearly so) aquatic as immatures
- What is a plastron?
- Describe both a lotic and a lentic region/zone
- List 2 ways that aquatic insects can help indicate contamination when used in environmental monitoring
- Describe 2 different types of functional feeding groups and how they obtain their food
- Why are there not more insects living in or on the ocean?

## LECTURE 9

- Contrast monophagous, oligophagous, and polyphagous and give an example of each
- Discuss the commercial damage caused by plant mining
- List a common type of borer and how it could be potentially be (or already is being) used as a biological control agent
- Describe why the emerald ash borer is such a destructive pest
- What is a gall? What are they used for, and what kinds of insects use them?
- Explain the importance of bees as pollinators
- Describe the unique relationship between ants and plants, specifically domatia

## LECTURE 10

- What are the varying degrees of sociality?
- List the 3 traits that define eusociality?
- What is a caste system and who are some of the main members?
- How does age factor into the life of the worker bee? How do her responsibilities change over time?
- Discuss “colony collapse disorder.” Be sure to include the importance of it, symptoms, and potential causes.
- Describe how bees communicate with their fellow hive members
- Pick a eusocial insect and describe the colony members and the type of nest they make
- Define the term “inquiline” and describe how they are able to blend in?
- What factors contribute to the success of eusocial insects?

## LECTURE 11

- Compare / contrast parasite and parasitoid
- Discuss the benefits and drawbacks of the waiting and active foraging strategies
- Describe a trap that a sit-and-wait insect predator uses
- List an active foraging insect and tell how it is able to find prey
- Define “phoresy” and give an example of it
- What is hyperparasitism and what makes it unique



- What is a “trophic cascade” and why is it important?

## LECTURE 12

- Describe how a lubber grasshopper avoids predation and what the loggerhead shrike does to overcome those defenses
- Give an example of masquerade and what the insect is posing as
- Explain how backpack bugs are better able to avoid predation
- Compare / contrast Batesian and Mullerian mimicry
- What is myrmecomorphy, and what is an insect that exhibits it?
- Describe a type of complex warfare between termites and ants

## LECTURE 13

- Discuss bed bugs. Include: signs/symptoms, and where/what to look for.
- Describe a type of blister / itch-inducing insect, and what could happen if you come in contact with one of them.
- List 3 different types of insects (and their products) that cause allergic reactions in people
- Why is malaria (as a disease) so important? What genus of mosquito is responsible for vectoring malaria and what kind of pathogen is it?
- Scientists use a 2-pronged approach when combatting malaria. Which approach (mosquitoes or disease) is more important in your opinion, and why?
- Discuss West Nile virus and be sure to include: origin, symptoms, natural reservoirs and hosts, and spread in recent years
- Pick a group of important insects in the field of forensic entomology and explain why they are significant

## LECTURE 14

- Compare / contrast economic threshold (ET) and economic injury level (EIL)
- List 3 different reasons why insects may become pests
- List 2 undesirable effects of insecticides and explain why those effects are detrimental
- Explain the concept of biomagnification and why it is important
- Describe how insecticide resistance develops in an insect population and provide an example of an insect that has become resistant to an insecticide
- Define IPM and list the basic components of it
- List the 3 different types of biological control and explain 1 of those types
- Contrast the 3 types of host-plant resistance to insects
- Discuss a success story of the genetic manipulation of a pest

## LECTURE 15

- Discuss the advantages of both active collecting and passive collecting
- Explain how a pitfall trap works
- Pick an insect and describe where the pin should be placed during preservation
- Explain the correct positioning of the insect on a pin (too high/low, tilted, etc.)
- What insect orders should be spread on a spreading board
- List the kinds of insects that should be preserved in liquid
- List the data that should be printed on labels attached to every preserved specimen