

# Bugs in Bloom: How Native Insects Are Important to Bloomington

Resources for educators and individuals



## General information

- Insects in Our Ecosystem (Sycamore Land Trust) → <https://sycamorelandtrust.org/2020/06/twig-summer20-insects-in-our-ecosystem/>
- Common Indiana insects → <https://birdwatchinghq.com/insects-in-indiana/>
- Indiana insect identification directory → <https://www.insectidentification.org/insects-by-state.php?thisState=Indiana>
- Extirpated, Endangered, Threatened, or Rare Insects in Indiana → <https://www.in.gov/nrc/files/20220202-IR-312220017NRA.xml.pdf>
- Know Your Beneficial Insects (Purdue Extension) → <https://extension.purdue.edu/news/county/whitley/2024/07/know-your-friends-beneficial-insects.html>
- General insect info → <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/videos/topic/incredible-insects>
- Native plants and local pollinators → <https://marionswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/marionswcd-native-plantings-for-beneficial-insects-and-pollinators.pdf>
- Video interviews about pollinators (Clear Choices, Clean Water Indiana) → [indiana.clearchoicescleanwater.org/pledges/native-plants-and-pollinators/pollinators/](https://indiana.clearchoicescleanwater.org/pledges/native-plants-and-pollinators/pollinators/)
- Indiana Native Plants Society Pollinator list → <https://indiananativeplants.org/plant-finder-for-pollinators/>
- IDS opinion piece “I love bugs” → <https://www.idsnews.com/article/2024/10/bugs-insects-spiders-moths-biology-iu-indiana>

## Resources for Educators

- Educator’s Guide to Bugs → [https://www.grpm.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Bugs\\_Education-Guide\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.grpm.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Bugs_Education-Guide_FINAL.pdf)
- Teaching about Insects → <https://www.learningresources.com/media/pdf/lr/resources/10-Easy-Steps-to-Teaching-Insects.pdf>
- Teacher Guide to Insect Anatomy → <https://cdn.agclassroom.org/ny/resources/activities/insect.pdf>
- Lesson Plans → <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/outreach/resources/links/>
- Invertebrate workbook → <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/outreach/new-free-grade-3-5-invertebrate-workbook>
- Reading materials for middle and high schoolers → <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/outreach/reading-across-the-curriculum/>
- Virtual Bug Zoo tour → <https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/outreach/take-a-virtual-bug-zoo-tour/>

