



Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education

www.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcee

Suggested Web Sites **INSECTS**

Alien empire

www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/alienempire/

The aliens have landed--right in our own backyards! Find out about real-life flying creatures all around us: bumblebees, May flies, termites, Monarch butterflies, and other fascinating creatures. Explore the anatomies of these intricate organisms, learn how moths and bumblebees can fly, and play games and puzzles like Insect Scramble, where you've got to put insects back together! Teachers' guides, lesson plans, and links to academic standards are available.

Beetle Science

<http://explore.cornell.edu/scene.cfm?scene=Beetle%20Science>

This interactive web site, developed to increase public access to Cornell University's research, provides internal links to insect biodiversity, carbon dust illustrations of beetles, and information about the control of the Asian longhorn beetle. The web site includes background information, pop-up fact boxes, three-dimensional images of beetles and research laboratories, and public service announcement videos about the Asian longhorn beetle. Links to related entomology and systematic biology web sites are provided.

Bug Bios

<http://bugbios.com/index.html>

This site aims to help you really see insects for the miniature marvels they represent and to understand how intertwined our cultures have become with these creatures. Sections include an entomological database, a digest on cultural entomology, educational resources, and links.

Butterflies of North America

www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/distr/lepid/bflyusa/bflyusa.htm

This online resource presented by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center site covers the butterfly species and populations throughout North America. It features an interactive map that visitors can click on any state to find out which butterflies inhabit any given area.

Children's Butterfly Site

<http://mpin.nbio.org/insects/kidsbutterfly>

This site looks at the life cycle of butterflies and moths, answers frequently asked questions about butterflies and moths, lists references to butterfly and moth books and videos, and provides photos of butterflies in Asia, Western Europe, North America, and Central America. (National Biological Information Infrastructure, supported by U.S. Geological Survey)

Insect Ed

<http://insected.arizona.edu/uli.htm>

Using Live Insects in Elementary Classrooms for Early Lessons in Life, funded by the National Institutes of Health Science Education Partnership Award, is a program dedicated to introducing health topics to children in kindergarten through third grade. The result is a printable collection of twenty integrated lessons with science and math activities that use live insects. These lessons are aligned with National Science Education Standards.