

How to Find Insects



1. Look under STONES AND BOARDS.
2. Look under LOOSE BARK on logs.
3. Tear up and examine SHELF FUNGI AND MUSHROOMS.
4. Tear up ROTTEN WOOD and look for insects living in it.
5. Sift DRY LEAVES, DECAYED WOOD AND OTHER DEBRIS into white cloth.
6. Prowl around at night with a FLASHLIGHT. Look around STREET LIGHTS and PORCH LIGHTS.
7. Open the window screen by your STUDY LIGHT.
8. Cut TWIGS FROM TREES, bundle and hang on sides of tree. Examine from time to time.
9. Visit WOOD PILES IN TIMBER in spring and summer.
10. Shut up PLANT GALLS in tight containers and watch for emerging adults.
11. Collect PUPAE, confine in containers and watch for emerging adults.
12. Use your SWEEP NET night and day.
13. Examine FLOWERS for hiding insects.
14. Collect insects from PARTIALLY-EATEN LEAVES.
15. DIG DEEP in the ground.
16. Make traps with MOLASSES smeared on the underside of boards.
17. Use a FINE WATER NET to catch swimming insects.
18. Collect insects from debris and algae, raked from DITCHES OF WATER.
19. Pour water on ALONG-SHORE LAND, and collect the escaping insects.
20. Look for lady beetles, syrphid flies, etc., on PLANTS HARBORING APHIDS OR SCALE INSECTS.
21. Examine WINDOWS in buildings for trapped insects.
22. Look through FLOUR BINS AND GRANARIES for grain-feeding insects.
23. Collect insects from PLOWED GROUND.
24. Look in CLOSETS OR BOXES for paper and woolen insect pests.
25. Set a board on a FRESHLY-CUT STUMP, and look under it from time to time.
26. Wherever trees shed SAP, look for bees, flies and other insects.
27. SPLIT THE STEMS of dry or green weeds.
28. Examine the DEBRIS CAST BY RISING STREAMS during flood.
29. Watch for insects floating along the WATER LINE.
30. After a rain, look WHERE LEAVES UNITE WITH TWIGS IN CLUSTERS.
31. Collect small insects in the water with a TEST TUBE.
32. Catch insects flying in the OPEN WINDOW OF THE CAR when you are riding in it.
33. When eating out of doors, leave a SANDWICH ON A STUMP for invaders.
34. Watch for insects drinking from mud PUDDLES.
35. Spread a LARGE CLOTH under a tree or shrub and beat the trunk.
36. Suspend a WHITE SHEET in a strong light at night. Insects fall into folded edge at bottom.

