



Daddy long legs/crane fly

© Phil McIver @ flickr

## 9. CRANE FLY

**Main features:** Very leggy flies with two transparent wings which are much shorter than the legs. Males have pointed body ends and those of a female are blunt.

**Where to look:** Clinging to vertical surfaces like trees or buildings. Although common, they're sometimes hard to see.



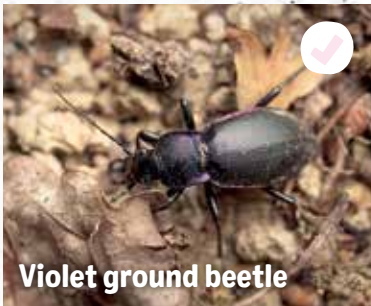
Common grasshopper

© Mark Kempe @ flickr

## 10. GRASSHOPPER/CRICKET

**Main features:** Stout with big back legs for jumping. Long antennae. Males of most species 'sing' or chirp, so you might hear one first.

**Where to look:** Listen out in grassy areas. Often well camouflaged. When disturbed, they'll jump!



Violet ground beetle

© Kentish Plumber @ flickr

## 11. BEETLE

**Main features:** Beetles have tough front wings (elytra), which form part of their backs' armoured, shell-like covering. Their wings are tucked underneath.

**Where to look:** The most-common insect in the world and are found everywhere in lots of different shapes and sizes.



Black ant

© Evan Kane @ flickr

## 12. ANT

**Main features:** Skinny insects with obvious three part bodies and antennae with 'elbows'. Usually wingless and always living in colonies.

**Where to look:** On the ground. Where there's one, there's always more! They nest underground, under stones or buildings.

# The great WWT GARDEN BUG HUNT



Find all  
12 bugs

See how many bugs you can spot around our wetlands.

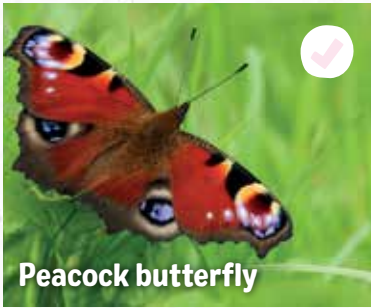
Then how many you can find in your garden or local park.

Share your experiences @wwtworldwide



© WWT 2024. Registered charity no. 1030884 England and Wales, SC039410 Scotland.





Peacock butterfly

© WWT

## 1. BUTTERFLY

**Main features:** Large patterned, colourful wings, folded vertically above body when at rest. Antennae ('feelers') with clubbed ends.

**Where to look:** Flitting around anywhere on warm sunny days, especially near flowers.



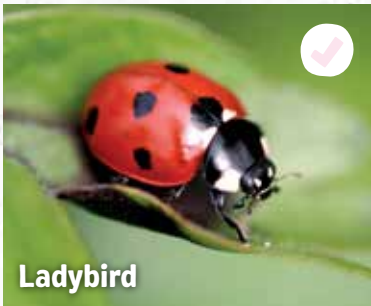
Bumblebee

© Mark Kent @ flickr

## 2. BEE / WASP

**Main features:** Buzzy insects with striped, hairy bodies. Quite small transparent wings. Can sting when unhappy!

**Where to look:** Anywhere, especially around flowers. Wasps can be attracted to sweet stuff (like your ice cream).



Ladybird

© rjp @ flickr

## 3. LADYBIRD

**Main features:** Small, round insects with short legs and variable colours of spotted 'shell'. Can fly, after pulling back the wing covers.

**Where to look:** Often found crawling around on plants, especially ones where aphids live - their favourite food.



Migrant hawker dragonfly

© WWT

## 4. DRAGONFLY

**Main features:** Large insects, big eyes, long brightly coloured body and four large, transparent wings. At rest, the wings are held out as if still flying.

**Where to look:** Strong fliers, often patrolling their patch around wetlands, or perching, then dashing out to catch their prey.

## 5. DAMSELFLY

**Main features:** Long, slender bodies with eyes set wide apart. Four transparent wings, folded along top of body at rest. Often brightly coloured.

**Where to look:** Seen delicately flying around wetlands and perching on plants near water. Weaker fliers than dragonflies.



Common blue damselfly

© WWT

## 6. POND SKATER

**Main features:** Slim, leggy bugs with long antennae. Some have wings. Skates quickly over the water surface.

**Where to look:** In ponds and calm areas of water, look for indentations on the surface which seem to move.



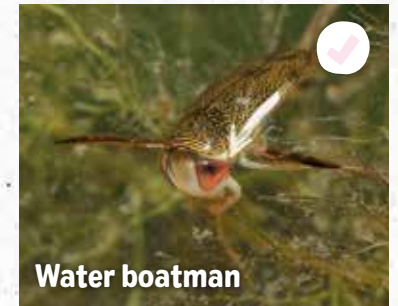
Pond skater

© Brad Smith @ flickr

## 7. WATER BOATMAN

**Main features:** Oval shaped bugs in water. Long legs act as paddles to swim upside down, often just under the water surface.

**Where to look:** In ponds or larger areas of calm water. Often found when pond dipping.



Water boatman

© Kentish Plumber @ flickr

## 8. HOVERFLY

**Main features:** Fly-like with transparent wings. Variable colours and shapes. Many mimic bees or wasps but all are harmless and don't sting.

**Where to look:** Like to feed on plants like cow parsley. Hovering and darting flight, more purposeful than bees or wasps.



Common hoverfly

© Kinright @ flickr