

## Insect Fact File

There are more than one million known species of insect and many of them look very different to each other. Despite being some of the smaller animals that we might see, they do some very important jobs. You can find out more about these animals in the facts below. Maybe you know or can find out some facts of your own to add at the bottom of the list?

- 1. Without insects, people would have to eat very different food. Many insects are pollinators. This means that they move between flowers, taking pollen with them which enables fruits to grow. Without insects we would not have enough fruits and vegetables such as apples, broccoli, almonds, tomatoes, raspberries and courgettes.**
- 2. Insects are important food for other animals such as many frogs, birds and lizard species. Insects are an excellent source of protein and are eaten by people in many parts of the world.**
- 3. Insects are some of the most colourful animals on Earth.**
- 4. Fireflies are a type of insect that can generate light! Inside the body of fireflies, a chemical reaction happens which produces something called bioluminescence and makes the firefly glow!**
- 5. All insects have three pairs of legs for walking but some insects also use their legs for other things. Butterflies taste using their feet! And katydids rub their legs together to make a song!**

**Can you find out an insect fact of your own?**

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