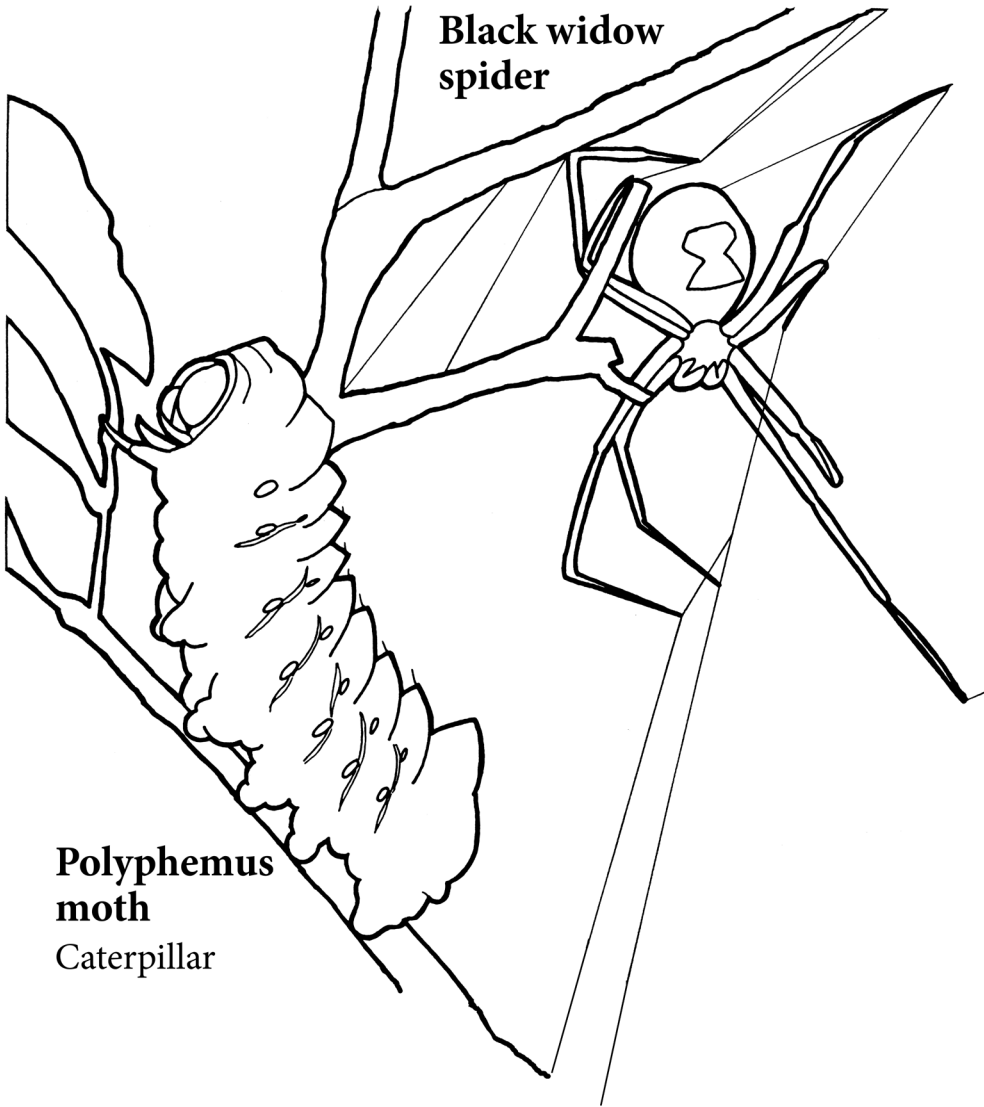


# insects: *friend or foe?*

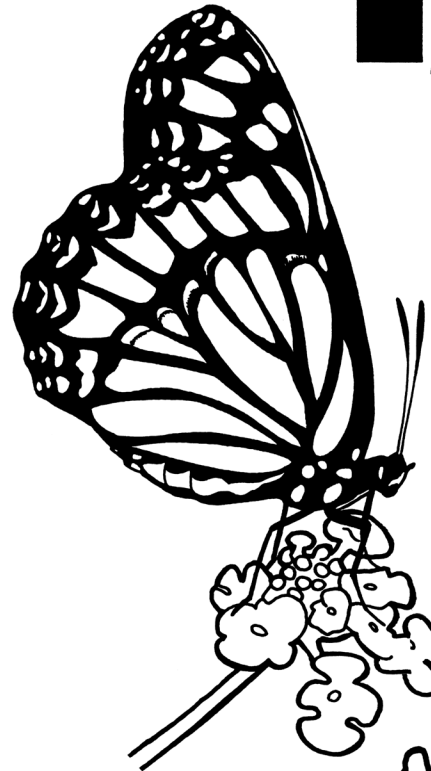
**What are they?** They creep, crawl, jump, fly, buzz, chirp, and they may even sting or bite. They have too many legs (usually six), wriggly feelers (antennae), and hardly anyone considers them cute or cuddly. But there are more of these than any other animal, and more than a million different kinds.

*They're INSECTS,  
of course!*

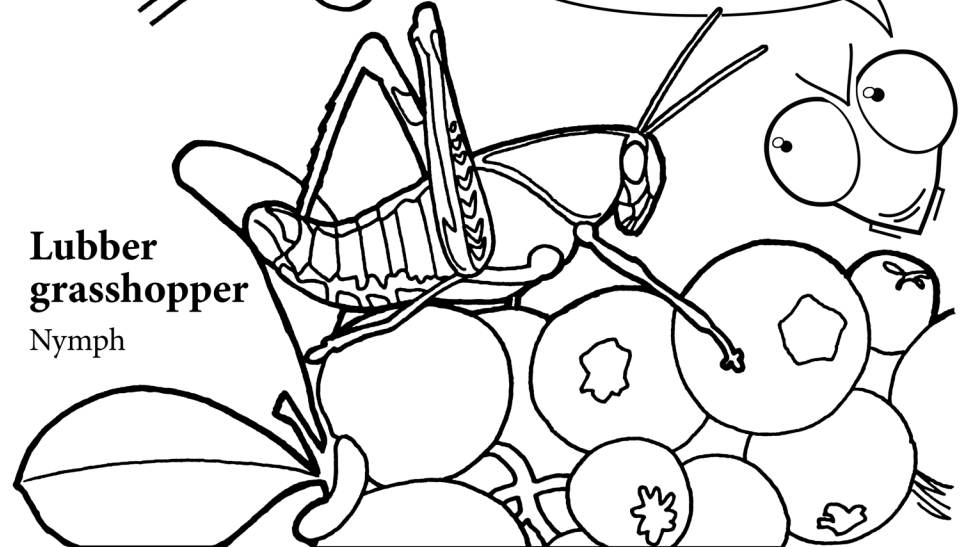
**Black widow  
spider**



**Polyphemus  
moth  
Caterpillar**



**Lubber  
grasshopper  
Nymph**



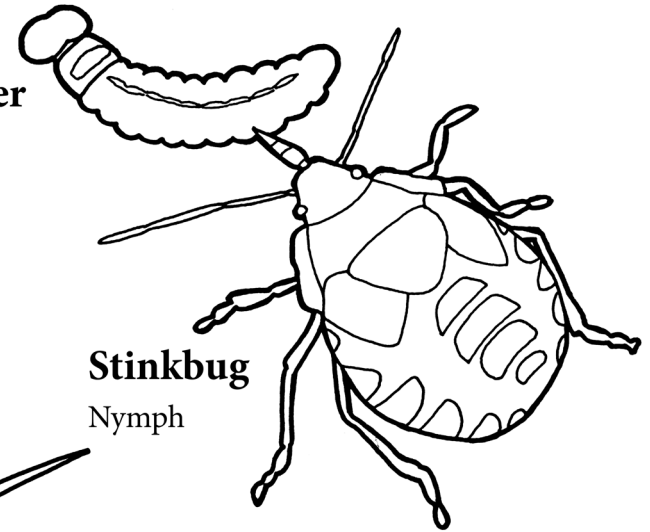
For more information on the insects shown here,  
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<http://entomology.ifas.ufl.edu/creatures>

Viceroy butterfly



Bean leafroller



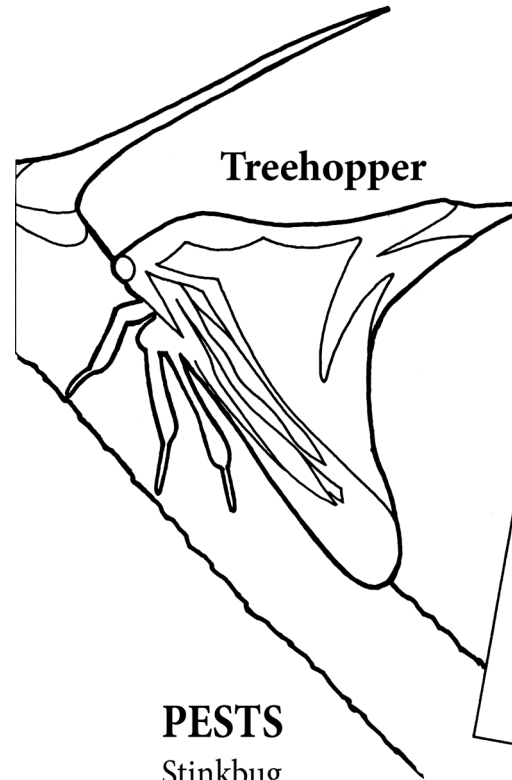
Stinkbug Nymph

Carpenter bee

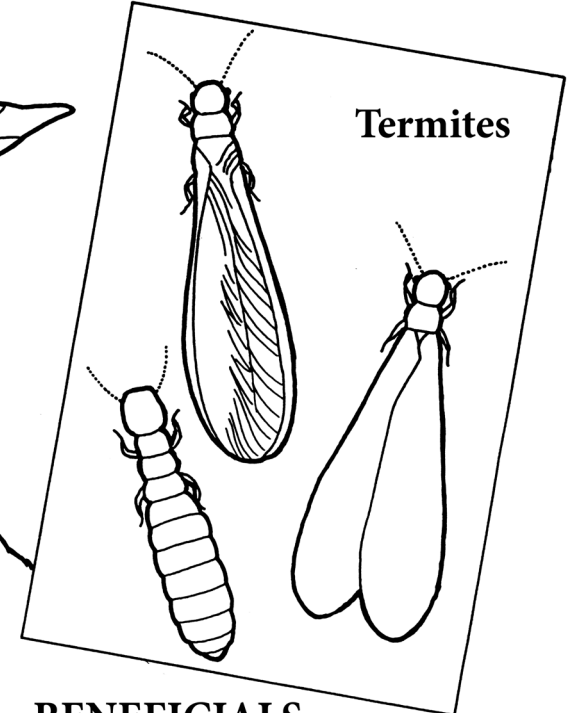


Ladybird beetle  
Adults and larva

Treehopper



Termites



**PESTS**

- Stinkbug
- Lubber grasshopper
- Treehopper
- Termites
- Bean leafroller
- Black widow

**BENEFICIALS**

- Viceroy butterfly
- Carpenter bee
- Ladybird beetle
- Polyphemus moth caterpillar

**Most people** are surprised to learn that most insects are beneficial and serve an important role in our environment. Only a small number of insects are pests. Can you recognize common pest and beneficial insects?