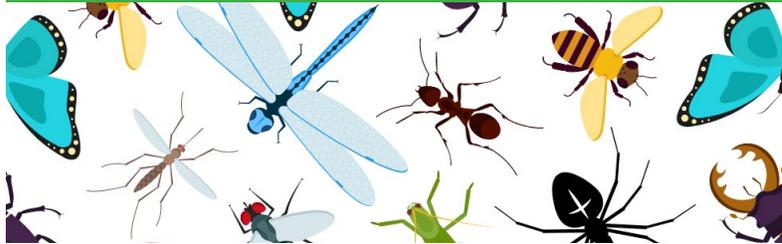




# Summer BUGket List Challenge

July 1 through August 31



Visit Medina County parks this summer to start crossing off species on your BUGket list! To complete this scavenger hunt-type challenge, visit the parks listed to look for large, wooden artistic representations of common bugs. With each, you will find fun and interesting facts and tips to help you search for the actual bug! Find all ten wooden bugs, record the park where each bug was found on the challenge list, and submit your form to be entered into a raffle for one of three special BUGket Challenge prizes. To be entered in the drawing, completed forms can be dropped off at park headquarters or Oenslager Nature Center by September 10.



What is the BUGket List? The BUGket List is a list of 70 common but little-known invertebrates selected by a panel of field naturalists. It was strategically designed to create a sense of adventure in children and adults while looking for the most interesting bugs in eastern North America. For additional information and the official BUGket list created by Clemson University, scan the QR code to the left.

Please include current contact information if you would like to be entered into the drawing for one of the BUGket Challenge prizes. Winners will be contacted by email/phone on September 15.

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Last name First name

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City State Zip

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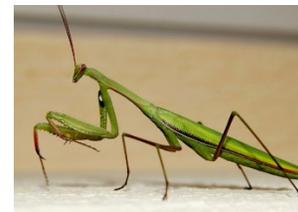
Number of people participating \_\_\_\_\_

Visit these parks/trails to search for large, wooden artistic representations of these common bugs. Record the park where you found each bug.

- Allardale Park – Nature Trail ◆
- Bluebell Valley – Nature Trail ◆
- Buckeye Woods Park – Large Lake Loop
- Green Leaf Park – Nature Trail
- Killbuck Lakes – Nature Trail ■
- Letha House Park East – Paw Paw Grove Trail
- Lake Medina – Paved Greenway ▲
- Medina Marsh – Nature Trail
- Plum Creek Park South – Tulip Tree Trail
- River Styx Park – Paved Trail ■



Milkweed beetle  
Park: \_\_\_\_\_



Praying mantis  
Park: \_\_\_\_\_



Centipede  
Park: \_\_\_\_\_



Handsome trig  
Park: \_\_\_\_\_



Periodical cicada  
Park: \_\_\_\_\_



Carpenter bee  
Park: \_\_\_\_\_



Swallowtail butterfly  
Park: \_\_\_\_\_



Ants  
Park: \_\_\_\_\_



Crab spider  
Park: \_\_\_\_\_



Dragonfly  
Park: \_\_\_\_\_

## **What is the BUGket List?**

The BUGket list is a list of over 70 insects and other small invertebrates that are common across eastern North America but are little known. These bugs were selected by a panel of professional field naturalists and entomologists as being potentially intriguing, either in appearance, behavior or ecology.

## **What is the goal of this program?**

Providing a motivation for people to get outside repeatedly into local natural environments may result in valued outcomes as health, development of comfort in wild nature, increased awareness of biodiversity, a love and fascination for living things, an increased tolerance for environmental irritants, and increased environmental stewardship.

One single experience with a phenomenon rarely creates more than just awareness. Love and fascination with nature motivates life-long learning and stewardship. The BUGket list requires many trips outdoors to complete.

Local parks, nature centers, zoos, forest schools, and botanical gardens, along with people's own backyards are the affordable and accessible environments that allow repeated and expanding experiences with natural phenomena. Repeated experiences are not possible with distant exotic parks. The bugs on the BUGket List are easily found in common natural areas in eastern North America.

Insects are common and abundant. Many are either beautiful or fascinating. Yet, most bugs are little known but easily found. People who use the BUGket List will be more aware of insect diversity.

From a developmental standpoint, children up to the age of 12 are in an ideal stage of development to be intrigued by insects if given the opportunity. At this age, children actually like things they find disgusting and enjoy activities involving catching, chasing, and trapping. Bugs are an almost perfect match for the interests of children before they reach puberty. Many adults will also enjoy the experience.

"Bugs" are the most common reason people avoid the outdoors. Repeated positive experiences with insect diversity should lessen aversion to being outdoors due to bugs.

The BUGket List puts boundaries on a seemingly endless topic. There are millions of species and several hundred in any one field guide. As a small list of local, common insects, this activity is doable!