

Synopsis

A nicely designed field guide to some of the most observable insects in the U.S. Organized by identifiable types of insects, the guide does a nice job of balancing detail with usability. Digitally cropped images of insects are sometimes on the small size, but this book still makes for one of the better field guides for casual to serious bug-watchers.

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With the illustrations and the descriptions of the insects, this book is a sheer delight. It conveys to the reader the wide variability of insects and their unique adaptations. It is certainly a book for the insect collector and for students of entomology. The anatomical structure of insects is discussed, along with some of their incredible abilities in locomotion, such as the ability of the nostril fly to reach a speed of over 100 kilometers per hour. The inter-sex differences in form and coloring and the variation in morphological types is also outlined. The phylogenetic relationships of insects is also delineated, which is helpful for those beginning the study of the classification of insects. Most of my favorites are discussed here, including the praying mantis, the migratory locust, the firebug, bed-bug, water stick, water scorpion, spittle bug, mountain cicada, great diving beetle, stag beetle, dung beetle, rhinoceros beetle, timberman beetle, velvet ant, hornet, honeybee, giant peacock moth, emperor moth, swallowtail, and horsefly.

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