

4-H Entomology/ Beekeeping

January 2020

For more information, contact:

DeWayne Shoemaker, Professor, Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology
Scott Stewart, Professor and Specialist, Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology
Karen Vail, Professor and Specialist, Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology
Jennifer Tsuruda, Assistant Professor, Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology
Jennifer Richards, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications
University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture

Kaushalya Amarasekare, Assistant Professor and Specialist, Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Tennessee State University

Insect Collection and Identification

- Identify insect collecting tools.
- Explain how to use insect collecting tools.
- Summarize where and how to collect insects.
- Describe how to make insect collection tools.
- Demonstrate how to properly pin and mount insects.
- Collect, pin, mount and label butterflies from different habitats in Tennessee.
- Survey for indoor insects using sticky trips.
- Collect and rear one or more insects at home, identify the various life stages, and keep detailed records of observations.
- Create detailed records of observations and experiments.

Insect Morphology and Function

- Compare and contrast insect feeding behaviors and mouth parts.
- Explain the presence, number and morphology of wings of insects in the following orders: Orthoptera, Hymenoptera, Diptera, Coleoptera and Lepidoptera.
- Explain the life cycles and feeding behaviors of insects in the following orders: Orthoptera, Hymenoptera, Diptera, Coleoptera and Lepidoptera.



Basic Insect Life Cycles

- Define social insects, metamorphosis, egg, instar, larva, pupa, nymph, adult, hemimetabolous, holometabolous, paurometabolous and ametabolous.
- Identify characteristics of social insects such as honey bees and ants.
- Identify the steps in insect life cycles and metamorphosis.
- Differentiate complete and incomplete metamorphosis.
- Describe the basic needs of insects for successful rearing.

Invasive Insects and Pest Insects

- Describe the biology of several invasive insects in Tennessee.
- Analyze ways that insects cause damage.
- Summarize the basic needs of insect pests.
- Locate indoor areas that satisfy the basic needs of household insect pests.
- Investigate and describe five insects from the Invasive Species List.
- Collect and identify one or more examples of an invasive insect in Tennessee.

Evolutionary Relationships of Arthropod Groups

- Describe the tree of life.
- Identify the classes of arthropods.
- Identify the evolutionary relationships of different arthropod groups.

Diversity in Other Animals, Including Humans

- Demonstrate understanding and appreciation of differences among people.
- Demonstrate appreciation for others' similarities and differences using interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrate appreciation of differing abilities of others.

Potential Activities

- Collect, pin, mount and label butterflies from different habitats in Tennessee.
- Use sticky traps to survey for indoor insects.
- Investigate and describe five insects from the Invasive Species List.
- Collect and identify one or more examples of an invasive insect in Tennessee.
- Collect and rear one or more insects at home, identify the various life stages, and keep detailed records of observations.

UTIA.TENNESSEE.EDU

Real. Life. Solutions.™