

# Bugs We Do Like



## **Bees**

**Target:** Feed on pollen and nectar from flowers of plants

**Damage:** Can be harmful to people and pets if disturbed

**Control:** None



## **Assassin Bugs**

**Target:** Feed on smaller insects

**Damage:** Will eat good and bad bugs

**Control:** None



## **Damsel Bugs**

**Target:** Aphids, leafhoppers, and small caterpillars

**Damage:** None

**Control:** None



## **Ground Beetles**

**Target:** Other insects, caterpillars, soil maggots and grubs, larger ground beetles eat snail and slug eggs as well as small snails and slugs

**Damage:** None

**Control:** None



## **Lacewings**

**Target:** Lacewing larva eat aphids, leafhoppers, mites, thrips, mealybugs, whiteflies, and other small insects. Lacewing adults feed on nectar and pollen from flowers.

**Damage:** None

**Control:** None



**Lady Bugs**

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**Target:** Adult and larva eat soft body insects like aphids

**Damage:** None

**Control:** None



**Centipedes and Millipedes**

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**Target:** Eat insects, baby snails, slugs. Also feed on decaying plant material and fallen fruit.

**Damage:** Nuisance, centipedes have the bite of a bee and some millipedes may cause skin irritations

**Control:** None

\*Centipedes have about 30 legs, millipedes as many as 400



**Praying Mantis**

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**Target:** Most insects including moths, butterflies, crickets, grasshoppers, flies, spiders, beetles, other praying mantis.

They have a voracious appetite. They do not eat ladybugs

**Damage:** Will also eat hummingbirds, small tree frogs, and lizards.

**Control:** None



**Nematodes**

**Beneficial Nematodes**

**Target:** Certain beneficial nematodes attack 400 varieties of borers, caterpillars, and root insects by parasitizing soil grubs or releasing bacteria that kill insect larva

**Control:** None, of course



**Pill Bugs**

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**Target:** Decaying matter in fruits and vegetation. Pillbugs take the blame for fruit damage close to the ground because they clean up after true damage is done by other bugs

**Control:** Clean up pill bugs by moving them to compost piles where they will enjoy all the decaying matter







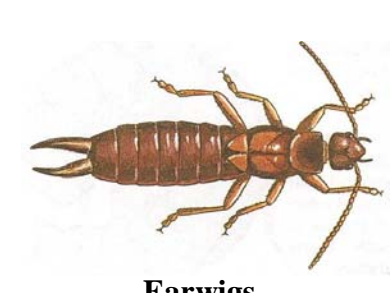
**Soldier Beetles**

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**Target:** Soft body insects, larva attacks soil-borne insects

**Damage:** None

**Control:** None

 <p><b>Spined Soldier Bugs</b></p>	<p><b>Spined Soldier Bugs</b>  <b>Target:</b> Mexican bean beetle and most insect larva and insect eggs. Can attack more than 100 garden pests including cabbage loopers, army worms, and corn earworms  <b>Damage:</b> Young adults can suck plant juices  <b>Control:</b> None. Does more good than harm</p>
 <p><b>Spring Tails</b></p>	<p><b>Spring Tails</b>  <b>Target:</b> Decaying plant material  <b>Damage:</b> Mostly eat decaying matter, but has been known to eat fine roots in wet to soggy soil  <b>Control:</b> None</p>
 <p><b>Syrphid Flies</b></p>	<p><b>Syrphid Flies</b>  <b>Target:</b> Hunt and feed on soft body insects such as aphids  <b>Damage:</b> None  <b>Control:</b> None</p>
 <p><b>Tachinid Flies</b></p>	<p><b>Tachinid Flies</b>  <b>Target:</b> Grasshoppers, armyworms, cutworms, stinkbugs, and larva of small beetles  <b>Damage:</b> None  <b>Control:</b> None</p>
 <p><b>Earwigs</b></p>	<p><b>Earwigs</b>  <b>Target:</b> Decaying plant material  <b>Damage:</b> Gets blamed for fruit damage but is only cleaning rotted waste and decay  <b>Control:</b> None, remove places for them to hide</p>

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