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CREEPY CRAWLIES AROUND US

CHAPTER 4



MOSQUITO





Adult mosquitoes live for about two to four weeks depending on the species, humidity, temperature, and other factors. Females often live longer than males.

MOSQUITO

AEDES MOSQUITO



ANOPHELES MOSQUITO



Different mosquito species prefer different animals. Some mosquitoes feed on the blood of snakes, frogs, or other cold-blooded animals. Other mosquitoes enjoy birds. Still others prefer the blood of cows, horses, and people.

BEETLE

DUNG BEETLES



Animals such as cows and elephants release undigested food through their dung. Dung beetles eat this poop for energy! Baby beetles eat the solid poop while adults suck up the nutritious liquids in the dung.

BUTTERFLY

MONARCH BUTTERFLY



The monarch butterfly's unique orange and black wings tell predators that it is a poisonous insect. Animals that eat monarch butterflies do not die, but they do feel very sick. So the next time, they avoid feasting on these pretty insects!

BUTTERFLY

GIANT BLUE MORPHO BUTTERFLY



PAINTED JEZEBEL BUTTERFLY



Butterflies pollinate about 75 percent of crops such as almonds, watermelons, blueberries, and so on.

SILKWORM



Silkworm are native to China but now live all over the world. Female silkworms can lay 300 to 500 eggs at a time! They hatch within seven to 14 days.

SILKWORM



Silkworm spinning a cocoon.



Boiling silkworm cocoons to get silk.



ANTS

HARVESTER ANTS



FIRE ANT



Ants are the longest living insects! The queen ant from the harvester species can live up to 30 years.

ANTS

LEAFCUTTER ANTS



Leafcutter ants carry off a piece of leaf to their nest.

ARMY ANTS



Army ants build a bridge with their bodies.



HONEYBEE





A worker bee lives for just about five weeks. In that time, she will produce less than half a teaspoon of honey! A queen bee, however, can live up to five years. In summers, she can lay up to 2,500 eggs per day!

HOUSEFLY





Houseflies can climb window panes and hang upside down from ceilings due to a secretion from the claws on their feet. These little flies can carry millions of microorganisms on their feet which can cause diseases. Remember to always cover your food!

