

Optional Insect Fact sheet. *You can cut these up and let kids pick one randomly to read to the group.*

Some butterflies smell with their feet.

Ants can squirt formic acid.

A migrating monarch butterfly flies 2,133 miles.

The top speed of a ladybug is 15 miles per hour

100 Monarch butterflies weigh 1 ounce.

A bee often flies 60 miles a day in search of food

An adult millipede can have 375 pairs of legs. A baby millipede has 3 pairs.

An ant can lift 10-50 times its own body weight. It is so light it takes little effort to move its own weight.

Honeybees make 10 million trips collecting nectar to make 1 pound of honey.

Ants have special chambers to raise their young, garbage chambers, chambers to care for the sick.

One third of all insects are carnivorous (meat eaters).

Male mosquitoes do not bite.

Sowbugs are crustaceans – related to lobsters.

Many insects change the water in their bodies into an antifreeze to survive the winter.

Sowbugs gills need constant moisture to breathe.

How many minutes can a cockroach hold its breath? 40 minutes.

Ants leave a scent trail to tell other ants where they found food.

Insects outnumber all other animals at a rate of 4 to 1

Ants above ground are almost always female

Insects have as many as 4,000 individual muscles. Humans have less than 500.

Ladybugs won't fly if the temperature is above 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

A house fly beats its wings over 20,000 beats a minute.

Ladybugs make a chemical that tastes terrible to birds. You can smell this chemical when you try to pick one up.