



THESE SUPER HANDY WORDS CAN BE USED TO DESCRIBE ME AND MY FRIENDS! LEARN MORE ABOUT US DESCRIBING US HELPS SCIENTISTS

Abdomen One of the 3 main body parts of a bug

Antennae These grow on a bug's head and help with smelling, tasting or hearing

Arthropoda The family of critters that bugs belong to

Camouflage How a bug blends in with its surroundings

Endemic Native to a place a.k.a. only found there

Entomologist Someone who studies insects (maybe you!)

Invasive Introduced to a place and harmful to endemic critters

Thorax One of the 3 main body parts of a bug

Glossary

HANDY TIP! USE TALLY MARKS, LIKE THIS:

Getting a close look at a bug can tell you lots of important things about it

How many bugs can you see here with...

Mandibles Useful for eating or fighting

Wings These come in many shapes and colours

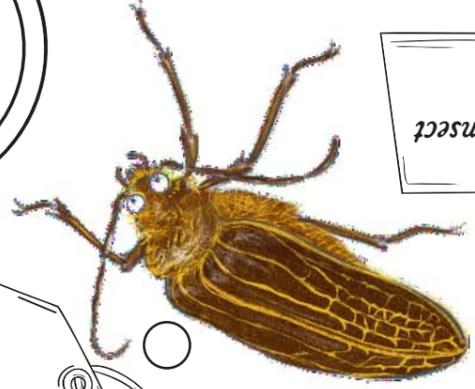
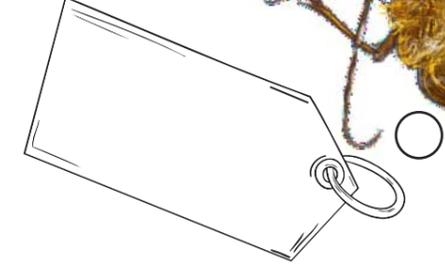
A long nose This is called a 'rostrum'

It's time to look closer

It's all in a name

Write their common name - that's the name we know them best by!

Turn this zine inside out to describe bugs you find outside



What insects can you find around you?

You don't need lots of fancy equipment to be an entomologist - you only need to start looking for bugs! Examine the insect cases to find the bugs pictured here. The first one has been started for you

common stick insect



TAKE AN EVEN CLOSER LOOK ON THE CASES, YOU WILL SEE SOME OF US WERE CAUGHT HERE IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND. HOW MANY BUGS ON THIS PAGE ARE IN THAT CASE?

Answer: All of them!

This zine was made with the help of lots of different people and places:

The pictures of cool critters were drawn by Lily Duval - you can see more in her book 'Critters of Aotearoa'



THE PEOPLE AT PENGUIN NEW ZEALAND PUBLISHED IT



THIS BOOK RIGHT HERE!

The Museum and the Library helped make the zine too!



FIELD NOTES

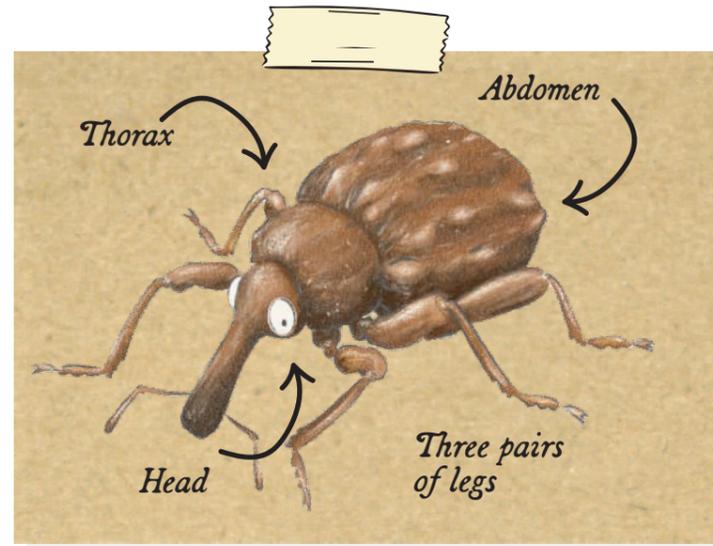


Kia ora fellow entomologist!

What is an insect?

Not all bugs are insects.

Insects belong to a group called 'insecta' and have these body parts in common...



NICE TO MEET YOU!

Welcome to your field guide zine. This zine is ready to be filled with insects and more but first, who are you?

DRAW YOUR PORTRAIT HERE

My name is:

I am _____ years old.
My favourite bug is:

Use this whole area to record proper scientific observations of insects you see - way to go entomologists!

Let's use the stick insect as an example

MAKE SURE YOU CAPTURE MY BEST ANGLES!



Name of bug: *Stick insect*

Date: *21/3/2026*

Who caught it: *Morgane*

Where: *Botanic Gardens*

How it was caught: *Using a sweep net, it was very fast! Took a few tries to capture*

Description: *6 legs and a long abd! Moved like it w- the wind.*

Size: *10cm*

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WOAH THERE!
THE INSECTS IN THE GALLERY HAVE ALREADY BEEN CAUGHT, TRY HEADING OUTSIDE

