

What is a Bug?



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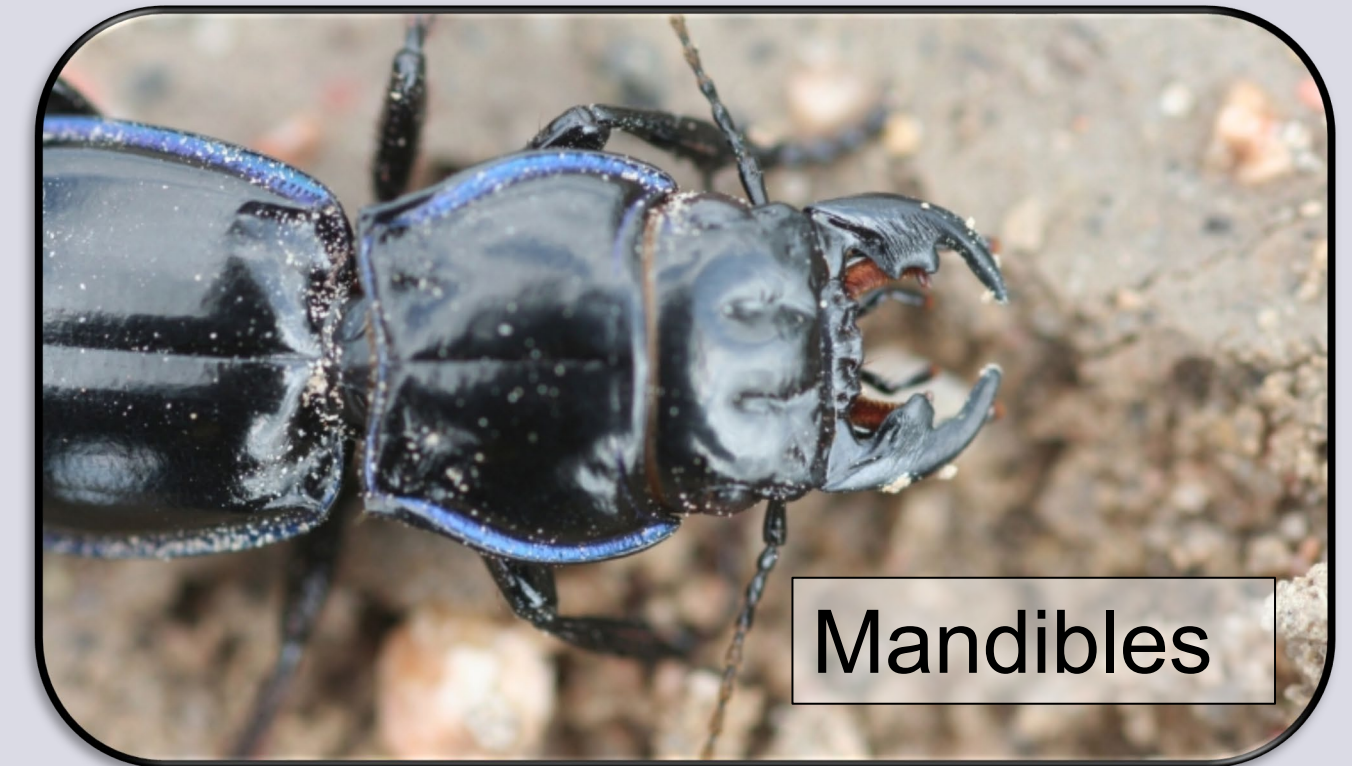


Build-a-Bug Activity

- Introduction to some of the pest groups
- Match the insect pieces to the insect body
- Place the completed insects on the correct damage

What is an insect?

- Exoskeleton
- Six Legs
- Three body segments
- Jointed appendages
- One pair of antennae
- Wings (usually)



Order Orthoptera: Grasshoppers, mole crickets etc

- Grasshoppers + Katydid
 - Membranous wings
 - Saltatorial legs (jumping legs)
 - Long, thread-like antennae
 - Mandibles
- Mole crickets
 - Fossorial (digging legs)



Order Hemiptera: Stink bugs, aphids, mealybugs, whiteflies, scales

- All have a stylet
- Stink bugs
 - Hemelytra
 - Scutellum (triangle)
 - 5-segmented antennae
- Aphids
 - Cornicles
 - Honeydew
 - Long antennae
- Mealybug
 - Honeydew
 - Covered in white wax
 - Legs, still mobile, unlike scales

Stink bug



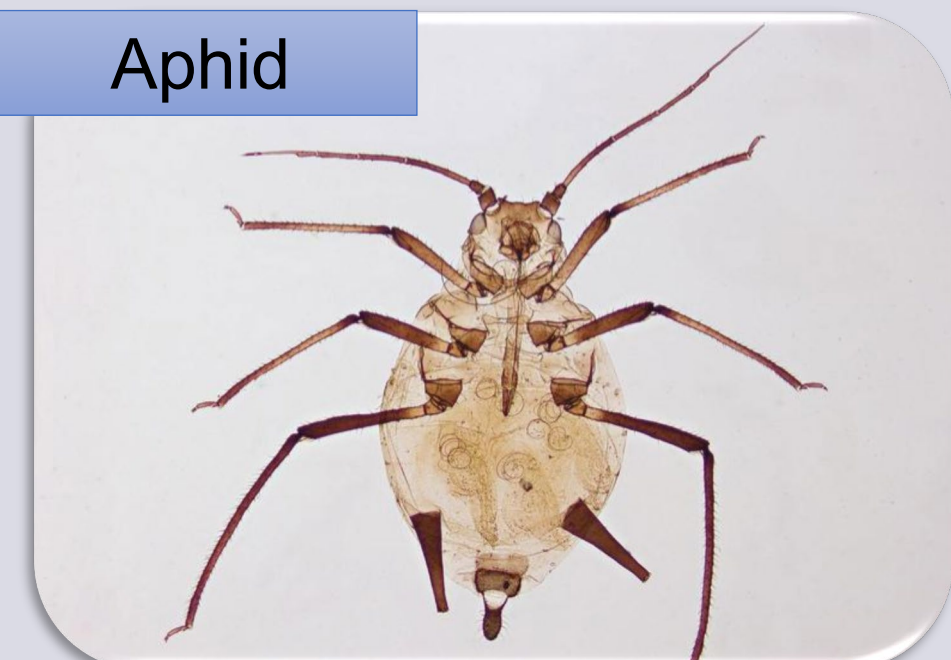
Aphid



Mealybug



Aphid



Thysanoptera: Thrips

- Thrips
 - “Rasping” Mouthparts
 - Mix of mandibles and stylet
 - Fringed wings
 - Cone-like end with hairs

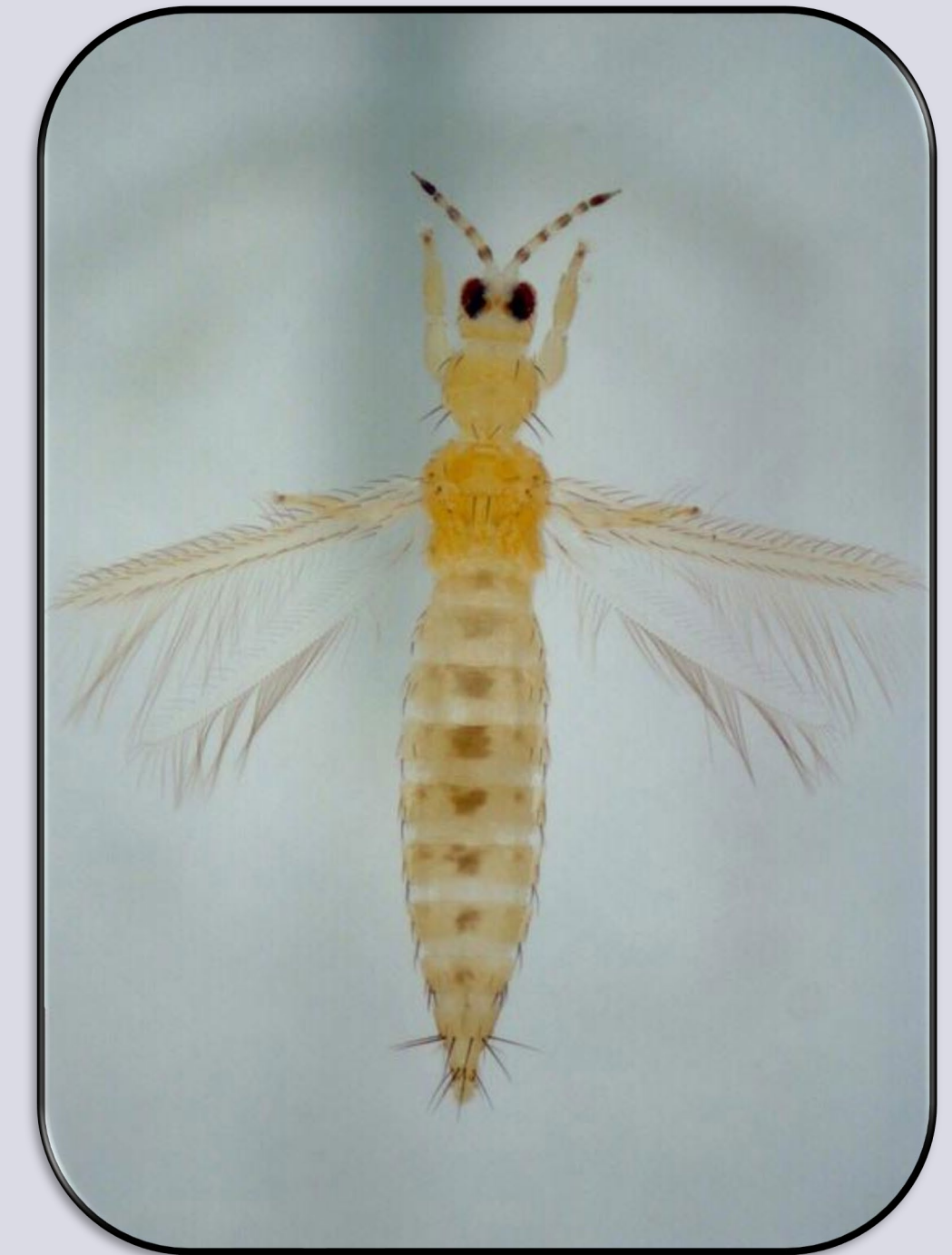


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Order Lepidoptera: Moths and Butterflies

- Caterpillars
 - Hard head capsule
 - Mandibles
 - Prolegs
- Hornworms
 - Horn on the end
- Papilionidae (Swallowtail)
 - Osmeterium, antennae-like projections



Order Coleoptera: Beetles

- Beetles
 - Mandibles
 - Elytra
- Weevils
 - Long “snout”
 - Elbowed Antennae

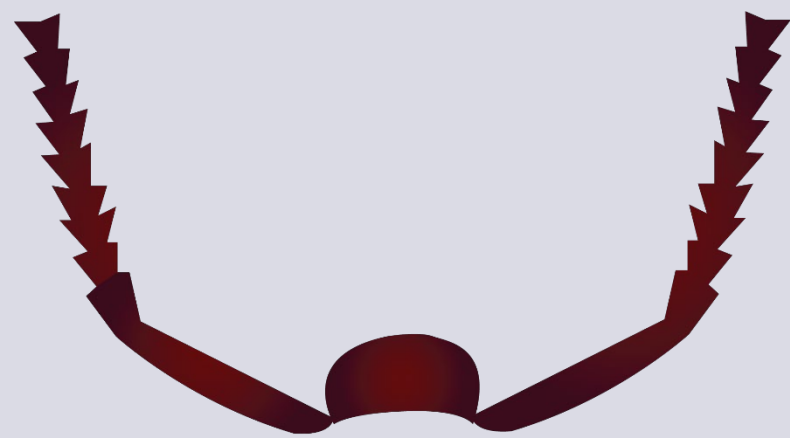


Demonstration

- You will have 2-3 bugs on screen, and as a team, match the bug parts with the correct bug



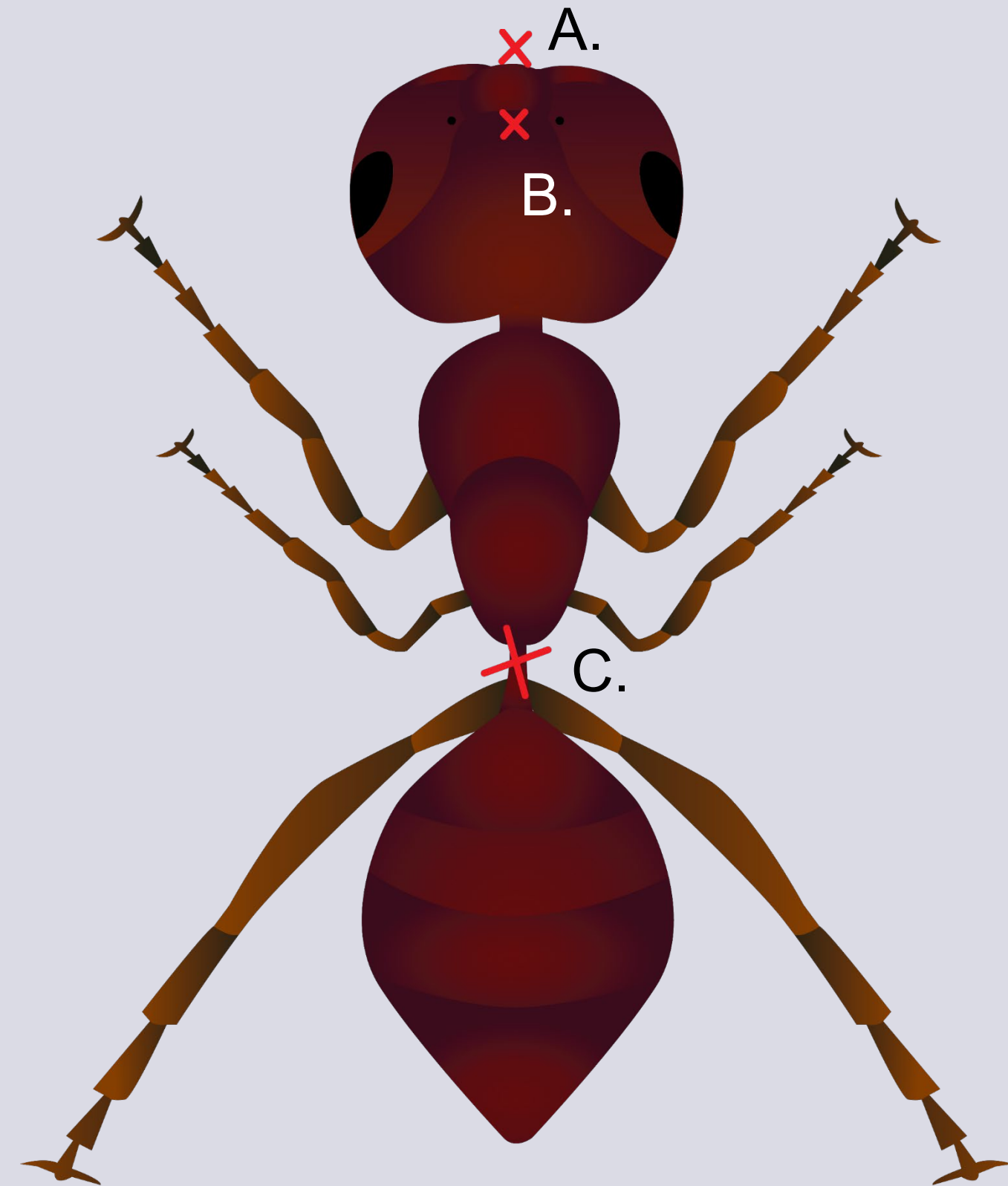
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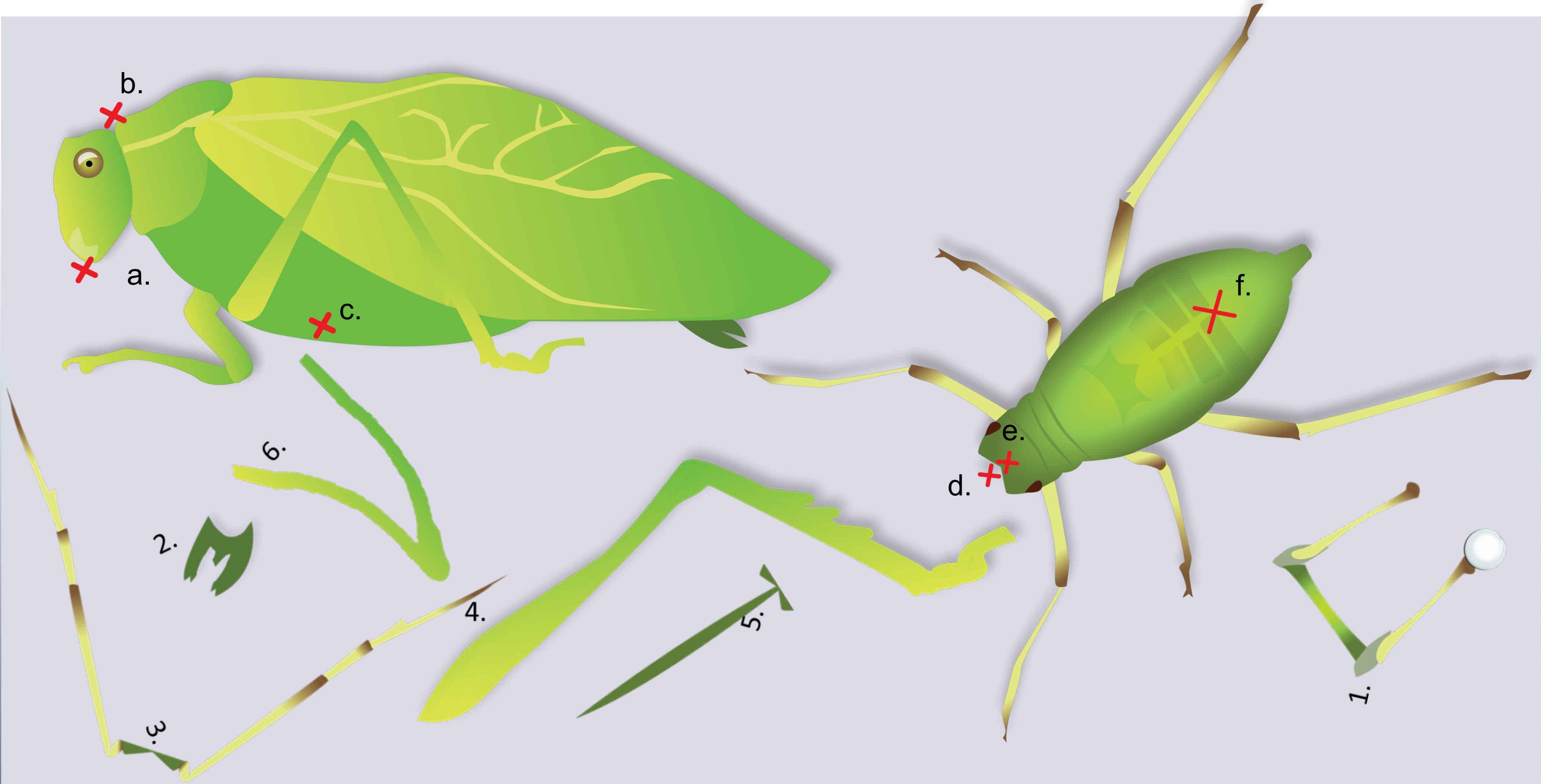


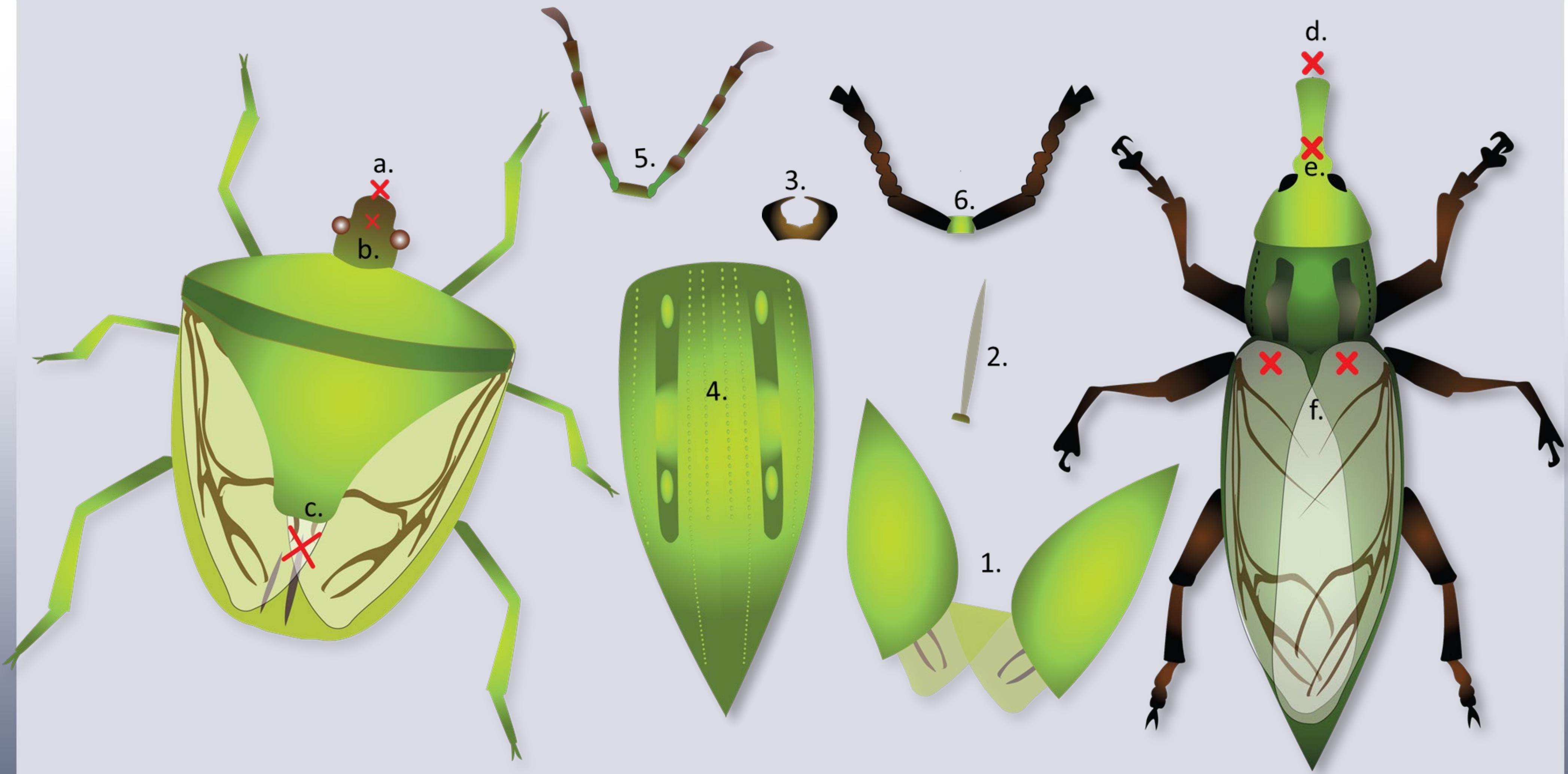
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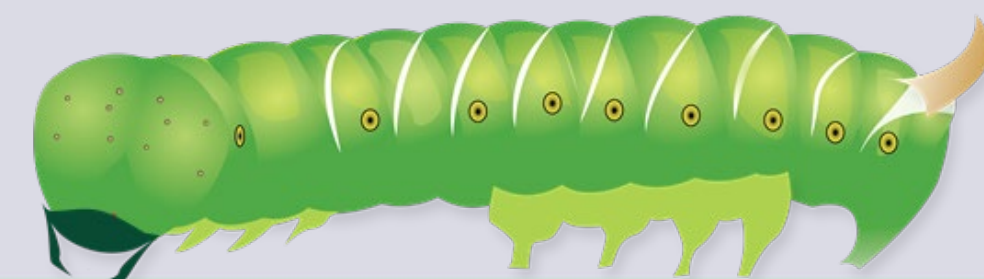
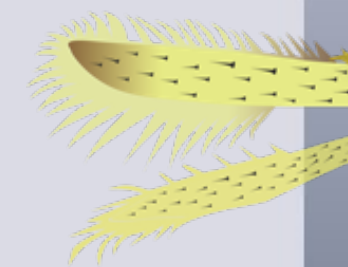
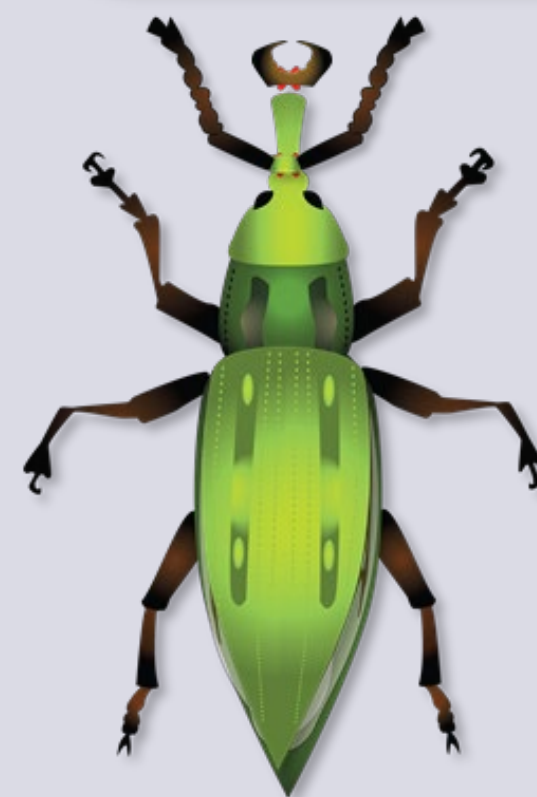
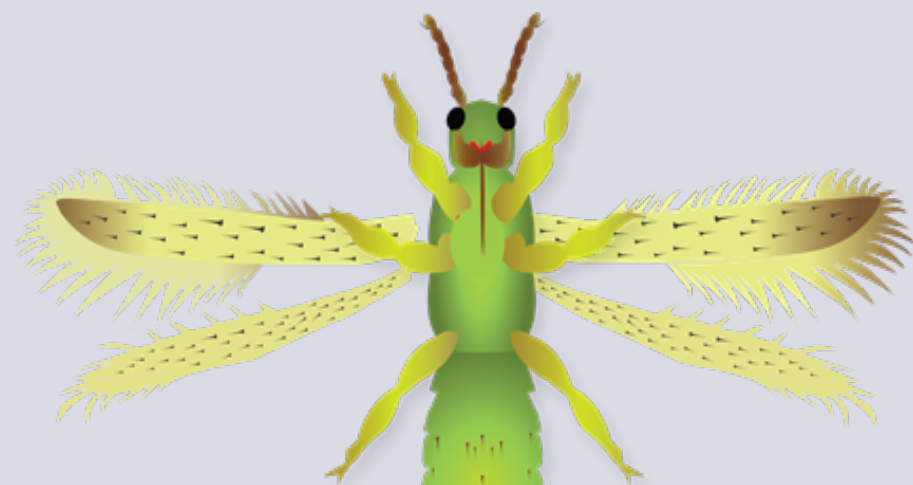
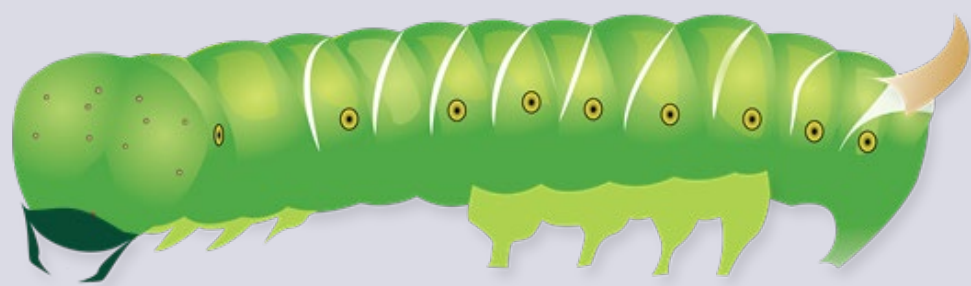




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- Local county extension office

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- Insect ID Lab - Dr. Lyle Buss

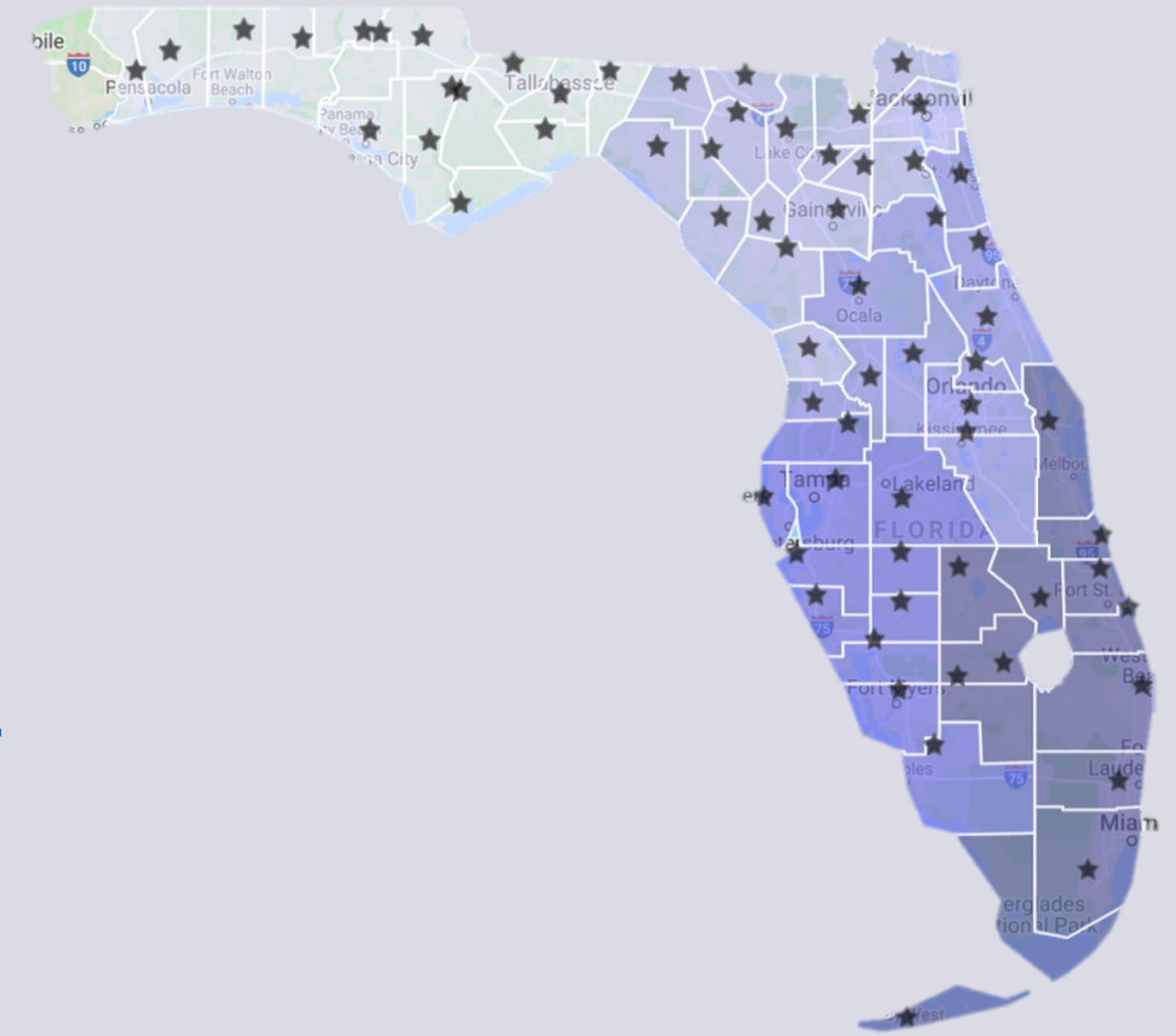
<http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/insectid/>

- Nematode Diagnostic Lab - Dr. Billy Crow

<http://nematology.ifas.ufl.edu/assaylab/index.html>

- Plant Diagnostic Center - Dr. Carrie Harmon

<https://plantpath.ifas.ufl.edu/extension/plant-diagnostic-center/>



Reporting to FDACS-DPI in Florida

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)

- Division of Plant Industry (DPI)

- FDACS, DPI Responsibility

- Announcing detection or establishment of new invasive species.
- Reporting is a legal obligation under Florida Statute 581.091.

- Submission Form

- <http://forms.freshfromflorida.com/08400.pdf>
- <https://www.fdacs.gov/Agriculture-Industry/Pests-and-Diseases/How-to-Submit-a-Sample-for-Identification>

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Reporting using DDIS in Florida

Digital Diagnostic and Identification System (DDIS)

- Digital Diagnostic Collaboration
 - Extension agents
 - Laboratories
 - Clinics
 - Specialists
- <https://ddis.ifas.ufl.edu/>



The screenshot displays the DDIS website interface. At the top, the UF IFAS Extension logo is on the left, and the DDIS logo (Distance Diagnostic and Identification System) is on the right. Below the logos is a navigation menu with links for Home, Media Library, Diagnostic Labs, Equipment, Training, and Contact Us. A login section includes a "Become a User" link, a "Forgot Your Password" link, and input fields for "user name" and "password" with a "Sign In" button. The main content area features a photograph of a yellow and black striped caterpillar on a green leaf. To the right of the image, the following sample information is displayed:

- Sample Type:** Insect (Plant)
- Common Name:** Snowbush spanworm
- Scientific Name:** *Melanchroia chephise*
- Family:** Geometridae
- Sample Submitter:** Joe Sowards
- Sample ID:** 15-2335

Find More Information At:

<https://entnemdept.ufl.edu/ffd/>



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