

Fun Facts About Bugs

1. Three out of four creatures on the planet are insects; they outnumber all other creatures.
2. Insects would outweigh all other creatures if they were put on a scale. (insects vs. all animals)
3. There are more kinds (species) of insects than any other kind of creature.
4. They have been around a long time. Fossil records prove that they began to inhabit the earth 150 million years before dinosaurs.
5. Ants can lift over 50 times their weight.
6. Fleas can jump the equivalent of a football field.
7. They have adapted to live and survive among all groups of organisms: mammals (flies, mosquitoes), plants (bees, butterflies, fungus ants), arthropods (aphid tending ants).
8. They have adapted to live in all types of habitats except for the ocean: desert, arctic, marsh, prairie, streams, lakes, deciduous forest, conifer forest, residential areas, cities, rain forests, and caves.
9. Humans eat insects.
10. Live beetles are tethered to people as live jewelry.
11. The mayfly (Ephemeroptera) has one of the shortest life spans. Adults only live for a few hours after emerging from the water.
12. The queen termite lives the longest, 10-15 yrs.
13. For every human there are one million ants.