

Are you still looking for insects? Look in a variety of habitats and try some of these ideas:

- Using a sweep net, sweep over grass, alfalfa, or weed patches.
- Spread a cloth, a newspaper, or an inverted umbrella under a bush or shrub; beat or shake the plant vigorously.
- Overturn stones, logs, bark, leaf mold, and rubbish; look under dung in pastures.
- Watch for butterflies to alight; then drop a net over them.
- Look around outdoor lights at night.
- At night, suspend a sheet from a limb or clothesline, with the lower part of the sheet spread on the ground. Direct automobile headlights or a spotlight on the sheet. The insects will be attracted to the white light, hit against the sheet, and drop onto the cloth below.
- Moths may be baited by daubing a mixture of crushed banana or peach and molasses or sugar on the bark of trees; visit the trees at night with a flashlight to collect the moths.
- Locate soil insects by placing humus and leaf matter in a Berlese funnel.
- Water insects may be seined with a water net. Aquatic insect larvae may be found in either quiet or running water, attached to plants and leaves, or under stones or may be sieved out of bottom mud.

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