

Although our gardens are fun for us to play and explore, they are actually the home to some very important plants, animals and INSECTS! They each play an important role in the garden but sometimes can be tricky to find...

Creepy crawlies sometimes get scared by loud noises. The best way to find them is to be quiet and stealthy.

How many of these creepy crawlies can you find in your garden?



CHRISTMAS BEETLE

Can you find this creepy crawly in your backyard.
Usually found in the hotter months of the year, the Christmas Beetle is a native Australian insect and loves to eat eucalyptus leaves.
Baby Christmas beetles also love eating grass roots which is great for healthy soil! Thank you Christmas Beetle for being both festive and useful to our gardens!





SPINY LEAF INSECT

These funny little insects can be hard to spot because they are the master of camouflage. It looks like a leaf or twig, but it is actually a spiny leaf insect! These helpful creepy crawlies eat leaves and fresh vegetation and then poop it out into the soil which is great for the garden! It is full of nutrients and especially great for composting.





CATEPILLAR

Here we have one of our favourite and most common creepy crawlies, the caterpillar! With hundreds of different species, caterpillars can be seen in all colours, shapes and sizes. They eat and eat until they are fully grown, then form a cocoon which eventually they will emerge from as a beautiful butterfly! As butterflies they will then become fantastic pollinators for our garden.

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