Insect Scavenger Hunt

(for spring along the upper Texas coast, including Houston)

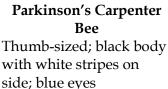
See how many of these garden inhabitants you can find! Please be careful to observe the insects without touching or startling them.



Eastern Carpenter Bee Thumb-sized; light-brown "vest" with black spot; shiny black abdomen



Strand's Carpenter Bee Thumb-sized; shiny black females with dark wings (shown here)





Honey Bee Jellybean-sized; black and yellowish bands on abdomen; sometimes show pollen "bags" on back legs



Monarch
Large (palm-sized);
orange wings with
black veins and spots
in black border



Fiery Skipper Small (thumb-sized); yellow-orange wings with small, black, irregular spots

Gulf Fritillary
Medium (a bit less
than palm-sized);
orange wings with
black marks; silvery
white underside of
wings



Pipevine Swallowtail
Large (palm-sized); black
wings; orange spots in a
blue field on wings'
underside





Asian Lady Beetle
Often red, but orange or
yellow possible; can have
spots or not; black "M" on
white pronotum (the top of
the plate behind the head)



Long-legged flies
Long legs and shiny bodies
in various colors depending
on the species

