

# 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)

**Parkinson's Carpenter Bee**  
Thumb-sized; black body with white stripes on side; blue eyes



**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