

Fun Bug Facts

**All insects are bugs but not all bugs are insects.
An Insect has three body parts: head, thorax, and abdomen.**

Mosquitoes

- Only female mosquitoes bite.
- There are 140 different kinds of mosquitoes in the world.
- Mosquitoes are attracted to the carbon dioxide CO₂ we exhale.
- Because of their disease-carrying capabilities, mosquitoes are potentially responsible for the deaths of about 2 million people a year.
- The average life span of the female mosquito is 3 to 100 days, the male's is 10 to 20 days. All mosquitoes mature from egg to adult in 4 to 7 days.
- Most mosquitoes remain within 1 mile of their breeding site.

Cockroaches

- Scientists recently discovered that insects such as cockroaches and honeybees make collective decisions and use voting and quorums to help decide where to move.
- One female cockroach can produce two million offspring in one year, and one average birth can result in as many as 35,000 offspring.
- Tropical cockroaches are the fastest land moving insects. They can move 50 body lengths per second—equivalent to a human sprinter running the 100 yard dash in 1 second at 200 miles per hour.

Flies

- Flies like heat, light, low wind and are attracted by odors, and usually enter a building through open doors and windows near garbage and food.
- In as few as five months, two flies could reproduce 191,000,000,000,000,000,000 flies if all the descendants of this pair lived and reproduced normally.
- The average airspeed of the common housefly is 4.5 miles per hour.

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