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The Art, Joy, and Importance of Observing Insects

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Books

Dethier, Vincent G. 1992. *Crickets and Katydid, Concerts and Solos*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. 140 pp.

Eaton, Eric R. 2021. *Wasps: The Astonishing Diversity of a Misunderstood Insect*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press. 256 pp.

Eaton, Eric R. 2022. *Insectpedia: A Brief Compendium of Insect Lore*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press. 192 pp.

Evans, Howard E. 1968. *Life on a Little-known Planet*. New York: E.P. Dutton & Co., Inc. 318 pp.

Preston-Mafham, Rod and Ken. 1993. *The Encyclopedia of Land Invertebrate Behaviour*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: The MIT Press. 320 pp.

Voisard, Lisa. 2024. *Insectorama: The Marvelous World of Insects*. Lausanne, Switzerland: Helvetiq. 224 pp.

Field Guides

Abbott, John C., and Kendra K. 2023. *Insects of North America*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press. 585 pp.

Eaton, Eric R., and Kenn Kaufman. 2007. *Kaufman Field Guide to Insects of North America*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin. 392 pp.

Eiseman, Charley and Noah Charney. 2010. *Tracks & Sign of Insects and Other Invertebrates*. Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania: Stackpole Books. 582 pp.

Activities and Projects

Tallamy, Douglas W. 2019. *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard*. Portland, Oregon: Timber Press, Inc. 254 pp.

Vogt, Benjamin. 2017. *A New Garden Ethic: Cultivating Defiant Compassion for an Uncertain Future*. Gabriola Island, British Columbia: New Society Publishers. 179 pp.

Online

Community Science and Conservation

Bugguide: <https://bugguide.net/node/view/15740>

iNaturalist: <https://www.inaturalist.org/>

Singing Insects of North America: <https://orthsoc.org/sina/i00abt.htm>

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Natural Sciences

Birdability: <https://www.birdability.org/>

Entomologists of Color: <https://www.entopoc.org/>

Field Inclusive, Inc.: <https://www.fieldinclusive.org/>

Outdoor Afro: <https://outdoorafro.org/>

Outdoors for Everyone: <https://www.outdoorsforeveryone.org/>

Blogs

Arizona: Beetles, Bugs, Birds, and More: <https://arizonabeetlesbugsbirdsandmore.blogspot.com/>

Bug Eric: <https://bugeric.blogspot.com/>

Bug Tracks: <https://bugtracks.wordpress.com/>

MObugs: <https://mobergs.blogspot.com/>

Podcasts

Bug Banter (Xerces Society): <https://www.xerces.org/bug-banter>

Can I Bug You?: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6VDXS2zUY4>

Ologies: <https://www.alieward.com/ologies>

YouTube

Chris Kline: <https://www.youtube.com/@chriskline6488>

Eric Eaton: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE-QgIMUOT5cOzOeDmQZIZw>

Insectopia: <https://www.youtube.com/@Insectopia>

KQED Deep Look: <https://www.youtube.com/@KQEDDeepLook>

SciBugs: <https://www.youtube.com/@SciBugs>