

IDENTIFYING INSECTS IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

Beneficial or good bugs are predators or parasites. The adult or immature stages of insect predators search out and eat prey insects. Insect parasites develop in or on a single host from eggs or larvae deposited by the adult parasite.

The bad bugs listed here are associated with cool-season crops which we grow here in Grand County.

GOOD BUGS

Aphid midge
Green lacewing
Ground beetles
Hunting wasps
Lady beetles
Parasitic wasps
 Braconid
 Chalcid
 Ichneumonid
Predatory bugs (true bugs)
 Assassin bug
 Big-eyed bug
 Damsel bug
 Minute Pirate bug
 Red and black stink bug
 Spined Soldier bug
Predatory mites
Rove beetle
Spiders
Syrphid flies (hover flies)
Tachinid flies

* Can be very small, hard to see; may have them and not know it.

BAD BUGS

Aphids
Alfalfa webworm
Asparagus beetle
Blister beetles
Cabbage looper
Cabbage maggot
Caterpillars
Colorado potato beetle
Climbing cutworm
Cutworms
Diamondback moth
Flea beetles
Garden leafhopper
Grasshoppers
Harlequin bug
Imported cabbage worm
Millipedes
Parsley worm
Palestriped flea beetle
Potato psyllid
Slugs (Gastropod, not insect)
Southern cabbage worm
Spinach leaf miner
Spider mites
Sugarbeet root maggot
Thrips
Wireworm
Western cabbage flea beetle