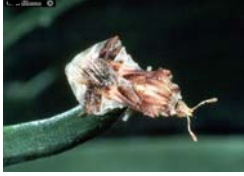


# INSECTS TO LOOK FOR



## *Ambush bug*

Small (1/4-1/2 inch), brown and white, stout with wide rear ends. Predator of caterpillars, found in weedy areas.

## *Praying Mantid*

This famous predator is grayish-brown in color and up to 3 inches long. The modified front arms are able to grab prey.



## *Florida Woods Roach /Palmetto Bug*

This 1-2 inch brown or black roach can be found near mulch piles and decomposing plant material.

## *Gulf Fritillary*

Up to 4 inches wide, this orange and black butterfly can be seen near nectar sources, especially passion flower vines, its favorite food as a caterpillar



## *Earwig*

These 1-inch long insects live near the soil surface often under mulched areas. They have two long pincher type appendages on their backside for grabbing prey.



## *Assassin Bug/Wheel bug*

Can be red or black up to 1 1/2 inches. Another species, the wheel bug, is large (over 1 1/2 inches) and has a brown wheel atop its head.



## *Lace wing*

These delicate 1/2 inch long insects have lacy green or brown wings and very long antennae. They are often seen near aphid-infested plants or near lights at night.



### *Ground Beetle*

Up to 1½ inches. These beetles can be found quickly scurrying on the ground in search of prey. They are often black, but some may be iridescent.



### *Robber Fly*

These large flying predators may be up to 1½ inch long. They often have a "hairy" head with a divot in the top of it.

### *Rove Beetle*

These small (less than ¾ inch) black beetles can be found near compost piles and near the soil surface. They have clubs on the antennae, flexible bodies, and wings that do not cover their hind ends.



### *Syrphid fly/ Hover fly*

These predatory flies (up to ½ inch) often look like bees (but do not sting); however, they only have one pair of wings (like a fly). They are seen hovering near flowers.



### *Big-Eyed Bugs*

These very small (less than ¼ inch) insects are important predators. Their head is wider than it is long, and they have two very prominent eyes on their head.



### *Walking Sticks*

This pest is often found in pairs with the more slender, 1½ inch male riding atop the 3 inch female. The Florida species is often striped.



### *Jadera Plant Bug*

This red and black insect is often found at the foot of goldenrain trees (whose seeds are its favorite food). It is ½ inches long with bright red shoulders and a red rear end.



### *Mole Cricket*

This brownish cricket (up to 1¼ inches) is a pest of grass. At night it can often be found on the ground near lights. The front legs have large claws for digging in the soil.

### *Bagworm*

Up to 2 inches long, these "bags" are found hanging from crape myrtles and other trees. Inside is a destructive caterpillar that defoliates trees.

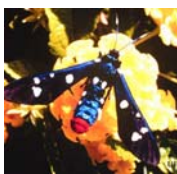


### *Bean leafroller*

This butterfly relative, up to 2 inches in length, can often be seen near bean plantings (its favorite food). The skipper is brown with 5-7 rectangular spots on the front wing.

### *Click Beetles*

These beetles, which are up to 2 inches long, are black or brown with a body that tapers at the back. If you put them on their back, they make a clicking noise while they attempt to right themselves.



### *Oleander moth*

This brightly colored insect (up to 2 inches) has black and white polka dot wings. The body is blue in the middle with a red rear end.

### *Chinch Bug*

This tiny (less than ¼ inch) turf pest can often be found in St. Augustine grass. The body is black with white wings edged with black.



### *Palm Weevil*

This huge (1-2 inch) weevil is the largest in North America. These red or black beetles can be found hiding at the stem bases of healthy palms. Look for the long modified mouthparts for making holes in plant material.

### *Leaf-footed bug*

This general plant pest is brown and up to an inch long. The back legs are wide and flattened out.



### *Colorado Potato Beetle*

This ½ inch long orange beetle with black stripes can often be found near its favorite food, potato leaves.

### *Lubber*

This giant orange /red/ yellow grasshopper (black when young) can be over 3 inches in length.

