

Winter Wise Insects

Name: _____ Date: _____

Reminder: Use your observation skills only, please do not touch or disturb the insects you see.

Try to find:	Look for:	Describe/ draw what you find and the location :
Cocoons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ on branches, eaves▪ may look like dried leaves	
Galls of the gall fly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ marble sized balls on plants▪ on plant stems in meadows, fields or roadside ditches	
Bark Beetle tracks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ on dead trees or logs▪ tunnels carved in the wood under loose pieces of bark	
Springtails/ Snow fleas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ black specs like pepper▪ at base of tree in the snow on warm, sunny days	
Praying Mantis eggs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ tan coloured, hardened, foamlike ball on stems, weeds, grasses	
Tree cricket eggs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ line of pin-sized holes▪ on stems of raspberry, elderberry & dogwood	

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Pupa of the Pine tube moth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ slender clump or tube of pine needles tied together with silk in coniferous forests 	
Carpenter ants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ large, deep, oblong holes drilled in trees ▪ holes were probably made by the pileated woodpecker that was looking for hibernating carpenter ants 	
Stoneflies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ rocks and snow by stream edges in winter where stoneflies feed on algae 	
Tent caterpillar eggs or web	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ empty skins of dragonflies, damselflies or mayflies clinging to plant stems near the water in the spring ▪ spent the winter as eggs or nymphs underwater 	
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