

# How to identify insects using the internet

There are some great wildlife ID resources on the internet. Here are a few of our favorites:

## General

[OUMNH Learning Zone: Insects instant ID](#)

[OPAL: Freshwater Invertebrate Identification Guide](#)

[OPAL: Invertebrate identification guide](#)

[Nature Detectives: Flying insect spotter sheet](#)

[Polli:Nation: Identifying pollinators](#)

[RSPB: Spot it minibeasts 2](#)

[Woodland Trust Blog Post: Common UK Insect Identification](#)

## Ants, bees and wasps (Hymenoptera)

[Wild About Gardens: Bee identification](#)

[Bee Conservation Trust: Bumblebee ID Guide](#)

## Beetles (Coleoptera)

[Nature Detectives: Beetle ID](#)

[Nature Detectives: Ladybird ID](#)

[Wildlife Watch: Weird beetles](#)

[Wildlife Watch: Ladybird detective](#)

## Butterflies and Moths (Lepidoptera)

[Nature Detectives: Beautiful butterflies](#)

[Nature Detectives: Butterfly caterpillars](#)

[Nature Detectives: Moth caterpillars](#)

[Wildlife Watch: Hawkmoth detective](#)

[Wildlife Watch: Moth Spotter](#)

[Wildlife Watch: Night time moth detective](#)

[Wildlife Watch: Woodland butterfly spotter](#)

## Apps

There are phone apps that will help identification and some also provide data for scientific research projects:

[iNaturalist](#)

[UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology : Citizen Science Apps](#)

[Woodland Trust: Tree ID App](#)

## Dragonflies and Damselflies (Odonata)

[OPAL: Guide to dragonflies and damselflies](#)

[Nature Detectives: Dragonflies and damselflies](#)

## True Bugs (Hemiptera)

[Wildlife Watch: Shieldbug spotter](#)

## True Flies (Diptera)

[BNA: ID guide hoverflies](#)