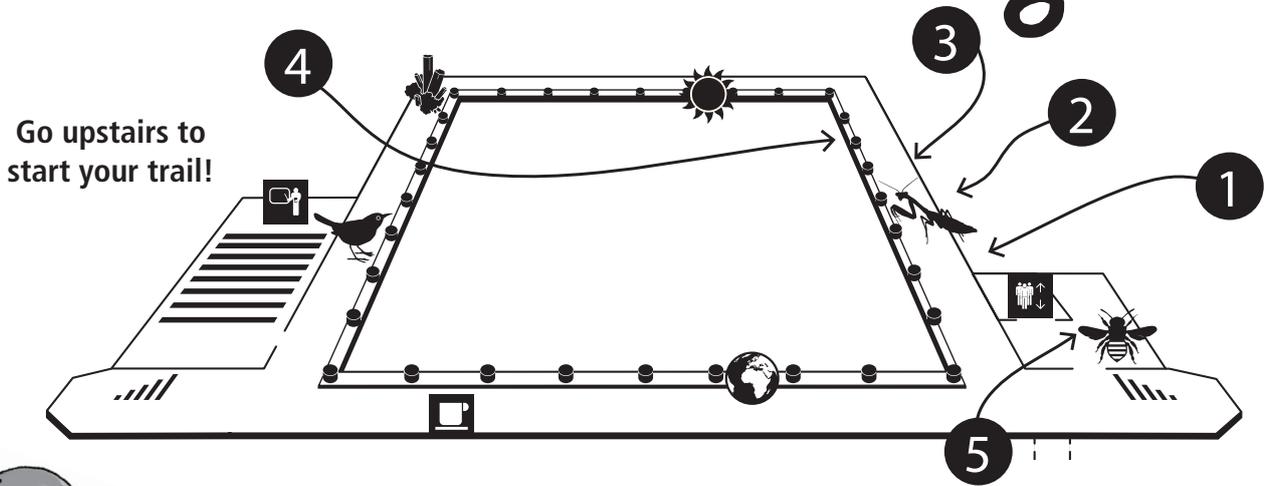


Brilliant Bugs



1 Atlas Moth

The Atlas Moth is the biggest moth in the world! When the moth flaps its wings it scares away other animals that might want to eat it because of its special markings.

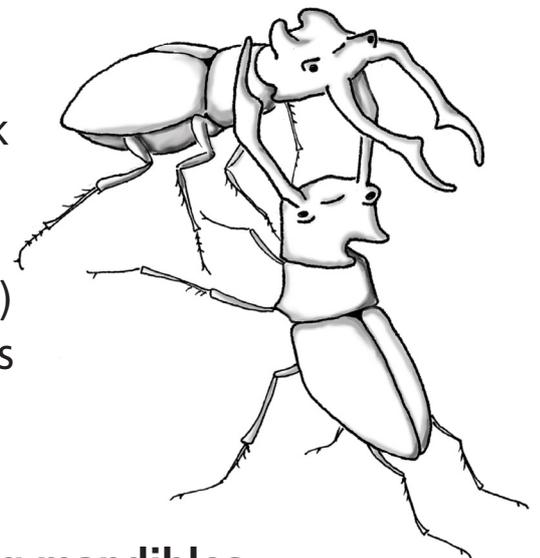
Look closely at the pattern along the edge of its wings. Which scaly slithering animal do you think it looks like?

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2 Stag Beetle

Stag beetles get their name because their jaws look like the antlers of male deer (called stags).

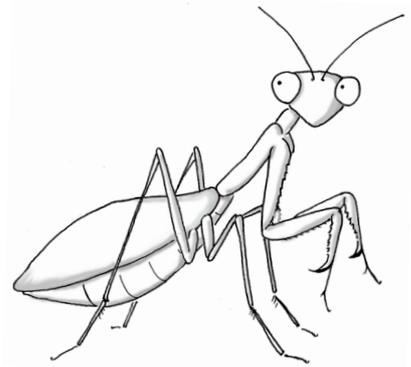
Male stag beetles use these jaws (called mandibles) to fight with other males. The winner of the battle is the male who can lift the other one off the ground using their mandibles.



See if you can find any other insects with big mandibles.

3 Praying Mantis

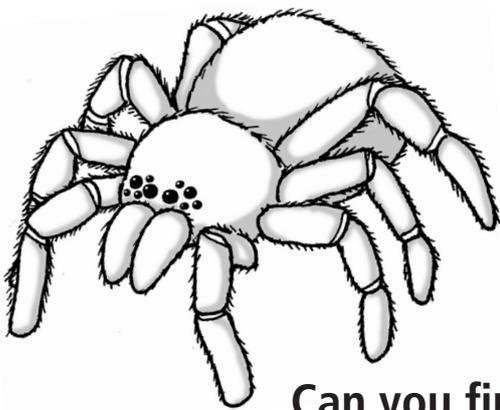
Although it looks friendly, the praying mantis is a dangerous killer. The biggest ones can catch and eat birds and frogs!



They surprise their prey by disguising themselves as leaves or twigs. When their prey is close enough, they jump out and catch them.

If you were catching food, what would you disguise yourself as?

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4 Tarantula

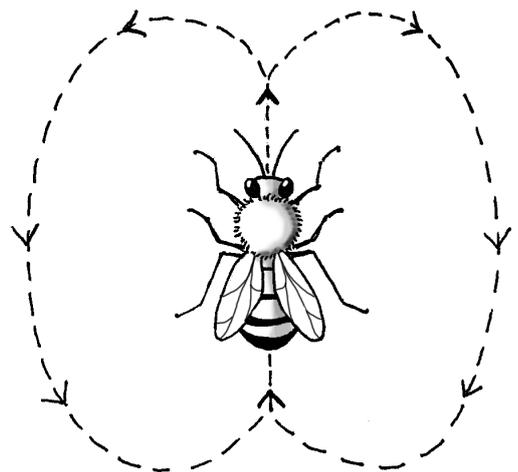
The Brazilian Salmon Pink Tarantula is the third biggest tarantula in the world. While their venom is only as poisonous as a sting from a bee, they can bite as hard as a cat!

Can you find the other live tarantula? Which species is it?

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5 Honeybee

Honeybees work together to collect nectar (a sugary liquid) from flowers which they use to make honey. When the bee visits a flower it also picks up pollen on its furry body which it carries to other flowers. Without help from the bees, plants wouldn't be able to make fruit.



Inside the hive, the bees tell each other where to find the best flowers. They do this by performing a special dance using their bottoms, the **waggle dance**, to show the direction of the flower and how far away it is.

Now it's your turn! Do a waggle dance to show the people you are with where you want to go next in the museum.