

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:	Draw what you find and describe 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, foam-like 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	- slender clump or tube of pine needles tied together with silk in coniferous forests	
Carpenter ants	- large, deep, oblong holes drilled in trees - holes were probably made by the pileated woodpecker that was looking for hibernating carpenter ants	
Stoneflies	- rocks and snow by stream edges in winter where stoneflies feed on algae	
Tent caterpillar eggs or web	- eggs are small, dark, shiny, rather foamy oval on twigs of black cherry or chokecherry trees - web in the same tree in the spring	
Empty insect skins	- 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	

