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内容概要

Most people first encounter insects as young children , with colorful creatures such as butterflies often being among the first wild animals they ever see.

Insects can be found in almost every kind of habitat on Earth , and occur in a spectacular array of forms.

They are the most numerous and diverse group of all animals.

Although many , such as mosquitoes , aphids , termites , and horse flies are harmful to mankind , others are beneficial.

These include pollinators like bees and butterflies , as well as vast numbers of species which prey on pests —examples range from ladybugs and lacewings to praying mantids and dragonflies.

So far , science has recorded around 360 , 000 species of beetle , 180 , 000 kinds of butterfly and moth , 120 , 000 flies , 110 , 000 bees , wasps , and ants , 82 , 000 true bugs , 20 , 000 grasshoppers , 5 , 000 dragonflies , 2 , 000 praying mantids , and many many others.

It is thought , however , that there may be more than ten times as many more.

Tragically , large numbers of insects across the world are being made extinct as the result of human activities such as rampant deforestation and widespread pollution.

For this reason , it is more important than ever for people to learn what they can about wildlife , and then to do anything possible to help preserve it.

This book sets out to present the many different types of insect one can expect to see around the world , from the delicate wonders of butterflies and moths , through various kinds of dragonflies , true flies , bees , wasps , and ants , as well as grasshoppers , bugs , beetles , antlions , mantids , phasmids , and termites.

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