



**Baltimore Woods  
Nature Center**  
*Nature in your hands*

# Insect Matching Game

Directions: Cut along the dotted lines to make the insect cards. Mix them up and without looking, place them face down in front of you. Flip a card over and then flip another one over. If they match, read about the insect's adaptation and set them aside. If the cards do not match, flip them back over and try again. Continue until all the cards have been matched. Note: an adaptation is a tool on an animal's body that it uses to survive in its habitat.

Honey Bee



Bees dance to tell each other where flower patches are

Hairs on the bee's body help collect pollen

Honey Bee



Bees have long tongues to reach nectar in flowers

Their yellow and black stripes warn predators not to eat them

Green Darner Dragonfly



Dragonflies eat their prey while still flying

They see in color and have a nearly 360 degree field of vision

Green Darner Dragonfly



Dragonflies start their life cycles in the water as nymphs.

Some species can fly up to 60 miles per hour!

Candy Striped Leafhopper



Leafhoppers escape predators by jumping.

They stick their mouthparts into plants and suck out sap

Candy Striped Leafhopper



After large meals, they emit a sweet, liquid waste that is eaten by other insects like wasps.

Mourning Cloak Butterfly



These butterflies hibernate over winter.

They prefer tree sap or the juices from rotting fruits.

Mourning Cloak Butterfly



Mourning cloak adults live for 10-11 months.

The caterpillar has a spiny black body with reddish dots on its back.

Slender Meadow Katydid



Katydids camouflage, or blend in, with the grasses they eat.

They are mainly active at night to avoid predators.

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Katydids make quiet, high-pitched clicks and trills by rubbing their wings together.

Fireflies



Fireflies light up their bodies at night through a chemical reaction.

Firefly larvae eat slugs, snails, and worms.

Fireflies



These beetles flash their lights in specific patterns to attract mates or to warn each other of danger.