



Factsheet: Adelaide bug list

This factsheet provides a list of common invertebrates that can be seen around Adelaide. It is organised by seasons because different invertebrate species are abundant at different times of the year.

SUMMER

- Giant Grey Wood Moth (*Endoxyla affinis*) (previously known as *Xyleutes lituratus*)
- Bristle Flies (*Rutelia spp.*)
- Red-eyed Cicada (*Psaltoda moerens*)
- Blue Ant (*Diamma bicolor*)
- Banded Bee (*Amegilla sp.*)
- Christmas Beetle (*Anoplognathus spp.*)
- Crusader Bug (*Mictis profana*)
- Tailed Emperor Butterfly (*Polyura pyrrhus sempronius*)
- Robber-fly (various species)
- Mud Wasp (*Sceliphron laetum*)

AUTUMN

- Case-making Caterpillar (*Clania ignobilis*)
- Vine Hawk Moth Caterpillar (*Hippotion celerio*)
- Inch Ant (*Myrmecia gulosa*)
- Tree Cricket (*Gryllacrididae spp.*)
- Mole Cricket (*Gryllotalpa sp.*)
- Processionary Caterpillars (various species)
- Giant Swift Moth (*Trictena argentata*)
- Dingy Swallowtail (*Papilio anactus*)
- Wanderer Butterfly (*Danaus plexippus plexippus*)
- Pittosporum Bug (*Pseudapines geminata*)

WINTER

- Gum Snout-nosed Moth Caterpillar (*Entometa fervens*)
- Cottony Cushion Scale (*Icerya purchase*)
- Saw Wasp Caterpillars (*Perga spp.*)
- Green Lacewings (*Chrysopa spp.*)
- Red-shouldered Phasmid (*Tropidoderus childreni*)
- Woolly Bear Caterpillar (*Spilosoma glatignyi*)
- Leaf-eating Beetle (*Paropsis spp.*)
- Granny Moth Caterpillar (*Dasypodia selenophora*)
- Looper Caterpillars (various species)
- Praying Mantids (various species)

SPRING

- Green Carab Beetle (*Calosoma schayeri*)
- Cup Moth Caterpillar (*Doratifera spp.*)
- Gum-leaf Skeletoniser (*Uraba lugens*)
- Gum Moth Caterpillar (*Antheraea helena*)
- Thrips (*Thripidae spp.*)
- Rat-tailed Maggot (*Eristalis tenax*)
- Honeybee Swarms (*Apis mellifera*)
- Tussock Moth Caterpillar (*Teia anartoides*)

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