

# List of U.S. state insects

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**State insects** are designated by 45 individual states of the fifty United States. Some states have more than one designated insect, or have multiple categories (e.g., state insect and state butterfly, etc.). More than half of the insects chosen are not native to North America, because of the inclusion of three European species (European honey bee, European mantis, and 7-spotted ladybug).






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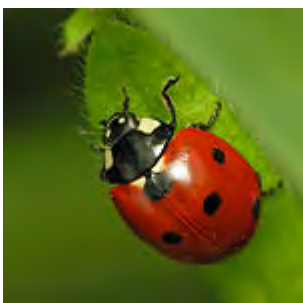


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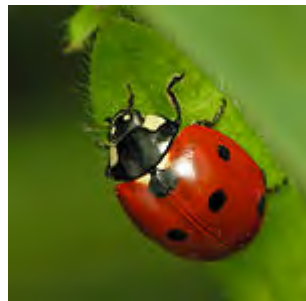

State	State insect	Binomial name	Image	Year
<b>Alabama</b>	Monarch butterfly	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>		1989 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Alaska</b>	Four-spotted skimmer dragonfly	<i>Libellula quadrimaculata</i>		
<b>Arizona</b>	Two-tailed swallowtail (state butterfly)	<i>Papilio multicaudata</i>		
<b>Arkansas</b>	European honey bee (state insect)	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		1973 <sup>[2]</sup>
	Diana fritillary butterfly (state butterfly)	<i>Speyeria diana</i>		2007 <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>California</b>	California dogface butterfly (state butterfly)	<i>Zerene eurydice</i>		1972
<b>Colorado</b>		<i>Hypaurotis crysalus</i>		1996

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	Colorado hairstreak butterfly			
<b>Connecticut</b>	European mantis	<i>Mantis religiosa</i>		
<b>Delaware</b>	7-spotted ladybug (state bug)	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>		1974 <sup>[3]</sup>
	Eastern tiger swallowtail (state butterfly)	<i>Papilio glaucus</i>		1999 <sup>[4]</sup>
<b>Georgia</b>	European honey bee (state insect)	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		1975 <sup>[5]</sup>
	Eastern tiger swallowtail	<i>Papilio glaucus</i>		1988 <sup>[6]</sup>








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	(state butterfly)			
<b>Florida</b>	Zebra longwing (state butterfly)	<i>Heliconius charitonius</i>		1996 <sup>[7]</sup>
<b>Hawaii</b>	Kamehameha butterfly	<i>Vanessa tameamea</i>		2009 <sup>[8]</sup>
<b>Idaho</b>	Monarch butterfly	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>		1992 <sup>[9]</sup>
<b>Illinois</b>	Monarch butterfly	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>		1975 <sup>[10]</sup>
<b>Kansas</b>	European honey bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		
<b>Kentucky</b>	Viceroy butterfly	<i>Limenitis archippus</i>		

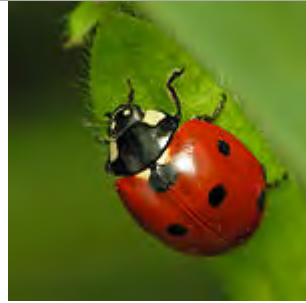




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<b>Louisiana</b>	European honey bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		
<b>Maine</b>	European honey bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		
<b>Maryland</b>	Baltimore checkerspot butterfly	<i>Euphydryas phaeton</i>		1973 [11]
<b>Massachusetts</b>	7-spotted ladybug	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>		
<b>Minnesota</b>	Monarch butterfly	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>		2000 [12]
<b>Mississippi</b>	European honey bee (state insect)	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		1980 [13]
	Spicebush swallowtail	<i>Papilio troilus</i>		1991 [13]


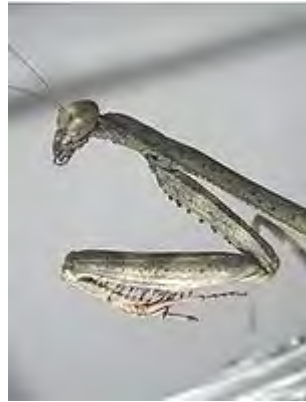











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	(state butterfly)			
<b>Missouri</b>	European honey bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		
<b>Montana</b>	Mourning cloak butterfly	<i>Nymphalis antiopa</i>		
<b>Nebraska</b>	European honey bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		
<b>New Hampshire</b>	7-spotted ladybug (state insect)	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>		1977 [14]
	Karner blue butterfly (state butterfly)	<i>Lycaeides melissa</i> (subspecies <i>samuelis</i> )		1992 [14]
<b>New Jersey</b>	European honey bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		









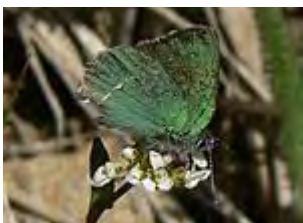
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	Tarantula hawk wasp (state insect)	<i>Pepsis grossa</i>		1989 [15]
<b>New Mexico</b>	Sandia hairstreak butterfly (state butterfly)	<i>Callophrys mcfarlandi</i>		2003 [16]
<b>New York</b>	9-spotted ladybug	<i>Coccinella novemnotata</i>		1989 [17]
	European honey bee (state insect)	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		1973 [18]
<b>North Carolina</b>	Eastern tiger swallowtail (state butterfly)	<i>Papilio glaucus</i>		2012 [19]
<b>North Dakota</b>	Convergent lady beetle (state insect)	<i>Hippodamia convergens</i>		2011 [20]

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<b>Ohio</b>	7-spotted ladybug	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>		1975
<b>Oklahoma</b>	European honey bee (state insect)	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		1992 [21]
	Black swallowtail butterfly (state butterfly)	<i>Papilio polyxenes</i>		1996 [21]
<b>Oregon</b>	Oregon swallowtail butterfly	<i>Papilio oregonius</i>		
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Pennsylvania firefly (state insect)	<i>Photuris pennsylvanica</i>		1974 [22]
<b>Rhode Island</b>	American burying beetle	<i>Nicrophorus americanus</i>		2015 [23]

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<b>South Carolina</b>	Carolina mantis (state insect)	<i>Stagmomantis carolina</i>		1988 [24]
	Eastern tiger swallowtail (state butterfly)	<i>Papilio glaucus</i>		1994 [25]
<b>South Dakota</b>	European honey bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		1978 [26]
<b>Tennessee</b>	Common eastern firefly (state insect)	<i>Photinus pyralis</i>		1975 [27]

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	7-spotted ladybug (state insect)	<i>Coccinella septempunctata</i>		1975 [27]
	European honey bee (state agricultural insect)	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		1990 [27]
	Zebra swallowtail butterfly (state butterfly)	<i>Eurytides marcellus</i>		1995 [27]
<b>Texas</b>	Monarch butterfly	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>		1995 [28]
<b>Utah</b>	European honey bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		1983 [29]
<b>Vermont</b>	European honey bee (state insect)	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		1978 [30]
	Monarch butterfly	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>		1987 [31]



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	(state butterfly)			
<b>Virginia</b>	Eastern tiger swallowtail	<i>Papilio glaucus</i>		
<b>Washington</b>	Green darner dragonfly	<i>Anax junius</i>		1997 [32]
<b>West Virginia</b>	European honey bee (state insect)	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		2002 [33]
	Monarch butterfly (state butterfly)	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>		1995 [34]
<b>Wisconsin</b>	European honey bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>		1977 [35]
<b>Wyoming</b>	Sheridan's green hairstreak	<i>Callophrys sheridanii</i>		2009 [36]

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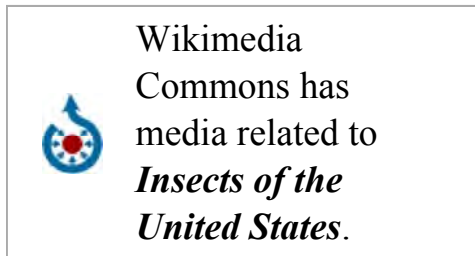
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