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happy ant on
his adventures
exploring the world.



WELCOME



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Welcome to issue 6
of PCN Junior, a
magazine brought to
you by the creators of
Pest Control News.

This issue of PCN Junior is all about the garden ant. Dive into the season with exciting activities and delicious baking recipes. Get your hands on this new edition of PCN and enjoy!

SPRING WORD SEARCH

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CRAWL
GARDEN ANT
EGG

QUEEN
LASIUS NIGER
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SPECIES

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INSECT

Words can be forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonal.

Strawberry Patch Cupcakes Recipe



*These adorable **strawberry patch cupcakes** are ideal for spring! They feature a chocolate base, creamy buttercream, crumbly cookie "dirt," and a sweet strawberry on top.*

Recipe makes six cupcakes'

What You Will Need:

Cupcake Tray
Mixing Spoon
Piping Bag
Grater
Bowl
Cupcake Cases x6

For the Cupcakes

75g Self Raising Flour
25g Coco Powder
100g Caster Sugar
2 Medium Eggs
100g Margarine

For the Buttercream

75g Icing Sugar
25g Coco Powder
100g Margarine

For the Decorations

3 Bourbon Biscuits
6 Strawberries





Now here is the Method:



1. Pre-heat the oven by turning on and setting the temperature to gas mark 4 or 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Prepare your cupcake tin by lining with paper cupcake cases.
3. Into one bowl weigh out all the cupcake ingredients, then add the two eggs.
4. Mix thoroughly to make sure all the flour and other ingredients have been combined.
5. Once combined, split the mixture evenly into 6 cupcake cases that you already have in your cupcake tin.
6. Ensuring that the oven has been preheated for at least 15 minutes, place your cupcakes in the oven (on the middle shelf). They will need checking after 25 minutes.
7. While these are baking you can begin to prepare the other elements of the cupcakes starting with the butter icing.
8. Add the margarine, coco and icing sugar to a bowl and combine. Do this slowly and carefully so you do not make a mess and icing easily goes everywhere.
9. Once combined, transfer to an icing bag and place in the fridge until required.
10. Take the bourbon biscuits and break them up, you can grate them or bash them with a rolling pin.
11. Remove the buns from the oven once they have been baking for 25 minutes. Leave them to cool for a further 25 minutes.
12. Once cooled they can be built. Starting with the butter icing, pipe from the outer edges and work in and up.
13. Then sprinkle with the bourbon biscuit soil.
14. Top with a washed strawberry.



Gino

the happy ant




Gino the happy ant was always excited to explore the world beyond his ant colony. He wanted to meet the other bugs and creatures the world had to offer and learn about them. Today he decided to take a walk and find out for himself.

He started out walking happily and singing to himself. He was surprised when he ran into a grasshopper soon after. The grasshopper was a bit taken aback by Gino's cheerfulness, but after Gino introduced himself, the grasshopper smiled and asked Gino why he was so happy.

Gino then started to explain his love of exploration and adventure, and the curiosity to learn more about the world and the different bugs and creatures that inhabit it. The grasshopper was so excited he then invited Gino on his journey, and Gino happily accepted.





The two bugs chatted for hours as they explored. Gino even sang a song about their journey that made the grasshopper laugh. As their journey continued, Gino was happy to find other bugs who were just as curious and excited about the world beyond their homes.

Gino and the grasshopper made friends with butterflies and beetles, spiders and bees, and salamanders. Gino was excited to learn more about all the bugs they encountered that day and through it all he stayed happy and cheerful.

At the end of the day, Gino thanked the grasshopper for inviting him along and sharing wonderful memories that he would never forget. Gino returned to his colony, happy to tell the other ants about all his new friends.

FUNFACTS

Garden Ant (*Lasius niger*)

We all know that ants can carry multiples of their own body weight, more precisely up to 40 times. If you transfer that to a human weighing about 75 kg, one should theoretically be able to carry 3 tons. Never! But if you convert the human to ant size, you conclude that the human is 9 times stronger than an ant. This has to do with the fact that the body height or weight changes much more than the muscle diameter which is relevant for strength.



The life span (of a female worker) is about **1-2 weeks**.

Worker garden ants (not the queen) are approximately **3.5-5mm in length**.



A larger garden ant colony can consist of around **10,000 ants**.



A garden ant colony only has **one egg-laying queen**.



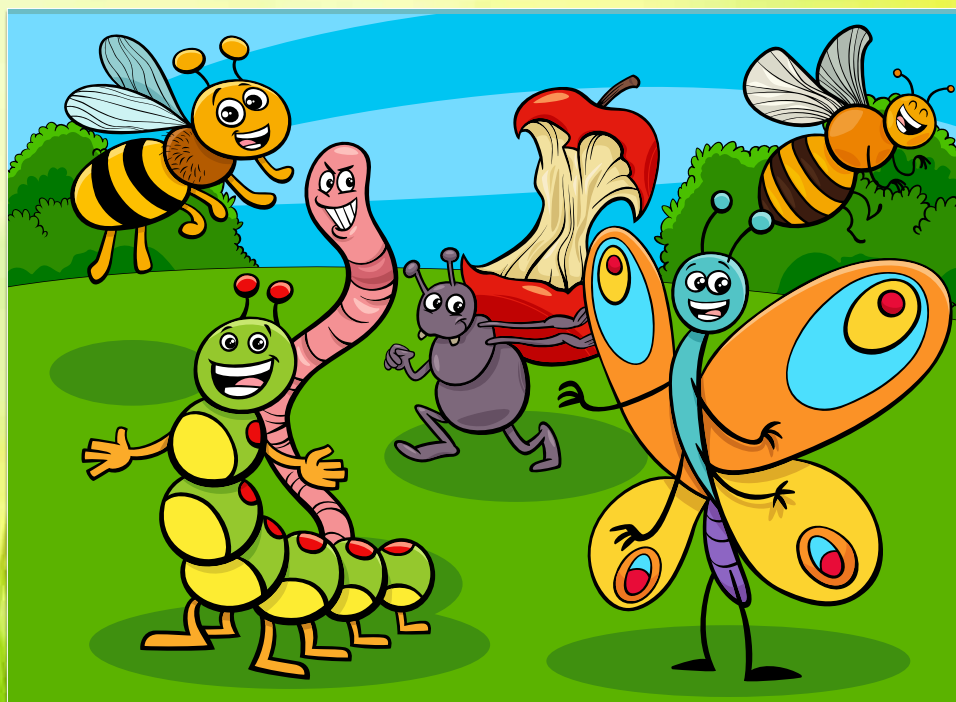
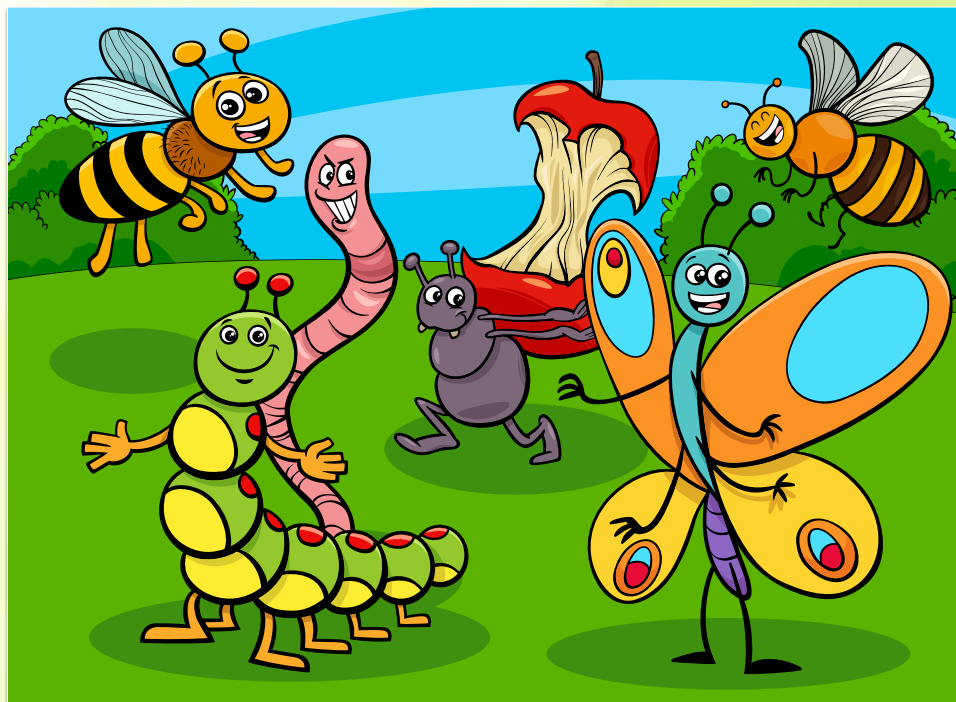
These ants can commonly be found under rocks, paving stones etc.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



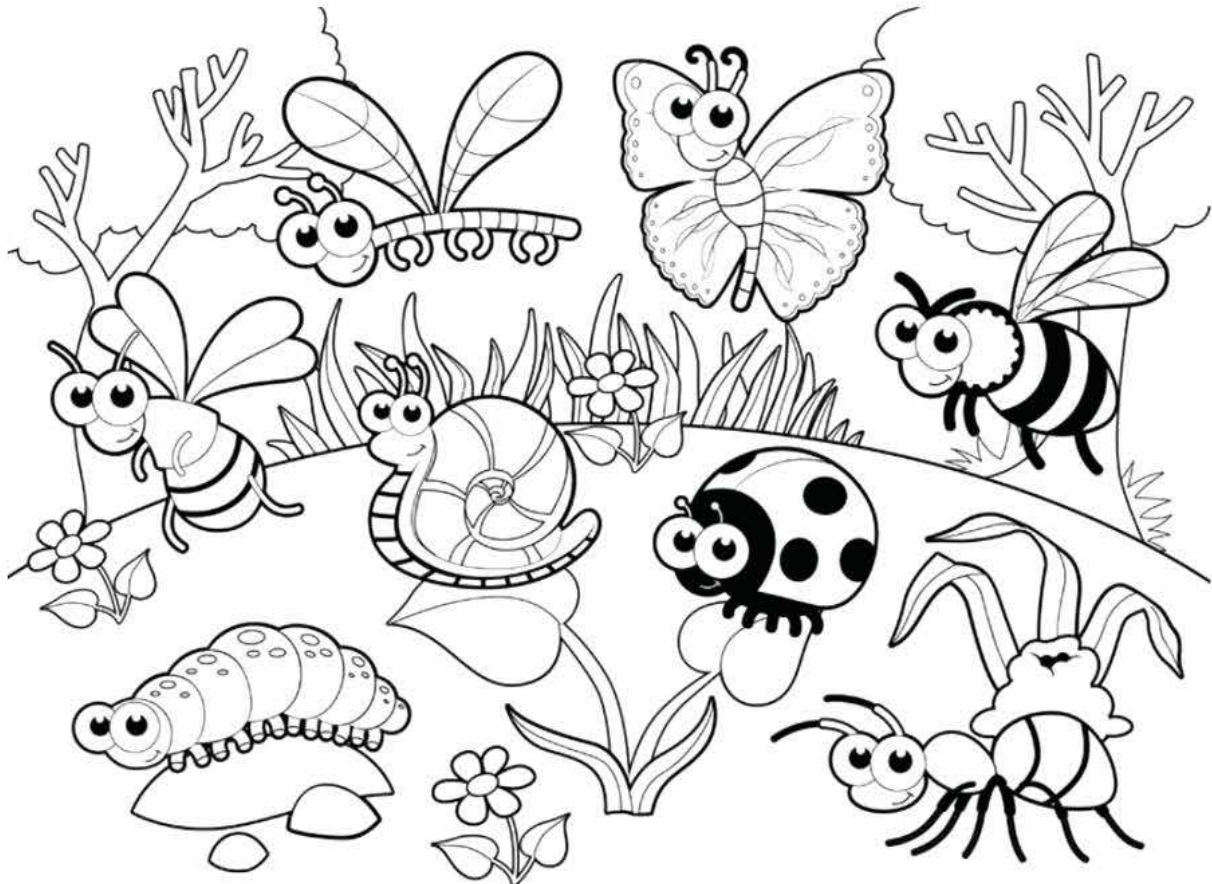
Can you spot the 7 differences in these fun bugs?



They're all there, just keep looking!



Colour in Gina & his freinds



Make them really colourful!

Re-use & Recycle

Grow your own cress!

What you will need: Toilet paper tube, soil, cress seeds.

1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



1. Take a toilet tube.
2. Push in the sides to close the base on one end.
3. Fill with soil.
4. Add the seeds.
5. Water the soil.
6. Wait for it to grow.

To win this ant plush toy, draw your best garden ant in the box below and send it to editor@pestcontrolnews.com

