

# Going Buggy!

Who are your closest neighbours? Probably a zillion different bugs. Get to know them!

## Bee Waterer

Bees are in danger all over the world. Here's a way to help. These busy bugs work hard collecting nectar! They need safe and clean water, just like you.

#### You'll Need

- shallow dish or pie plate
- clear marbles or pebbles
- water
- 1. Place the marbles in the dish. Fill with water to just below the top of the marbles.
- If you have them handy, add a few rose petals to 2. the water. Bees seem to prefer scented water.
- Place dish in a sunny location. 3.

Bees will be able to light on the marbles and safely sip from the "fountain." Don't overfill or the bees could drown. And don't forget to change out the water regularly so it stays clean.



And don't worry! Most bees are solitary and do not sting. You won't be attracting any unwanted visitors.

# The Best-Ever Bug Viewer!

You probably don't want to catch any bees, but other insects, like butterflies or beetles, are fun to observe up close. Try this supereasy bug catcher to take a closer look.

### You'll Need

- clear plastic cup
- hand lens
- tape
- Have an adult help you cut off the bottom of the clear plastic cup.
- Tape it to the hand lens. 2. Voila! You have an instant magnifying bug viewer.



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Monarch butterflies migrate huge distances every year. When they arrive in Canada, they lay their eggs only on the leaves of milkweed plants. You can help the monarch butterfly by planting milkweed in a sunny spot near your home. It's a pretty plant when it blooms, and the pods produce lovely silky fluff you can use for craft projects in the fall.

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Remember to release your catch after you have finished observing it. Just remove the cup and let it go.

## Marvellous Monarchs