

IDENTIFY GARDEN PESTS

One thing you can be sure of, your garden will have bugs in it, and not all bugs are bad.

Even the bad ones in small numbers are okay, but we just need to keep abreast of the situation, and be ready to act if we need to.

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EARN THIS NUGGET

Complete your research, your garden inspection and action plan to the satisfaction of your parents. Stay vigilant for the next month, doing a weekly inspection (this inspection should continue throughout the growing season, but for Nugget earning, we'll call it complete in four weeks).

LEVEL I

PERIOD 3

TASK 1

Your region will have its own specific pests that will put your garden at risk, so you are going to have to do some research yourself on this one. Check the Internet, the library, or even talking to a member of a local garden club or one of the experts at your local garden store. Another thing to consider is that not all pests are small and ugly. Deer, for instance, can chomp their way through your garden faster than anything else.

So here is how we are going to tackle it:

1. Identify possible pests that may attack your garden.
2. Research not only the pests, but also the evidence that they may leave behind.
3. Inspect your garden for evidences, or the very presence of the little pests.
4. If you identify a problem, discuss with your parents an action plan to neutralize the situation.
5. Stay alert throughout the spring and summer as pests have seasons too.

