

N.C. State Parks Junior Ranger Program

MEET THE BEETLES

2021 is N.C. State Park's Year of the Beetle and beetle mania is sweeping across the state! Beetles can be found in any park or your backyard. Join us in celebrating our beetles by participating in the Beetle Scavenger Hunt.

Beetles help us with many things including: Providing pest insect control, they are decomposers, prey for other animals and they are also pollinators. Many times, you may have to really "hunt" to find the beetles! They can be found in flowers, on top or beneath green leaves, on tree bark, on the ground, or under logs and rocks. But be careful, venomous snakes spend time in some of those same spaces.

Be sure not to disturb the wildlife and put bugs, rocks, and logs back where you find them.



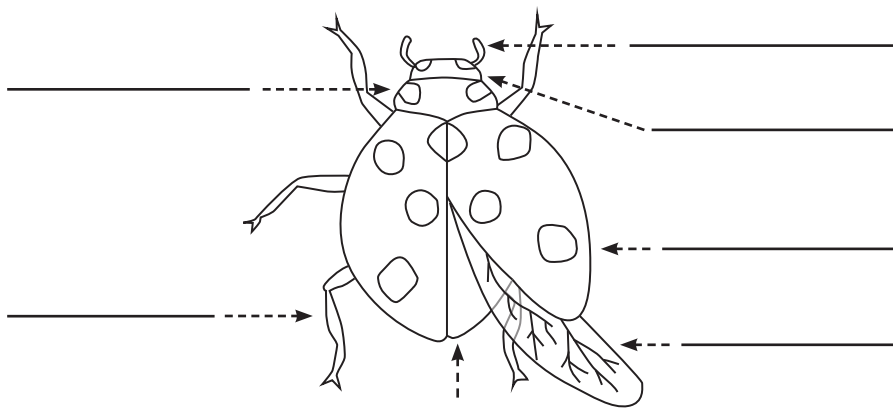
Find at least 3 of the beetles listed below!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Beetle | <input type="checkbox"/> Lady Beetle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firefly | <input type="checkbox"/> A Red Beetle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Click Beetle | <input type="checkbox"/> A Black Beetle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dung Beetle | <input type="checkbox"/> A Green Beetle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June Beetle | <input type="checkbox"/> A Brown Beetle |



Using the word bank, label the different parts of a lady bug:

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| Head | Thorax | Abdomen | Antenna |
| Leg | Eye | Wing | Elytra (Wing Cover) |



Acorns cached on this activity: _____

