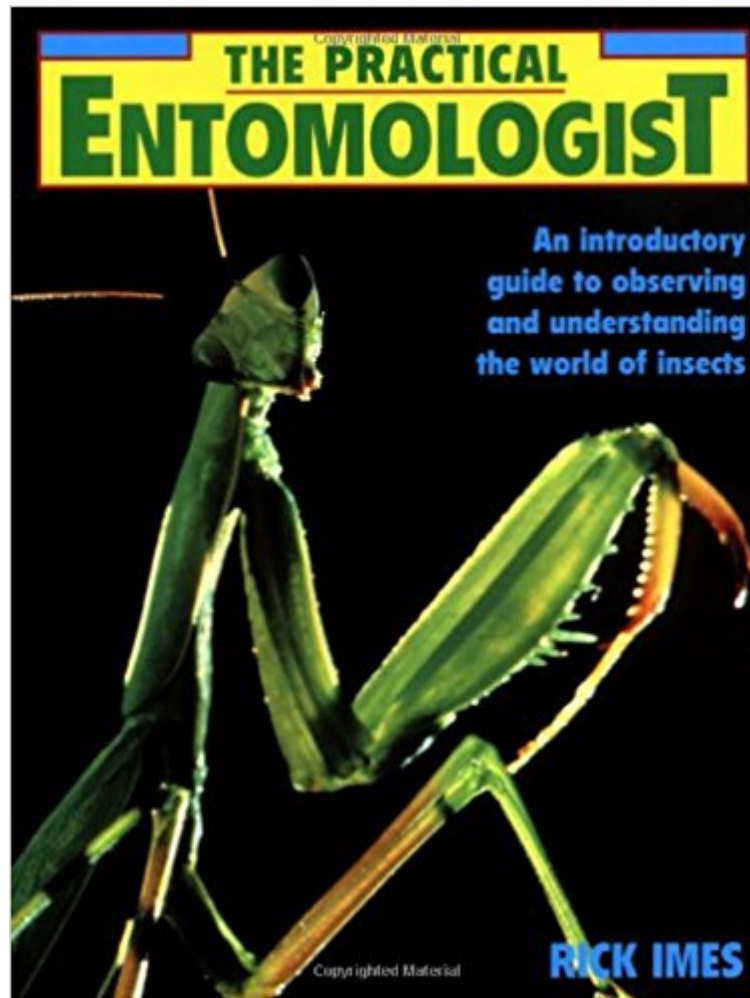




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# Practical Entomologist



## Synopsis

From exploring the basic principles of entomology to starting a collection, *The Practical Entomologist* is the perfect introduction to the world of insects. Beginning with the basics, the text describes what characterizes an insect, including anatomy and the life cycle. It takes an order-by-order look at insects, explaining how each group differs from another and why certain types of insects have been classified together. The book shows you not only what to look for but how and where to look for it -- from capturing and keeping live insects to ways of making a collection and taking photographs. Tips on keeping a field notebook are also included. Packed with more than 200 full-color illustrations, this comprehensive guide is a valuable reference tool for nature enthusiasts.

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For beginners who wish to be serious hobbyists, these two latest entries in Fireside's "Practical" series (see Rick Imes's *The Practical Botanist* and Steve Parker's *The Practical Paleontologist*, LJ 6/15/91) can also help high school and college students understand basic tenets of geology and biology. Each book offers an overview of the main principles of its field. *The Practical Geologist* describes the history of the solar system, planetary development, and plate tectonics. *The Practical Entomologist* looks at anatomy and taxonomy. Each book describes proper fieldwork procedures, explains how to employ collecting tools and techniques, cautions readers about preserving rare specimens, and offers tips on keeping notes and mounting accurately documented collections.

Major portions of each book are devoted to descriptions of particular specimens: insect families and species for entomology. The Practical Geologist contains an exhaustive explanation of how to draw geologic maps of rock layers by tracing outcrops. The Practical Entomologist lists organizations and biological supply companies that sell collecting gear and insects for study. Libraries will find these volumes an effective complement to field guides, especially for readers interested in learning how to get started building a serious geological or insect collection.-- Laurie Tynan, Montgomery Cty.Norristown P.L., Pa.Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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This is a great introductory book to entomology as well as some of the major orders of insects. I've lent it to many people so far, all of whom have seemed to enjoy it. It has scientific terms but relays it in what I gauged as an easy-to-understand fashion. It also has interesting activities for younger, aspiring entomologists, or just for the curious. There is also great information on starting your own insect collection including collecting, preserving, and pinning, as well as building your own equipment. I have more advanced books, but this thinner book I reference often enough, especially for my collection. A great book for anyone's entomology library.

This book has great information anyone can appreciate-everything you need to know about bugs. A great value for beginning entomologists.

Beautifully written and illustrated. Anyone interested in insects will love it!

My goal in buying this book was to learn how to generally identify different kinds of bugs. The pictures aren't clear, pre-point & shoot digital. I don't collect bugs so I don't know if the suggestions for collecting are spot on or not. A book that I bought later, Field Guide to Insects of North America, by Eric R. Eaton & Kenn Kaufman, has worked well for me. As I live in New England, Mary Holland's book, Naturally Curious, is amazing. She lists month by month what's happening outside and bugs are included. Her photography is incredible. She also has diagrams. If she uses scientific words, she explains their meaning in context rather than a glossary at the end. Using both of these books has helped me begin to understand entomology.

Amazing book, extremely informative! I bought this for a class and was amazed at how well-organized and easy to read it was. Great basic information of insect classification.

A while back, I found the corpse of an insect and wondered what it might have been, which led me to noticing bugs more than ever before. My curiosity also made me totally unafraid of them. Unfortunately, I knew nothing whatsoever about them. This book is exactly what I wanted. It talks to me like an intelligent adult and lays out the information in a way appropriate for a beginner. The pictures are also good to show what the text is saying.

Great comprehensive resource!

It got here on time which was cool, and it has a lot of pictures. Explains things pretty well. I am a beginner but I would like maybe a little more in depth, but still a great beginning book.

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