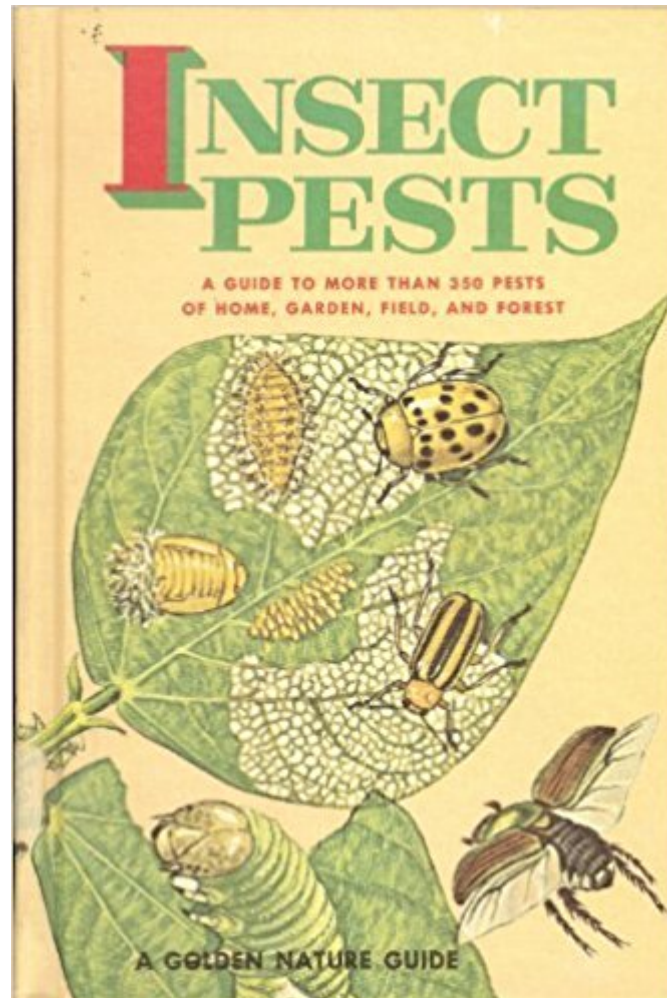




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Synopsis

Describes and illustrates the most common and damaging pests of home, garden, field, and forest.

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This is not a comprehensive listing of all insect pests, but I could find those that I have. It's not too short and not too long. It also suggests both chemical and non-chemical treatments if indicated, e.g. suggests crop rotation as a way to prevent one problem. The book has very good color drawings, so I was able to identify my problem insects.

Saw this book at a friends and was so impressed with all the information, I just had to have one for myself. It's great!

The little Golden Guides were a great way to learn about many aspects of natural history when I was a boy, and I continued to find them useful as I got older. I loved these little guides and would pore over them literally for hours in grade school and junior high, trying to absorb everything in them. Edited by the great Herbert S. Zim, Ph.D., who wrote 90 books during his long career and was the editor of about 90 more, he performed a tremendous service for young people in initiating, writing, and editing the Golden Guide series. The more specialized insect guides that came out later after the more general *The Insects* I thought were especially good, and upped the level of technical detail, such as this one and *Spiders and Their Kin* (i.e. ticks and mites). The *Butterflies and Moths*

guide was also good. The guides often used artist drawings and paintings rather than photographs, but I didn't mind that as the artwork was excellent. This book discusses how to identify your pests as well as treatments and remedies. Later guides further enlarged the scope of the series. After the initial success of the first volumes such as Birds, Mammals, The Seashore, Rocks and Minerals, Trees, and Flowers, came Landforms (on structural geology), and after Botany came Pond Life and Non-Flowering Plants. Other guides got into hobbyist areas such as Fishing, Guns, and Photography, and specialized biology/physiology topics such as the guide on The Heart. The chairman of the physics at San Francisco State University, Dr. Clarence Rainwater, where I went to school, wrote the guide on Light and Color, which got into physics and optics. One time I wrote Vera Webster, who was the supervising editor for many years and she said hold onto the books as many are out of print and might be collectible. Overall a great little book and a great series of books which introduced millions of young people as well as adults to many aspects of our natural world.

This is a great little book in the now legendary Golden Nature Guide series. It also covers other joint-legged pests, like spiders, ticks, and mites, not just insects. This book and others in the series are written in a very understandable language. Although it does not cover all insect pests, nor would that be feasible, it does do justice to the topic by covering the most prevalent. This book is not just well-written and informative, but also esthetically of merit. I recommend this book highly, and all others of the Golden Nature Guides. I grew up with these books, and in fact, this last time I bought this particular book, it was as a replacement for an older copy. By the way, if you have young children, this book can be inspirational to them...and maybe even to you!

I have kept a copy of this book for years and would recommend it widely as an inexpensive but useful field guide for gardeners, Master Gardeners and anyone with an interest in pest identification. The problem is that it is out of print. If you find a copy in a used bookstore, buy it. Being last revised in 1966, it is a little out of date (with all the new pests we've imported in recent years), but still a useful introduction to the commonest pests.

Great identification reference book for garden pests. Match the bugs you find with the picture and find if they are beneficial bugs.

I love these books! The botanical illustrations are far superior to muddy photos, and they show all the details including the habitat. Well-organized, too. Vintage and adorable, even when it's about

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