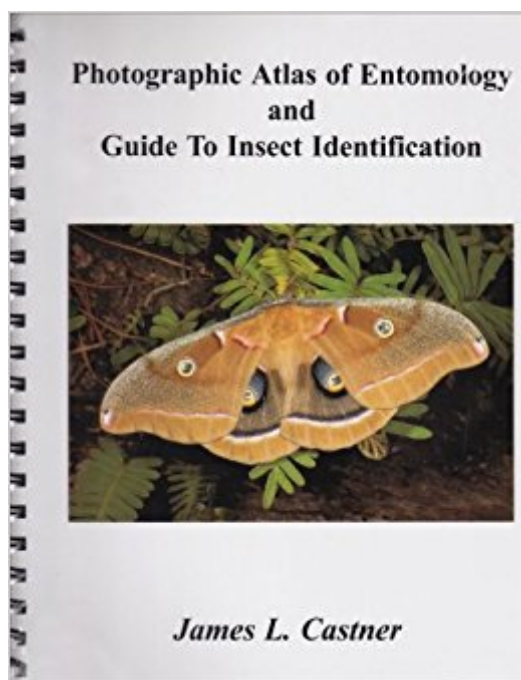


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# Photographic Atlas Of Entomology & Guide To Insect Identification



## Synopsis

Aimed at students of general entomology and insect taxonomy, this atlas and guide illustrates the structural characteristics and anatomical features of the major insect families and arthropod groups discussed in entomology courses. In addition to photographic coverage of approximately 190 arthropod taxa, explanations and illustrations of external anatomy and insect development are also provided. Dichotomous keys to the family level are also included for the major orders, as well as a glossary of specialized terms.

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Although photo atlases in other fields of the life sciences have long been available to aid students in their studies, there has never been one for entomology. One reason for this is the great number of photos necessary for such a book to be of any value. Fortunately for students, Dr. Castner has spent the past 25 years photographing insects with his work appearing in everything from National Geographic to Ranger Rick. Dr. Castner's experience in teaching and working with students has allowed him to produce a work that exactly addresses their needs. His Photographic Atlas of Entomology is simple, thorough, user-friendly, and very reasonably priced. It should be a great help to any entomology student, as well as to the professors teaching entomology courses.

I can't tell you how many times I have seen students sitting in the hallway outside the entomology lab, frantically trying to study in the last few minutes before a quiz or lab practical. These and other students deserve something better than a bunch of pages of hastily scrawled notes from which to study. The purpose of this photo atlas is NOT to take the place of students examining actual

specimens in a collection. The purpose is to make it easier for them to study such specimens, and to review these studies in a more meaningful way outside the lab by having photographs of representative insects to guide them. I have set what I feel is a low price (\$35) on this book in order to make it affordable to all students. However, with 670 color images included, printing costs were high. I will listen to feedback from both students and professors, and will try to incorporate changes that will improve this text in future additions. It is my sincere hope that both students and teachers will find this book helpful with the result that entomology becomes more fun.

Going for my masters in entomology... LOVE this book! I hope he makes more.. I will buy them. This book will help any person young or old find out what they are looking at. Homeschoolers take note!! No specific grade level needed for this book. Close ups of details to help identify, options you may see and all the pictures are so clear and helpful Much easier than running through the identification keys.

I use this book to teach high school and middle school students 30 Orders and 100 Families of insects for Science Olympiad competitions. These teams have won national and multiple state gold medals using this book as a guide. This book in total contains 31 insects Orders and 178 Families. Its best qualities are that it is simple and very easy to use. It is best used as a quick reference to numerous families of insects and is also great for teaching people who are new to insect taxonomy. It lacks the depth, discussion, and sketches that most field guides contain but this helps it be easier to use. The photographs are exceptional and do a wonderful job depicting the necessary characteristics for identification. Several of the beginning pages also discuss anatomy and metamorphosis embellished by pertinent pictures. Overall I would recommend this book to anyone looking for an introduction to the Orders and Families of the insect world.

Magnificent! Printed on VERY HEAVY stock and opens nice and flat. Images are superb quality.

I got a really good deal on this used. The pictures are really clear, and mostly informative. I used it for an entomology class at my university.

I bought this book as a cheaper alternative to Borror DeLong's Introduction to the Study of Insects for a general entomology class. This book goes above and beyond what is needed to classify insects and other arthropods down to the family level, with pictures that do an excellent job

demonstrating key characteristics without being too technical or verbose. This book is less than 1/3 of the price of the other encyclopedias I looked at, and does a better job explaining than any others I've seen. Also, it is not heavy at all and relatively water-proof, making it great to bring on field studies.

A really nice guide, it's easy to use and very helpful for mastering insect identification. However, some of the categories are a bit dated (like "homoptera" and "phasmotadea") so keep that in mind if you purchase it.

This book has excellent photographs of insects and the various stages of their life cycle. Great anatomy and an easy to follow Table of Contents. It also lays flat when opened because of the ring binder. Kids love the photos of the really exotic to the ugly, scary ones. It encourages young readers to try and identify insects they have seen or caught and learn anatomy, metamorphosis and other life stages.

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