**ANTS**

You can tell an Ant is an insect because it has a body with three sections, head, thorax and abdomen, and 6 legs -- three on each side.

Ants live in groups called a Colony ( similar to bees). Some colonies have up to 100,000 ants living together.

Ants have been around since the time of the Dinosaurs!

Ants are everywhere in the world except the Arctic and Antarctica where it is all ice and too cold.

Ants can lift 5000 times their body weight! You might see an ant carrying a very large leaf or some crumbs or a piece of food and wonder how they can carry it! They are incredible strong and powerful -- It would be like a man picking up a car!

Ants have a QUEEN ant (again, similar to Queen Bees). The Queen is the largest ant and she has wings. Her job is to lay eggs and make more ants (again, similar to BEES).

Ants can live underground, or in a mound of dirt above ground, or on plants or trees or in rotten wood.

Ants are either red or black. Larger ants have powerful jaws and are known to bite you if you bother them.

Ants, like other insects, hibernate throughout the cold winter and will appear again as the weather warms up in the spring.