



MASTER GARDENER
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

CMG GardenNotes #318

Homework: Entomology

Answer the following questions.

1. How do you know if a creature in your garden is an insect?
2. What makes an insect "beneficial"?
3. Why can aphid populations increase so rapidly?
4. It is July. You have correctly diagnosed a large spider mite infestation on a customer's raspberry plants. What is the most important management strategy you can recommend to the customer?
5. Why do gardeners often report that ladybugs "disappear" shortly after releasing them in the garden?
6. List three gardening practices that can improve habitat for native pollinators in personal gardens.
7. Why is fall garden cleanup valuable to insect pest management? How would you advise a customer who would like to leave the leaves to protect overwintering insects/pollinators?"
8. While volunteering as a Master Gardener, someone asks you about their two-year old crabapple tree. There are "a lot" of holes in the leaves and they want to know what could be chewing on them. The client cannot find any insects. How will you answer this question?