

Tātaka
Beetle



E hia ona waewae?

How many legs does it have?

Pōpokoriki
Ant



Pī
Bee

Weri Peketua
Centipede



Pūngāwerewere
Spider

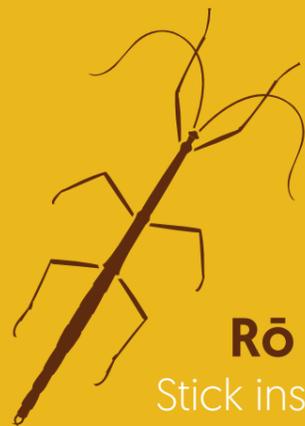
What is this bug?

He aha tēnei pepeke?

Pepe Pūrerehua
Moth/Butterfly



Wētā



Rō
Stick insect

Kapokapowai
Dragonfly



He aha te tae?

What colour is it?



Mokamoka
Caterpillar

Kauwhitiwhiti
Grasshopper



Ngata
Snail



Te aitanga pepeke

‘Te aitanga pepeke’ [the insect world] is the Māori phrase for insects and other creatures that have similar features: four or more legs, appear to sit in a crouching position, and some can leap or jump. The pūngāwerewere [spider], pepe pūrerehua [butterfly/moth], uruururoa kapokapowai [dragonfly], rō [stick insect], and wētā all belong to this group.

They and other species such as the ngata [snail] and pī [bee], commonly found in New Zealand, each play a vital role in maintaining our healthy ecosystems.

You can help identify insects found in your backyard by using the free interactive tool ‘What Is This Bug’ –

visit: landcareresearch.co.nz/what-is-this-bug

I aha ia?

What did it do?



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