

Conservation

Fun Outdoors!

Learn about gardening by creating one! Gardening provides fresh foods, flowers and herbs. Ask a local gardener for advice about what grows well in your area. If you do not have space for a larger garden, consider planting a small container garden. You'll be able to watch your plants grow, cut your own flowers, and perhaps eat your own vegetables!

Hunting Tip

Don't wait until the last minute, right before hunting season! Now is a great time to knock out Oklahoma's free online Hunter Education course in case you need the certification in the next few months! Go to wildlifedepartment.com/education/hunter-ed. To become certified, students must be at least 10 years old and pass the test.

Fishing Tip

Earthworms can be an unbeatable choice for fishing bait. It's easy to gather your own worms if you plan ahead, according to Uncle Jim's Worm Farm online. Worms are most active when conditions are wet and dark. Use a rainstorm to your advantage and look for worms at ground level during or after rain by using a flashlight after it gets dark. Or place a wet sheet of flat cardboard over the ground overnight, then look under the cardboard in the morning and hopefully you'll harvest a good crop of earthworms.

for Kids!

Word Search: Oklahoma Arthropods

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Find and circle these arthropods that you might see in Oklahoma.

Black Widow
Crayfish
Katydid
Swallowtail

Bumble Bee
Hellgrammite
Millipede
Wasp

Carpenter Ant
June Beetle
Monarch
Yellowjacket

COOL FACTS About Scorpions:

- More than 1,200 species of scorpions have been identified worldwide.
- They are found on every continent except Antarctica.
- About five scorpion species are found in Oklahoma, most commonly about 2 inches long.
- Scorpion fossils from the Silurian Period predate dinosaurs by about 200 million years.
- They are classed as arachnids and are related to the ticks and spiders.
- Scorpions range from one-third of an inch to more than 9 inches long.
- Some can live up to 25 years and survive without food for up to a year.
- Scorpions prey on insects, particularly grasshoppers, crickets, termites, beetles and wasps.
- They can whip their tail to use the stinger at its tip for defense.
- Only 1 percent of scorpion species has venom that can be fatal to people.
- Scorpion females give live birth and carry the young on their back for a time.



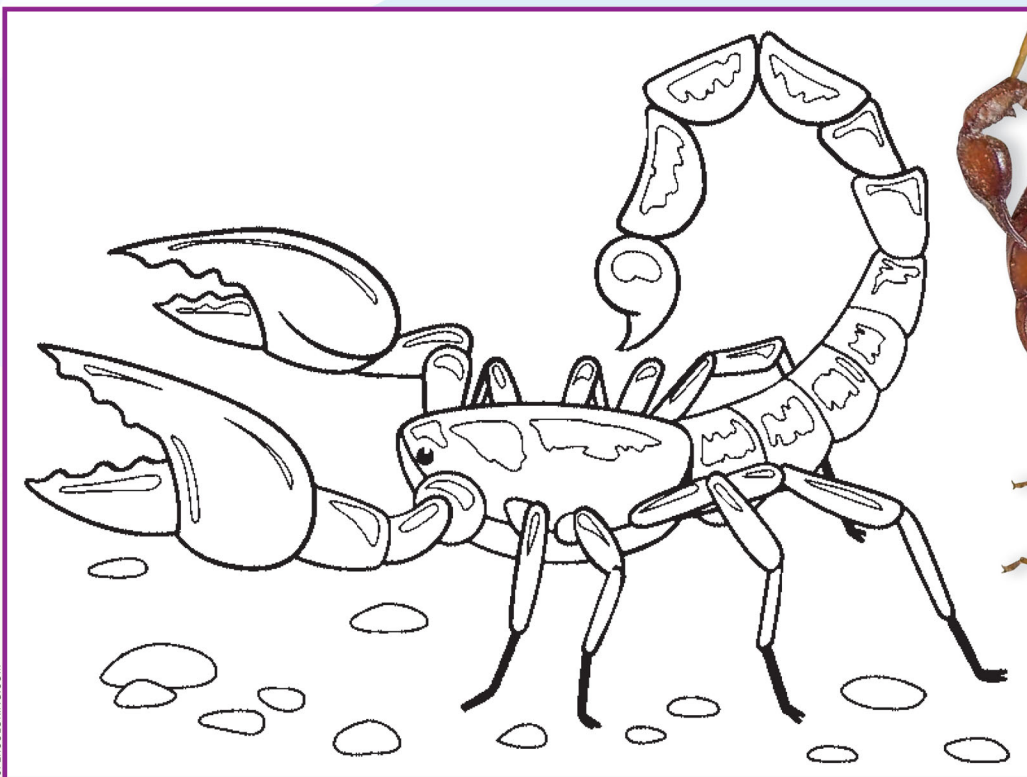
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