

# DESERT

# BUG GUIDE

Ocotillo Wells SVRA



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**Infernal Blister Beetle**  
*Lytta stygica*

Seen during the spring on wildflowers.



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**Ornate Checkered Beetle**  
*Trichodes ornatus*

Seen during the spring on wildflowers.



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**Red-eared Blister Beetle**  
*Lytta auriculata*

Seen during the spring on wildflowers.



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**Master Blister Beetle**  
*Lytta magister*

Seen during the spring on wildflowers.



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**Seven-spotted Lady Beetle**  
*Coccinella septempunctata*

Seen year-round on all aphid-infested plants.



**Darkling Beetle**  
*Eleodes sp.*

Seen year-round wandering the desert floor.



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**"Fuzzy Cannonball"**  
*Edrotes sp.*

Seen year-round wandering the desert floor.



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**Inflated Beetle**  
*Cysteodemus armatus*

Seen during the spring on wildflowers.



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**Diabolical Ironclad Beetle**  
*Phloeodes diabolicus*

Seen year-round wandering the desert floor.



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**Ghost Beetle**  
*Asbolus verrucosus*

Seen year-round wandering the desert floor.



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**Giant Palo Verde Root Borer**  
*Derobrachus hovorei*  
Seen June-Oct., largest beetle in OW; 4.5”



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**Desert Snout Beetle**  
*Ophryastes desertus*  
Seen year-round on creosote bushes.



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**White-lined Sphinx Moth Caterpillar**  
*Hyles lineata*  
Seen during the spring eating wildflowers.



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**White-lined Sphinx Moth**  
*Hyles lineata*  
Seen during the spring on wildflowers.



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**Phaeton Primrose Sphinx Moth**  
*Euproserpinus phaeton*  
Seen during the spring on wildflowers.



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**Orange Sulphur Butterfly**  
*Colias eurytheme*  
Seen year-round on wildflowers.



**Grey Hairstreak**  
*Strymon melinus*

Seen during the spring on wildflowers.



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**Painted Lady**  
*Vanessa cardui*

Spring and fall migrant through OW.



**Monarch Butterfly**  
*Danaus plexippus*

Spring and fall migrant through OW.



**Queen Butterfly**  
*Danaus gilippus*

Spring and fall migrant through OW.



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**Tarantula Hawk**  
*Pepsis sp.*

Seen on milkweeds and flying year-round.



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**Ophion Wasp,**  
*Ophion sp.*

Attracted to lights at night year-round.



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**Red Velvet Ant**  
*Dasymutilla sp.*

Seen spring and summer wandering the desert.



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**Thistledown Velvet Ant**  
*Dasymutilla gloriosa*

Seen spring and summer wandering the desert.



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**Black Harvester Ant**  
*Messor pergandei*

Seen year-round wandering the desert floor.



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**Harvester Ant**  
*Pogonomyrmex sp.*

Seen year-round wandering the desert floor.



**Native Bee**  
*Centris rhodopus*

Seen during the spring on wildflowers.



**Africanized Bee**  
*Apis mellifera ssp.*

Seen year-round at water and wildflowers.



**Giant Desert Hairy Scorpion**  
*Hadrurus arizonensis*

Seen year-round on warm moonless nights.



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**Desert Thick-tailed Scorpion**  
*Vaejovis waeringi*

Seen year-round on warm moonless nights.



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**Wind Scorpion**  
*Solifugae*

Seen spring and summer at night.



**California Tarantula**  
*Aphonopelma sp.*

Seen wandering the desert during the fall.



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**Wolf Spider**  
*Schizocosa mccooki*

Seen year-round on warm moonless nights.



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**Golden Huntsman**  
*Olios giganteus*

Seen year-round wandering for prey at night.



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**Desert Harvestman**  
*Eurybunus sp.*

Seen year-round wandering the desert washes.



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**Western Black Widow**  
*Latrodectus hesperus*

Seen year-round in its web situated in cracks.



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**Desert Cockroach**  
*Arenivaga sp.*

Seen spring and summer at lights at nighttime.



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**California Mantis**  
*Stagmomantis californica*

Seen spring-fall on trees and plants.



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**Obscure Ground Mantis**  
*Litaneutria obscura*

Seen spring-fall hunting on the ground.



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**Western Short-horn Walking Stick**  
*Parabacillus hesperus*

Seen spring-fall on creosote bushes.



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**Creosote Bush Grasshopper**  
*Boettix argentatus*  
Seen spring-fall on creosote bushes.



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**Pallid Winged Grasshopper**  
*Trimerotropis pallidipennis*  
Seen spring and summer wandering the desert.



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**Creosote Bush Katydid**  
*Insara covilleae*  
Seen spring-fall on creosote bushes.



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**Green Lacewing**  
*Chrysopa sp.*  
Seen year-round on all aphid infested plants.



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**Antlion Larvae**  
*Brachynemurus sp.*  
Seen year-round hunting with small sand-pits.



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**Antlion Adult**  
*Brachynemurus sp.*  
Seen spring through fall at lights at night.