

Or perhaps natural history could be an iterative discourse among algorithms, nature, and the mind of the wonderer.

And, wait, what was that thing? It looked like an evil, stumpy-winged dragonfly. Its tail was kind of curved or something, and it was bumping into leaves as it flew away. See it? There!

Small evil dragonfly.

No none of those. What else could it be? Maybe it's, like, a weird mutant?

Mutant black dragonfly.

Hahaha, no these are amazing, but... no? What is that, though? Ebony jewelwing? That's so beautiful! Wow, I've definitely never seen anything like that before. Maybe they're from the tropics or something.

Ebony jewelwing home.

Wait, what? New Hampshire? And here? Hahaha. Ok, wait so what is this thing, then? What's the butt of an insect called?

Insect butt name.

Abdomen?

Evil black insect long abdomen.

No. Literally none of these things has an abdomen that long. Wow, there's something called a Devil's coach-horse? Who thinks of these names?

Evil black insect long skinny abdomen.

Wait that's what a Sea Monkey looks like? They're just shrimp? I don't know what I thought they were, but I didn't think they were shrimp. Haha that's a weirdly seductive picture of someone showing bedbug bites. Is this what bedbugs look like?

What's it doing now? It looks like it's touching things with its abdomen. How is that not a dragonfly?

Black dragonfly Cazenovia.

No, still none of these things. I really love those Ebony jewelwings, though. They're so beautiful.

Oh wait, what? This is what they look like when they're mating? They're, like, in a heart! Awww, that's so cute! This thing kind of looks like it has an abdomen that bends like that, but its wings are way too small, and they're clear. Is a damselfly the same as a dragonfly?

Dragonfly damselfly difference.

Oh, so damselflies have two wings, but dragonflies have four? Oh, they just fold them up. So they all have four wings? Wait, do dragonflies even have antennae?

Dragonflies antennae.

It looks like none of them have any. Oh, so they're just really short? That's so funny, a lot of this art makes it look like they have antennae.

Dragonfly long antennae.

Oh, antennae, I'm so sorry! Yikes, excuse me for not knowing the proper plural of bug feelers.

Whoa, so those are some super-long antennae, though! Oh, wait, that's not even a dragonfly?

Shut up, that looks exactly like a dragonfly. What's an antlion?

Antlion insect.

Oh, it's those little funnels? There's a thing that lives at the bottom? I see those all the time, I never knew what they were. So the adults look like dragonflies with long antennae? Wait, what's that wasp, there? It doesn't have the same antennae, or abdomen, but something about the face and the middle part of the body looks kind of the same? Oh wait, no way! That's it!

That's the thing! It's a wasp? Pelecinid? Wow, it looks almost like a scorpion or something in this picture. Look at those crazy legs, too. Pelecinus? Pelecinid? I wonder why it has two different names that are almost the same.

Pelecinid dangerous.

Wait where did it go?