

# Insects and People - Entomology 101

## Insects and The Law

*"Laws are like cobwebs, which may catch small flies but let wasps and hornets break through"*  
Jonathan Swift

### State Insects

- first state insect was designated by California in 1929 - the California dogface butterfly.
- the green darner - Washington State insect designated in 1987 through the efforts of Crestwood Elementary School in Kent, WA
- most states have the honey bee
  
- the Monarch Butterfly - a national insect in the making?

### Controlling Pests

- Mexico and the "locust tax" stamp in the 1920's.
- Locust Bounties
  - Missouri and Minnesota
  - Kansas and the Grasshopper Army Act
- New Zealand and the introduced German yellowjacket

### Regulatory Entomology (Federal)

- 1910 - Federal Insecticide Act
- 1912 - Federal Plant Quarantine Act
- 1947 - FIFRA (the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act)
  - amended many times
- 1954 - Miller Amendment to the 1938 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
- 1958 - the Food Additive Amendment to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
- 1970 - the Environmental Protection Agency established (EPA)
- 1996 - the Food Quality and Protection Act

### The Endangered Species Act

- 1973 - US Department of the Interior - US Fish and Wildlife Service

Can Insects Make You a Millionaire?

Boy, that was a tasty peanut butter!