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Please...just try to read it...P-l-e-a-s-e??

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What is it??



Well, of course it's a caterpillar....Duh!
Well, Wrong....NOT! Actually this is the larvae of one of the many species of "Sawfly" that can do even more damage than

caterpillars. And, because there is a definite difference between the two, knowing that difference is important if you want to control them because they eat many of the same things like leaves etc.



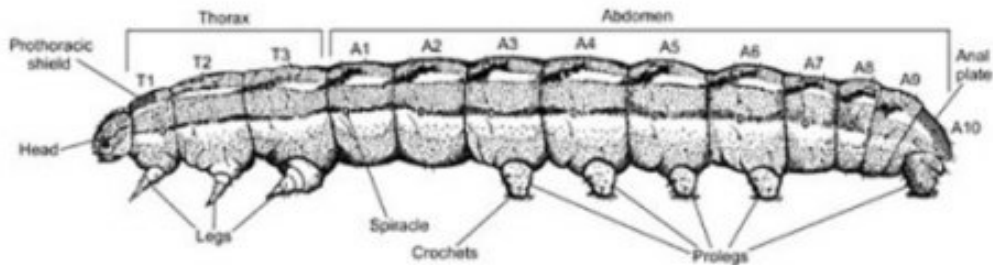
Mallow Sawfly larvae

Caterpillars as we all know are the larval stage of moths and butterflies. However, even though the above photo looks like a caterpillar the sawfly actually belongs to an entirely different order of insects. This little critter above is more closely related to wasps and bees than to butterflies.

So, did I hear someone say " Well then tell me oh larvae guru, how can you tell them apart?" Ok, I am glad someone asked.

Well, as in many creatures one needs to roll them over to actually tell the difference. Hmmm...did I say that? Anyway, the simple answer is to be found underneath the caterpillar/sawfly larvae and has to do with the number of prolegs. Yes...PROLEGS!

Prolegs are the little stubby things underneath that help them climb and hang upside down and do all those inchy, crawly things. They are not actually legs so they are Prolegs.



not a great picture but will have to do.

Now, prepare yourself!! Here is the actual difference. Caterpillars can have up to 5 pairs of these prolegs but no more.

Sawfly larvae always have a minimum of six or more pairs of prolegs. Also, if you have trouble with math and adding you can always use a magnifying glass and look for the presence of tiny little hooks on the very ends of their prolegs. All caterpillars have these hooks whereas sawfly larvae do not!

So, why do I need to know the difference other than to win a beer or a bet with my friends? Well, you know there must be a reason WHY I told you all this...right?

Again...wait for it...here it comes.

Many of the insecticides such as BT (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) will easily kill a caterpillar but are totally ineffective against sawfly larvae. And pesticides that are normally effective against bees and wasps (and we like bees remember) are also effective against sawfly larvae but not caterpillars necessarily. Also, sawfly larvae almost always feed in large groups and can do some serious damage especially on evergreens and pine trees such as these Red Pine Sawfly larvae below.



Red Pine sawfly larvae

And....besides that....you may want to sacrifice a few leaves
from caterpillars like these....





Because

they

turn

into

this



Black Swallowtail Butterfly

and

this



Monarch Butterfly

and you know, you gotta love that!

**The American Worker 2014:
just an observation!**

Back in March I know I astounded many of you with the little known fact that our economy was finally healed and that everyone was finally employed and I gave all the reasons then to support my theory.

Well it seems I was "somewhat" in error.

There "were" actually 18 unemployed individuals still seeking employment in this area who showed up in response to our ads in 2 newspapers over the last 3 months.

Out of those 18 we hired 13 that appeared to at least be able to physically function in life without assistance or didn't want \$16.00 per hour to start because they would be taking a loss from their last job.... that they quit!....HUH???

Now....

Out of those 13.... ten have decided to re-enter the ranks of the unemployed.

Here is their breakdown!

3 quit after 2-3 weeks for various "personal" reasons. Guess they realized that one must actually work when you have a job.

1 quit after 1 day.

1 quit after 2 days (God Bless his tenacity).

1 was hired and told prior to being hired that his job would be to mow and weed eat. He quit after 4 days because he didn't like to occasionally run a weed eater. He was more of your sit on the riding mower kinda guy.

1 decided that starting work at 8 am (like everyone else) actually meant

8:45 the first day of employment and 9:45 the second day of employment. Looked for him the 3rd day around 10:45 but....hmmm

1 quit after 6 days because he was too tired to get out of bed and come to work.

Oh, and then of course there are the other 2 that make up the ten.

Neither of them showed up at all for their first day of work!

So, if you are looking for help I can give you the names of the 10 people who are still unemployed.

AND....

While I'm on the subject....

Here are a few things I think every new job applicant should know if they want to be hired.

Must Do's at your interview:

1. Always bring your 3 screaming and/or crying children to your job interview. It impresses your potential new employer and shows him or her that you are definitely a family oriented individual.
2. When you want to get your potential future employer's attention it is best if you refer to him as "HEY YOU"!
3. Always have a wad of chewing tobacco in your mouth. He will not be upset because he can see that you are carrying a half full spit bottle with you.
4. When asked a question by your potential new employer remember to respond to every question with either "Well, it's like this pal" or "I'll tell ya buddy". These are two very impressive ways to initiate your response.
5. Make sure that you display ALL of your tattoos when you go for an interview. Very short shorts and sleeveless shirts and sandals are a definite must. It lets your potential new employer know that you are a creative and colorful type individual who can withstand a lot of pain. It would be even better if your shirt was well worn and had many large holes in it.
6. When asked if you are married please make sure that you elaborate on this question and not just answer yes or no. Your potential new employer has very little else to do during his or her day and would love nothing better than to hear about why you were

divorced. Make sure you tell every possible detail including why your ex-wife got a restraining order against you. This will help to develop a good rapport with him or her when you are hired.

7. Make sure that you eat just before entering your interview and smile continually. Having a great deal of food stuck between your teeth and on your clothing lets your potential new employer know you are a very healthy individual who enjoys good food.

8. Absolutely make sure that when you shake hands with your potential new employer that your hands are very wet and that you do not actually grip his hand in response. It is always best to leave your hand very, very limp so he doesn't think you are too aggressive.

9. And finally. When you are hired for a full time 40-50 hour per week job make sure you tell your now new employer after 2 weeks that you must take off at 2:30 every Wednesday and Friday because you need to coach your 3rd cousin's son's nephew's T-Ball team. It will not be a problem because he will understand that you like to donate your time to helping others and it also will give him the opportunity to hire someone else who needs a part time job.

You know....You just gotta love the mentality of the "new" American worker....circa 2014.



and....

By the way.....



Have a Safe...
and enjoyable
Independence Day

A Closing Thought

"Any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both".

...Benjamin Franklin

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