

# Defenders of the Garden



And  
Integrated Pest Management

Learn about the Good Guys and how they benefit your garden.

- **DECOMPOSERS** build the soil.
- **PREDATORS** are meat eaters. These bugs eat other bugs.
- **PARASITOIDS** have a life stage that develops on or within a single insect host, ultimately killing the host.
- **POLLINATORS** pollinate flowers.

A photograph of a butterfly with brown and orange wings perched on a cluster of small purple flowers. Several pixelated bee icons, colored orange and black, are scattered across the image. The background is a soft-focus green.

The bugs in your garden may be your new best friends!

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