

LOOK AFTER THE CREATURES WHO LOOK AFTER YOU



Soil creatures make soil. Bacteria, fly and beetle larvae live in the ground, eating through it and breaking it down into vital nutrients. Earthworms also munch through and produce very fine soil, perfect for plant growth. Dung beetle larvae actually eat dung, recycling it! Without them, we'd be up to our necks.



Birds too will help to destroy pest species such as grasshoppers. Pangolins, bats and monkeys can lend a hand if termites get out of control.

Pesticides can damage these parts of agrobiodiversity. They are also poisonous and incredibly dangerous for humans if used without care!



Creepy Crawlies are crucial

One third of every mouthful of food we eat comes from a plant which has been pollinated by an insect!! Destroying or damaging wild lands, the natural habitat of these useful animals and plants, will kill the wild creatures that help feed us.

Of course, not all insects are friendly...



Some insects, bacteria and fungi attack the pests and diseases that destroy farm plants and animals. Ladybirds eat aphids and spiders will eat other pests.



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The world's longest earthworms are found in South Africa, with a record length of 6.7 metres

