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READING LIST

Course Title: The Diversity and Importance of Insects and Other Arthropods
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 24 Feb 2026 to 24 Mar 2026
Tutor: Thomas Hesselberg

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
Simon Leather	<i>Insects: A Very Short Introduction</i> (Oxford University Press 2022)
Ximena Nelson	<i>The Lives of Spiders: A Natural History of the World's Spiders: 11</i> (The Lives of the Natural World)

Course Reading List

The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

Author	Title
Helen Roy	<i>RES Insects: Discover the Science and Secrets Behind the World of Insects</i> (DK 2024)

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*The Natural History of Insects: A Guide to the World of
Arthropods, Covering Many Insects Orders, Including Beetles,
Flies, Stick Insects, and Wasps, as Well as Microscopic
Creatures (Southwater 2013)*