



Madagascar hissing cockroach  
*Gromphadorhina portentosa*

### How much do you charge for outreach events?

If we travel from UC Riverside to your organization, we charge a **\$100.00 fee** for presentations up to one hour. These funds are used to maintain our collection of live and preserved specimens, and to support future outreach activities. On the other hand, if your group travels to our campus, we do not charge a fee.

### Which locations will you serve?

Our outreach program services schools and other organizations in Southern California within a driving distance of **30 miles** (48 km) from the UC Riverside campus (see address).

To schedule an outreach event, please contact Dr. Monique Rivera:

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# Entomology Outreach Program

## FAQ



Vietnamese walking stick  
*Medauroidea extradentata*

## What is entomology?

Entomology is the **scientific study of insects and related arthropods**. These include beetles, flies, wasps, ants, bees, butterflies, moths, bugs, roaches, termites, spiders, mites, and many others. These animals are used to answer basic and applied questions in the fields of behavior, ecology, toxicology, genetics, evolution, physiology, biochemistry, morphology, systematics, pathology, pest management, molecular biology, biomechanics, paleontology and more. Insects are the most diverse group of organisms on the planet, and many species are highly significant to humans and natural ecosystems.

## What do entomologists do?

A bachelor's degree in entomology prepares students for a variety of technical jobs in both private and public sectors, including pest control advisors, crop consultants, extension specialists, agricultural inspectors, laboratory and field technicians, and more. Furthermore, students can study entomology at the master's or doctoral levels and enter into careers in research, teaching, and industry. More details about careers in entomology are available during outreach events.



## What is the outreach program?

The goal of the program is to **educate members of our community about insects and the science of entomology**. Our outreach program consists of various extracurricular activities performed by current graduate and undergraduate students in the Department of Entomology at UC Riverside. Outreach ranges from speaking in K-12 classrooms, to participating in science fairs, to attending community gatherings. We bring both live and preserved insects and other arthropods for people to see and touch. We have presentations on a variety of topics including insect diversity, metamorphosis, and what entomologists do. We can also modify a presentation to suit your group's needs.

## What kinds of insects and arthropods do you have?

Our collection includes a variety of live insects and arthropods that vary seasonally. Common live specimens include stick insects, roaches, beetles, spiders, and millipedes. We also have arrangements of local and exotic preserved specimens, as well as educational displays on pollinators, camouflage, aquatic insects, and other topics.



Australian walking stick  
*Extatosoma tiaratum*

## How much notice is needed to schedule an outreach event?

We ask for at least **four weeks** notice to help us in our scheduling of events. We make every effort to fulfill each request, but we typically receive many.