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## **Curious Bugs and Wicked Birds**

A funny collection of insects and birds

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## Acknowledgement

### Preface

The idea to this series of cheerful-satirical animal description came up in the year 2020, during the Corona-Pandemic. Considering an increasing number of conspiracy theories around new strategies of vaccination and testing, this text was inspired from the meadow landscape of Viennese Prater and Lobau along the river Danube, where hiking and jogging was allowed, even in times of locked public parks. The author is a biologist with a background in biomedical research and teaching-experience in the field of epigenetics. Insects are known for their extreme phenotypic changes, which occur without any change in the genome as determined by DNA-sequence. That is why such insects as well as birds served as an important inspiration for this text, also with the intention of the motto “Laughter is the best medicine”.

As it is not possible to produce photographs of such fantastic animals, this text is complemented with explanatory drawings, starting with the high-tech Vaccine-Mosquito and ending with the sterilizing Schnapps thrush.

1. **Medical active Insects** are not in danger of dying out, because they are well kept by more or less esoterically ambitious people. Modern technics make it possible to place tiny microchips in the proboscis of such insects.

#### 1.1. The **Hightech Vaccine Mosquito (Virophaga chemtrailense)**

has arrived from Chemtrail City! These animals have characteristic 5G- antennas, a Titan-enforced sting (which may damage aluminum hats) and a vaccine-container with microchips. Males and females are difficult to distinguish, and no recent photograph exists. The only known natural enemy of this insect is the schnapps thrush, which is also a food competitor, because the adult insects prefer drinks with a high percentage of alcohol, whereas larvae feed on high-quality bank notes with great appetite.



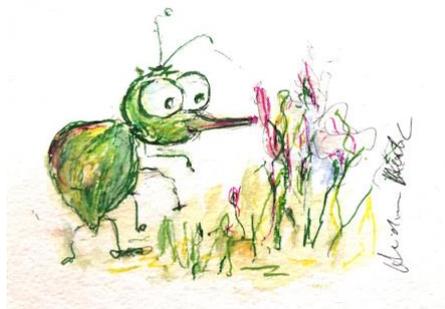
1.2. The **Common Testflea (*Xenophoba vulgaris*)** is transferred by rats, similarly to the dangerous medieval pest flea (*Xenopsylla cheopis*). The preferred nutrition of this animal are teststrips and banknotes. At present, these are politically active rats with different fur colors. As seen from their Greek species-name, these animals promote social distancing, especially from humans with unknown flea infestation. The flea circus in the fur of such politically active rats induces some confusion: This induces that the animals carefully defend their territories. Media such as TV or radio can put testfleas in the ears (similarly to the APP-louse) which further promotes the expansion of this insect.



1.3. The **Magic Hornet (*Vespa abakadabra*)** is a dazzling insect. It trusts on diverse alternative and complementary medical techniques, from homeopathy to laying on of hands and hypnosis. It also likes to apply Asian techniques, which may have a placebo-effect. However, Traditional Chinese Medicine recommends also some problematic ingredients with animal origin such as bat droppings, crumbled cicadas and pulverized earthworms, leeches, beetle larvae, gall stones from oxen, silkworms, scorpions and centipedes, all of them inventoried with Latin names. Patients like to feed such animals with numerous banknotes.



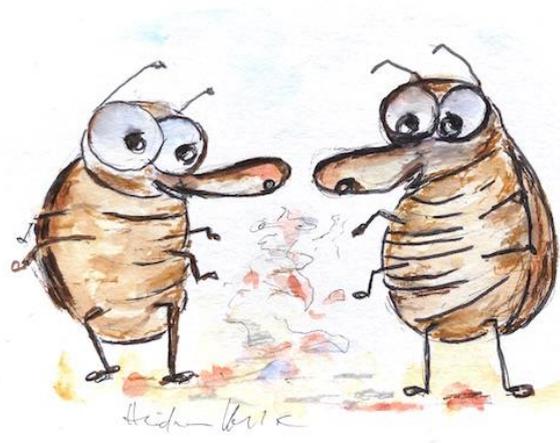
1.4. The **Rose weevil (*Otiorhynchus aromaticus*)** likes to please its surroundings with manifold Bach flowers and wonderful mixtures of scents, which may have some healing but also psychedelic effect.



1.5. The **Hemp Bumblebee (*Bombus cannabinophilus*)** has a special talent for treatment of physical and psychical pains. However, the psychedelic effect of this insect may carry some risk for addiction.



1.6. The **Cadaver Cockroach (*Blattodea mortui*)** likes the company of specialists of forensic and pathologic sciences as well as authors of crime stories. The animal is befriended with fans of so-called “Gothic” outfits and associated music.



2. **Mediafriendly Insects** feel most comfortable in closed rooms, where they are fostered by multi-interested people. Sometimes they nest into their brains and manipulate them.

2.1. The **APPlouse (Pediculus appli)** prefers to nest in so-called smartphones and is distributed by diverse media.



2.2. The **Kittybug (Geotrupes kittekattus)** removes unnecessary papers and discards documents from dump heaps, which may attract mice and subsequently cats. In leisure times, he enjoys to see cat-videos.



2.3. The **Expert Grub (Larvum expertum)** may feed deep in the earth from diverse roots. When climate conditions fit, he appears from the underground and acts up himself more important as he is.



2.4. The **Culturebug (Insectum intellectuallum)** is a mobile animal which can be found in operas, theaters and concert halls. The animal keeps well informed in diverse media including newspapers and internet.



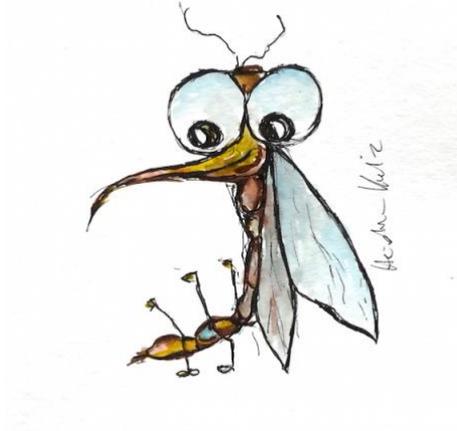
2.5. The **Literature Larva (Larvum literarum)** likes to hide in bookshelves, but enjoys also Literature-journals. It eats dust and likes caffeine-containing drinks.



2.6. The **PhiloFly (Musca philosophica)** sometimes likes the presence and society of Literature-Larvae. It likes to read any type of texts, no matter how wormy they are and likes to refer them in groups of like-minded animals. Some PhiloFlies inherit their texts to following generations thus ensuring the persistence of future PhiloFly generations.



2.7. The **Nag Mosquito (*Aedes pseudosapiens*)** is an aggressive and pompous insect, which likes to attack innocent victims. It belongs to a group of insects transferring dangerous diseases such as yellow fever. When not killing its victims, it injects them a poison which enhances their critical mind the latter enhancing their unpopularity. A distribution of this mosquito by asocial networks is increasingly observed.



2.8. The **Grumpy Moth (*Cydalima morosa*)** always finds something to complain about. This animal also distributes its bad mood in asocial networks.



3. **Social and Asocial Insects** are rather mobile, because they are always interested to enlarge the circle of their friends and foes.

3.1. The **Booth Fly (*Apis colorata*)**. It has a multicolored iridescence. A well-known subspecies is the fraternity fly, which likes fencing without face protection. This fly enjoys to stay in the meeting rooms near the beer-bar and likes to participate in the singing of old songs, the sound volume increases with the increasing consummation of beer...



3.2. The **Deer stalking Bug (*Lucanus venans*)** likes to hike around in diverse forests, sometimes looking for some deer to be hunted. He likes to dress in camouflage colors which facilitates its hiding, when potential victims appear. To keep warm, this animal likes to drink high percentage alcoholic beverages such as the so-called 'Jagatee' or „Jägermeister“.



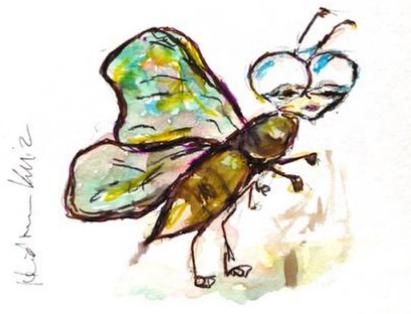
3.3. The **Gourmet Mosquito (*Culex culinaris*)** has a very fine sense of taste. It likes to stay in excellent restaurants. Some animals like to experiment in their own well-equipped kitchens.



3.4. The **Chocolate Schnake (*Tipolida caocao*)** has its most active time around Christmas or Eastern, because of the best food supply during such seasons. The animal likes to stay in apartments' with "Home Office" and is known for its perfect camouflage, when respective exterminators may appear.



3.5. The **Wanderlust Butterfly (*Papilio peregrinans*)** likes prolonged long-distance flights, preferentially in airplanes. These animals invest much energy in the planning of their journeys.



3.6. The **Lecture Louse (*Pedicula parlanda*)** likes to explain its wisdom in detailed lectures to many hearers without giving them any chance to share their opinions. Lecterns and microphones are welcome but not necessary for these animals, because they have a very loud voice.



2.7. The **Loving Louse (*Pedicula amori*)** like to stay in the dark. It enjoys the romantic transfiguration and idealization of the beloved individual, no matter if this individual is really worth to be loved in the eyes of more realistic observers.



3.1. The **Laughing Libella (*Odonata ridiculans*)** like to laugh about anything, which may be confusing for more realistic observers, which may interpret some situations rather sad or even funny. The smiling subspecies ***Odonata ridiculans renidans*** is typical for some Asian populations.



- 3.2. The **Ghost moth (Bombix miraculix)** has some spiritual ambitions. It has some relations to the world of ghosts and may get in contact with the otherworld. Some individuals try to predict future events with (or without) the help of cards, crystal balls or astrologic calculations. Ideally, their prophecies are so unclear, that some aspects of them become true in any case.



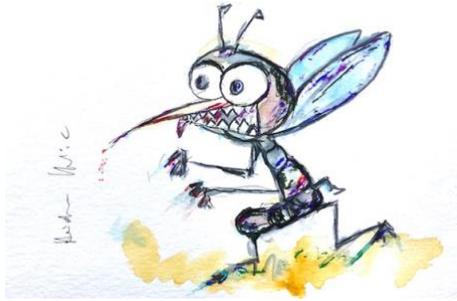
- 3.3. The **Religious Flea (Pulex religiosus)** likes to stay in churches, mosques or temples. It does not like to think freely, because they follow strictly the regulations or laws of their religions. Sometimes they show some affinity to ghost moths.



- 3.4. The **Greed Mosquito (Culex avaritia)** has a constant fear to become impoverished. It parasitizes on piggybanks, but invests also in stocks. This insect is extremely asocial. “Donation” is a foreign word for them and it does not like to help anybody. When they go to a restaurant, they never give a tip. Their preferred subject of talking are different ways of saving money. This is quite boring to more fun-loving individuals.



3.5. The **Maleficent Brake Insect (Haematopota malefiziens)** is a biting insect, which eats the blood of its victims. The mind robbing activity of this bug can reduce their quality of life because they are inconsiderately sucked out and slowed down.



4. **Art- and Artfriend-Insects** are quite mobile and rather self-confident, regarding their artistic qualifications. They like to convince other individuals from their talents. It makes them mostly happy, when they find somebody who honors their art with banknotes.

4.1. The **AuthorAnt (Formica fabulans)** is frequently observed in its female form, especially when it produces lyric poems, which are presented in some lectures. This may induce a flight-reaction in Cultural Bugs which prefer a more objective sense, especially when too emotional and feministic terminologies are over-represented.



4.2. The **Paint Moth (Tineola pingens)** likes to paint on diverse papers and canvas. It uses a more or less large spectrum of colours which may be also detected on the surface of these animals.



4.3. **The DrawingCicada (*Cicadina graphica*)** places true or phantastic subjects on papers or digital surfaces. By contrast to the paint moth, this animal appears with a cleaner phenotype.



4.4. Females of the **Man-eating Gospelsinger (*Mantis musicalia*)** appears in larger groups. The loud and passionate songs which are frequently performed in churches may be heard from far away. They have some talent to turn the heads from adult males, which are eaten subsequently. The only types of males which are not eaten by this species are mostly white-dressed conductors of their choirs.



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4.5. The **Viennese Dudelhopper (*Tettigonia Vindobonense*)** is related to the Alpine Yodelhopper. He likes to use different instruments such as guitars and animates his friends to drink wine in different locations...



- 4.6. The **Hornpipe Bumblebee (*Bombus catacombis*)** can be heard through the night from far away in dark forests. They wonderful sounds have the potential to raise the death. When animals hear the sound of the hornpipe, they have a chance to hide before hunters come. In addition, the well fed animals is also found in noble opera houses and elegant concert halls.



- 4.7. The **Snooze Butterfly (*Noctua cantata*)** likes to sing snoozing songs for children and adults with the intention to be as boring as possible. This animal can amplify the sleep-promoting effect of television programs.



- 4.8. The **Penguin-brake insects (*Tabanus nigreos ssp. multiphagus*)** are characterized by black jackets. They are found in vernissages als well as concerts and balls. In locations with a free buffet, they like to appear in groups, sometimes in society with culture bugs. However, the subject of their interest is rather the quality of food and drinks than the quality of cultural events.



5. **Sport and Sportfriend –Insects** mostly like outdoor activities, when they do sports actively or as immediate spectators. Some of them are socially organized in fan clubs and like traveling.

5.1. The **Golfing Cricket (Gryllus handicappus)** likes to move on well-kept golf lawns, where it likes to place round balls in diverse holes, with more or less success, depending on its handicap.



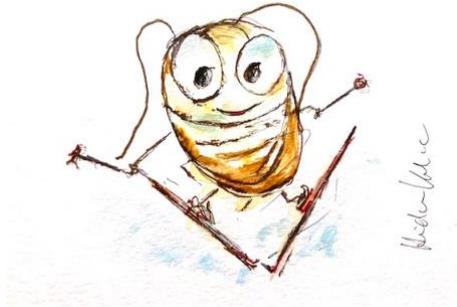
5.2. The **Rap Louse (Pedicula saltanda)** is a social insect which likes to move. Some kinds of music may induce strange twitches in this animal.



5.3. The **Crazy Sport Moth (Bombix sportix)** is a highly active sometimes even hyperactive animal, which is always careful to keep fit. Especially popular among those animals are endurance sports and respective competitions, which motivate these animals to very disciplined training programs. Considering nutrition, this animal prefers very healthy foods which are rich in vitamins.



- 5.4. The **Snow Cockroach** (*Blattodea nivalis*) is most active and happy in wintertime. It likes to move on fast ski slopes but also ski tours and cross country ski and snow shoe tracks. When it comes home, it likes to present detailed reports about adventures in diverse mountains and valleys and enjoys alcoholic drinks. Some of them like to continue snow friendly activities on glaciers.



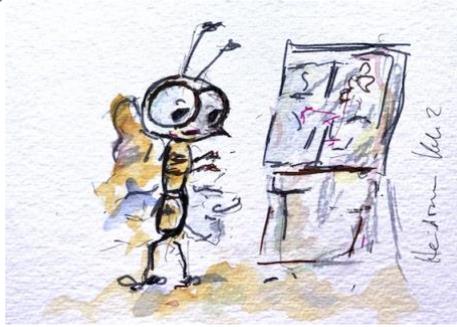
- 5.5. The **Desertwasp** (*Vespa deserta*) is known for its heat resistance and likes fast motor sports such as motorcycle and car races in deserts. It has a great interest in the construction and repair of valuable machines and likes diverse challenges and adventures. Sometimes it likes to drink cactus juice.



- 5.6. The **Bet bug** (*Cimex ludens*) likes to stay in betting studios but also enjoys internet betting. Sometimes it likes to consult Ghost moths which prophesy them to win and animate them to continue their betting activities.



5.7. The **Sport-stalking Moth (*Operophtera videosporta*)** is an expert for a series of different sports, which it observes „Life“ or in TV. The insect itself does not like to move itself, but has a critical view on the results to diverse competitions. Its diet consists of beer and chips, which calms the nerves when exciting sport events are observed.



**6. Wicked Birds** may be more or less insect-friendly. Most of them are social and mobile. They like drinks and tobacco including addictive substances.

6.1. The **Tippling Pecker (*Dendrocopos vinopotans*)** enjoys drinking of wine and sometimes likes the society of Viennese Dudelhoppers. Vine bars and expert seminars about wine quality are of high interest.



6.2. The **Astro Blackbird (*Turdus astrophilus*)** is also a night loving animal. It likes to analyse stars and to predict the future.



- 6.3. The **Smoking Swallow (*Hirundo fumans*)** is frequently surrounded by clouds of cigarette smoke. Considering diverse anti-smoke laws, the animal is at risk to go extinct. The bird enjoys nicotine-rich products but also likes the society of Hemp-Bumblebees.



- 6.2. The **Sniffing Cocaine Raven (*Corvus cocainus*)** likes dark environments. It enjoys to sniff white powder into its nose, which may increase its mood remarkably.



- 6.4. The **Sterilising Schnapps Thrush (*Turdus alcoholicus*)** may be considered as a food competitor and predator of Vaccine Mosquitos. This bird is magically attracted by high percentage alcoholic drinks, which disinfect them outside as well as inside.



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