



## Connection

I remember way back when I was in college and I called my mom, excited to share with her that I decided to change my major. It went a bit like this.....

Me: "Mom, I decided to change my major. I'm going into entomology!"

Mom: "What?"

Me: "Entomology. It's the study of insects."

Mom: "What are you going to do with that? Do you plan on spending your life spraying bugs?"

Me: "I have no idea, but it will be fantastic!"

While at the time, my mom could not see exactly what I was going to do with a career in entomology, fortunately, for me I found an amazing job with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension where I have the opportunity to educate people on insects. Fortunately for my parents, they now have someone to identify all their insects.

So why the story? Well, you all have the same opportunity as my parents to become educated on various insects. There are a variety of ways to do this, and all are resources that I directly post or am involved with in some way. If you want to learn more about insects, you can connect with me (or my colleagues in some cases) through:

Instagram: urbanipm

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/UrbanIPM](http://www.facebook.com/UrbanIPM)

YouTube channel: Wizzie Brown

Podcasts: I am involved in two different podcasts.

- **Bugs by the Yard**- this one covers insects in the landscape
- **Unwanted Guests**- this one covers structural pests

Insect ID requests-

- Email me at [ebrown@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ebrown@ag.tamu.edu)
- Submit images to <http://texashighplainsinsects.net/>

Educational webinars on various insect topics- email me to get onto the list for sign up links

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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