

Utah's 13 Creepiest Crawlers

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Bugs can be found everywhere. From the driest desert terrain in Utah to the coldest mountaintop, you can bet some creepy creature calls it home. And unfortunately, **there are many unwelcome crawlers that call our homes “home” as well.** While some bugs may be helpful, many can be a nuisance. If you have creepy crawlers lurking around your home, the best solution is to contact the professionals at [Legacy Pest Control](#).

Are These Creepy Bugs Lurking Near You?

#1 Rocky Mountain Wood Tick: This “vampire-like” bug is out for blood, human blood or that of another large mammal. It will numb you and you won’t realize it is feeding on you. It sometimes leaves the “gift” of the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

#2 Assassin Bug: What is creepier than a bug that has a piercing and sucking mouth? They suck the juices out of their prey by piercing the exoskeleton. While they don’t normally try to “feed” on humans, they will bite and it hurts.

#3 Mormon Cricket: Once a huge threat to Mormon pioneers, this notorious cricket feeds on crops. While it doesn’t travel in huge swarms as in the past, it still an unwelcome visitor to your gardens.

#4 Common Thread-Wasted Wasp: This predator enjoys the art of the ambush. You can often find it burrowed in loose dirt waiting to attack.

#5 Codling Moth: There are many different moths in Utah, however, this one is the creepiest. It plants its damaging larvae into fruit and is a major pest problem especially for apple and pear crops.

#6 Blister Beetle: This creepy crawler lives up to its name by secreting a toxin that causes human skin to blister.

#7 Carpenter Ant: This [ant's](#) middle name is destruction. Carpenter ants cause structural damage to homes and

should be removed immediately if discovered lurking around.

#8 Billbugs: A creepy sort of weevil that will terrorize your lawn, the billbug lays larvae in your turf causing damage to both roots and stems. If you see one walking along the sidewalk, you can bet it is looking for a nice spot to lay eggs.

#9 Thrips: Practically invisible and highly destructive, these creepy little flying insects not only feed on flowers and plants, they can also stunt their growth. If you notice yellowish specks on your foliage or silvery black excrement, then they may be lurking in your garden.

#10 Praying Mantis: What is more terrifying than being eaten alive? This vicious predator will wrap one leg around the neck of its catch and one around the abdomen as it slowly slices out one bite at a time.

#11 Aphids: These creepy bugs can be identified by the tubes protruding from their backs. They can cause stress on plants and sometimes even transport disease from one plant to another.

#12 Dark-Winged Fungus Gnats: These pesky gnats are very small with long legs and will plant larvae in potted plants in your home causing damage to roots and stems.

#13 Black Widow Spider: Watch out for this venomous [spider](#) lurking in your garage or basement, especially the females. A female black widow is ruthless. After mating, she literally devours her lover. And if she bites you, her venom is highly toxic.

What Should You Do if You See These Pests?

Don't let these ghastly bugs creep you out this fall or any season. Let the professionals at Legacy Pest Control help. ***For more than 15 years, we have been serving Northern Utah.*** [Contact us online](#) or call one of our knowledgeable staff at 801-799-3131 for a free estimate.