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Photos: 13th annual Arizona Insect Festival

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Thousands spent Sunday afternoon at the University of Arizona Department of Entomology's 13th annual Arizona Insect Festival.

The free event offered guests opportunities to learn, see, hold and eat insects from more than 30 booths.



Santiago Gonzalez holds a giant desert millipede during the University of Arizona Department of Entomology's annual Arizona Insect Festival at the Environment and Natural Resources 2, 1064 East Lowell Street, Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 5, 2025. The Bordered Mantis is the mascot for the 13th annual Arizona Insect Festival. The free festival offers guests opportunities to learn, see, hold and eat insects from more than 30 themed booths.

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Hundreds of people explore the University of Arizona Department of Entomology's annual Arizona Insect Festival at the Environment and Natural Resources 2, 1064 East Lowell Street, Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 5, 2025. The Bordered Mantis is the mascot for the 13th annual Arizona Insect Festival. The free festival offers guests opportunities to learn, see, hold and eat insects from more than 30 themed booths.

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An Arizona blonde spider crawls around the arms of guests attending the University of Arizona Department of Entomology's annual Arizona Insect Festival inside Environment and Natural Resources 2, 1064 East Lowell Street, Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 5, 2025.

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Myles Kashanipour, a volunteer educator explains the lifestyle of a giant desert millipede during the University of Arizona Department of Entomology's annual Arizona Insect Festival at the Environment and Natural Resources 2, 1064 East Lowell Street, Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 5, 2025. The Bordered Mantis is the mascot for the 13th annual Arizona Insect Festival. The free festival offers guests opportunities to learn, see, hold and eat insects from more than 30 themed booths.

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A *Hadrurus arizonensis* scorpion is on display at the University of Arizona Department of Entomology's annual Arizona Insect Festival inside Environment and Natural Resources 2, 1064 East Lowell Street, Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 5, 2025.

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Guests explore a wide variety of insects during the University of Arizona Department of Entomology's annual Arizona Insect Festival inside Environment and Natural Resources 2, 1064 East Lowell Street, Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 5, 2025.

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Angel Valenzuela, a volunteer educator explains the life of a Carolina Mantis during the University of Arizona Department of Entomology's annual Arizona Insect Festival at the Environment and Natural Resources 2, 1064 East Lowell Street, Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 5, 2025. The Bordered Mantis is the mascot for the 13th annual Arizona Insect Festival. The free festival offers guests opportunities to learn, see, hold and eat insects from more than 30 themed booths.

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A giant desert millipede crawls onto the arm of a guest during the University of Arizona Department of Entomology's annual Arizona Insect Festival inside Environment and Natural Resources 2, 1064 East Lowell Street, Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 5, 2025.

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Aida Alvarez, left, and Ashlynn Ford greet guests at the transgenic crops for pest control booth during University of Arizona Department of Entomology's annual Arizona Insect Festival inside Environment and Natural Resources 2, 1064 East Lowell Street, Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 5, 2025.

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A desert crustacean swims around a small enclosure during the University of Arizona Department of Entomology's annual Arizona Insect Festival inside Environment and Natural Resources 2, 1064 East Lowell Street, Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 5, 2025.

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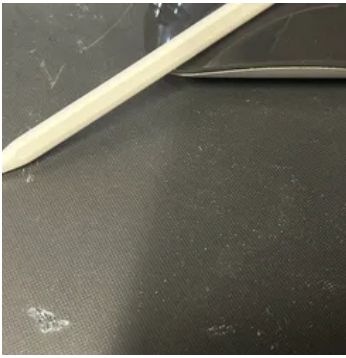
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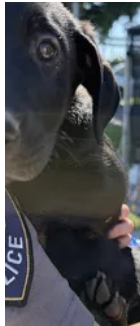
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