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Ender's Game and the Formics



Rodent Inspections

If you have not had a Rodent inspection at your home for a while you might consider having one done. With house movement a crack the size of a quarter can allow a rat to enter an attic. If you would like to have the home checked just give us a call and we'll be happy to send someone out to check it over.

Clip this offer and present it at the time of service and you will receive 10% off your inspection!



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Pest of the Quarter:

Squirrels

- Active during the day and sleeping at night
- Enjoy nuts and seeds—especially those you put out for the birds!
- Cause more noises in attics during the spring because of young being born and growing up

I read "Ender's Game" a long time ago and just saw the movie. The aliens in this story are like an ant. Their name is Formics, close to the latin scientific family name of ants and in the movie you see the Queen (killed in a military move like the application of the pesticide Amdro) and tunnels like ants make in some scenes.

In another book "This Book is Full of Spiders" an interesting part has a fictional character stating "Plasmodium falciparum is the dominant life form on the planet, and human civilization exists purely to give it a breeding ground." He is talking about malaria and today millions die a year because of it.

When you think of all the diseases, insects and so forth that have the advantage over humans what will

be the last species standing? . . . This leads me to the last book I read, "The Excellent Powder DDT's Political and Scientific History". Everyone has always been under the impression that DDT only killed the insects and eventually the insects would become resistant and this product would be worthless. However, the data provided by the author indicated that DDT acted more like a repellent.

In Ender's Game how do you communicate with a totally different species like an insect? They do not communicate like we do. They use chemical communication like pheromones. Humans do this sometimes, that is why there is a perfume industry. But the chemical communication is much more important

for insects and with the case of DDT it told the mosquitoes they were not welcome in areas that were sprayed.

This made me think about our companies current mosquito control program. We have provided the program to make the yard livable during the summer and my wife and I have our yard done every month and it works until the chemical bond breaks and the insecticide has to be reapplied.

After reading the DDT book I believe some of the treatments we do communicate to the mosquitoes that they are not welcome in the yard. I am sure some of them do die, but I believe in their complicated and advanced form of communication, they realize we are telling them to go somewhere else.

-David

Squirrels



Last year at this time the wildlife technicians took a trip to take a course in wildlife control. It is interesting to listen to techniques used by trappers in the northern part of the United States to approach problems. Many of our customers are accustomed to the rat traps we use in their attics. The trappers in the colder climates actually use these traps to catch squirrels.

Occasionally we have misinterpreted a hole as being chewed by a rat versus a squirrel and have treated for rats instead of squirrels. Rarely have I seen a squirrel get trapped in a rat trap in north Texas. The squirrels usually sets off the trap and then eat off the peanut butter. This indicates to me that we have larger squirrels than those in the north. It takes just a few ounces of weight to make the squirrel faster and more powerful. Once again things seem to be bigger and better in Texas. For those who may not be aware, we use an electric fence device on the squirrels to encourage them to leave a home. For more information contact our office.

If you ever have a possible bug or part of a bug PLEASE save it! That will help us to identify the problem more quickly, target the correct pest and begin treatment sooner.

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A-All Friends



Dr. Robert Corrigan
- rodent specialist

When it comes to rodent specialists in the United States there is no one more highly regarded than Dr. Robert Corrigan. David first met Bobby during his freshman year at Purdue University where he was his assistant for bat control research. They would drive many miles out on rural Indiana highways that summer to inspect bay colonies. Bobby remained at Purdue for several years during which he earned his PhD in Entomology and then remained as an Extension Agent for the State of Indiana. Eventually he formed his own consulting firm, branching out to help people not just in the US but internationally as well with difficult problems. Today he works with the City of New York in his home state to help understand and control the enormous rodent problem in one of the largest cities in the world. The Norway Rats that Bobby deals with in NYC are different in behavior from the Roof Rats we have here in Texas, but there are certainly some similarities in the control of these pests. One of those is the need for exclusions (closure of holes) on buildings, and Bobby has even called David on occasion to



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