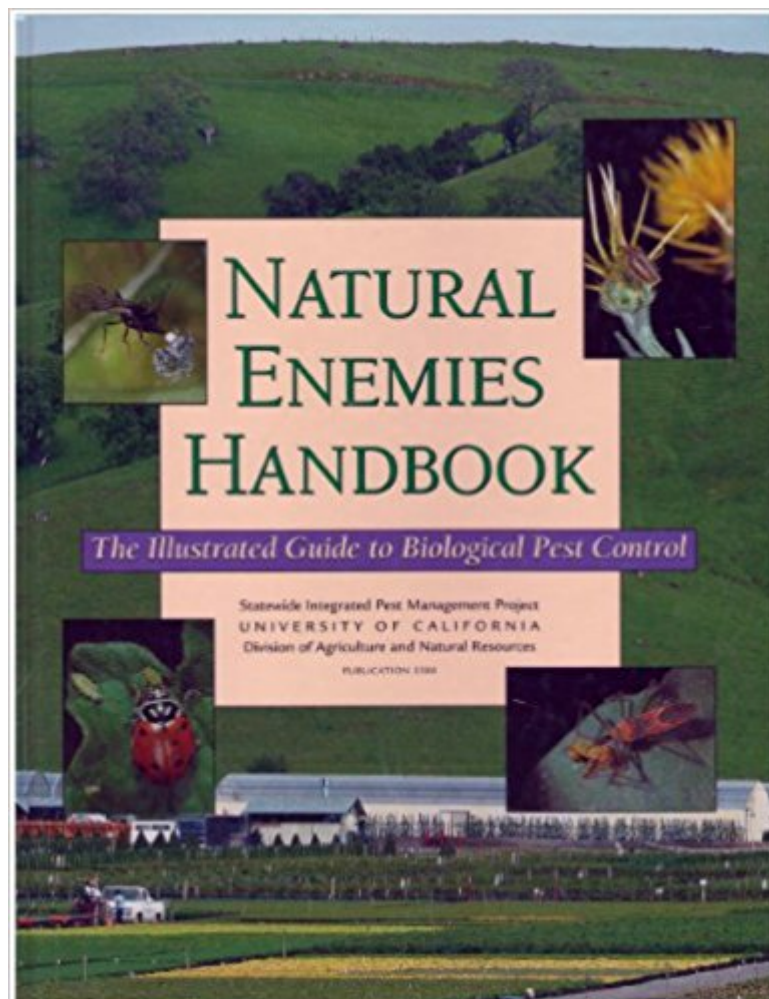


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# Natural Enemies Handbook: The Illustrated Guide To Biological Pest Control (University Of California, Division Of Agriculture Publication # 3386)





## Synopsis

This book is the best-ever practical guide to the identification and biology of beneficial organisms that control pests. Growers, pest control advisers, landscape professionals, home gardeners, pest management teachers and students, and anyone fascinated by natural enemies and their prey will want this book to find, identify, and use natural enemies to control pests in almost any agricultural crop, garden, or landscape. The Natural Enemies Handbook is superbly illustrated with 180 high-quality color photographs and 140 expertly rendered drawings, showing hundreds of predators, parasites, and pathogens that attack pest insects, mites, nematodes, plant pathogens, and weeds. The handy Quick Guide allows readers to locate natural enemies that they are likely to find on almost any crop or in the garden and landscape. They can then go to the main text for clear, detailed information. Natural enemies are organisms that kill, decrease the reproductive potential, or otherwise reduce the numbers of other organisms. Biological control is the practical use of natural enemies to manage pests. Living natural enemies are the agents of biological control. Virtually every pest has natural enemies that reduce its populations under certain circumstances. The book features chapters on biological control of plant pathogens, nematodes, and weeds as well as individual chapters on parasites, predators, and pathogens of arthropods. References, suppliers, and a comprehensive index make this an indispensable source book. The up-to-date review of applied biological control literature will appeal to scholars. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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an excellent book for the gardener who doesn't want to rely on pesticides. Written by the University of California, Davis, this book is a must for integrating IPM into your gardening. An easily read book, it is written for the casual home gardener as well as the professional landscape worker. A must for any Master Gardener working with the public. I use my copy for reference at my local Master Gardener booth at the year-round Farmers' Market to help answer questions from the public.

The writer acknowledges the effect of each of the natural enemies and tries to link this to research on effectiveness. Clearly she does not indicate a natural enemy is effective, unless there are studies to back it up. It is great to have information on such a broad range of the natural enemies that might be useful to a gardener.

This book was extremely useful for me as I have done several internships with chemical companies in helping Pest Control Advisers in identifying pests; the book itself shows a great amount of bugs with great pictures. It was a lot cheaper than at my university bookstore and I definitely recommend buying the hardcover.

Very goodbook

This book is a great tool if you are starting an organic garden. It helps you identify the good guys as well as the bad ones. I refer to the book all the time and it was a great purchase.

use it often in the office.

Great Read!!

I work for Natural Pest Controls in Orangevale, ca. and since 1971 they sell live ladybugs and Praying Mantis egg cases, this is really amazing ..I didn't know or want to know about bugs, but at 58 yrs old it's a fascinating subject. This book is so informative and interesting..

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