



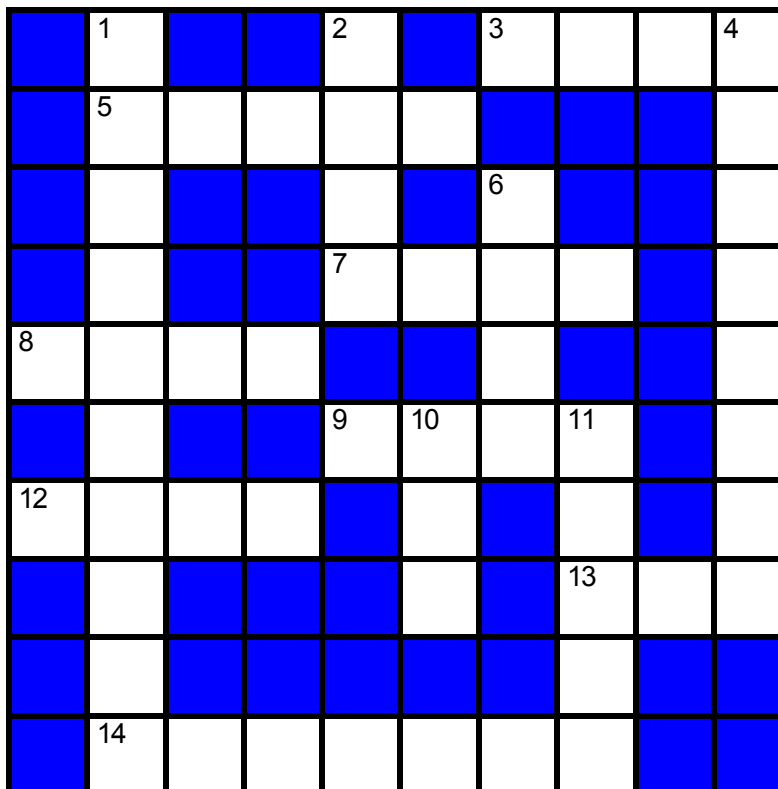
Case Two: An Ounce of Prevention!

Grades 4-7

Level 4: Junior Detective

IPM Crossword Puzzles!

Directions: Use basic IPM knowledge to complete the crossword puzzle. The clues are listed below! If you get stuck, check out the answer key at <http://www.ipminstitute.org/pdfxwordanswers.pdf>.



Across

- Avoid attracting some insects to outdoor lighting by using a fluorescent light ____ instead of an incandescent one.
- This space under the roof of your house should have screens on vents, windows or other openings to keep out squirrels, birds and bats.
- Reduce feeding damage by these large four-legged animal pests by selecting plants for your yard that they prefer not to eat.
- A plant that is out of place is called a ____.

Level 4 Crossword (continued)

9. Watch for nest building by this stinging pest in the spring. Remove any from the eaves of your house with a stream of water from a garden hose.

12. After you've been out in the woods or grass, check yourself carefully for this eight-legged pest.

13. Be sure to clean up ___ waste from your yard to avoid attracting flies.

14. These eight-legged creatures are good friends outdoors because they can eat insects that attack garden plants.

Down

1. Some people think these plants with yellow flowers are pretty, or even good in salads. In most lawns, they're considered weeds and should be dug up and removed before they flower and produce seeds.

2. This fine-feathered friend can eat lots of mosquitoes, caterpillars or other pesky insects.

4. To avoid harm from stinging insects, it's best to wear shoes and not go _____.

6. These flying insects are needed to pollinate flowering fruits and vegetables, but can give a nasty stick if stepped on.

10. Clean up food waste indoors and out to avoid seeing trails of these crawling insects at your house.

11. Leaky _____ can provide water for thirsty insects and can lead to rotting wood and mold growth.