

# Entomophobia

*by Gary Hardaway*

I confess- I don't like insects.  
Except ladybugs and preying  
mantises. And some moths

and butterflies. And I pity  
the June bugs their terrible  
clumsiness. And I admire

the orchestrations of ants and honeybees  
and the persistence and adaptations  
of the cockroach. Fuck the wasps,

though, who sting and bring no honey  
and the termites who undermine  
my wealth of real estate.

