

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE EDUCATOR

**My name is
Matt Schmasow
and I am an
Insect
Ecologist**



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Research Interests and Specializations

- **Insect Ecology** - I am interested in insects and how they interact with their environment. Specifically, I study the diet of Owyhee harvester ants and its consequences on a rare mustard species endemic to southwestern Idaho called slickspot peppergrass.
- **Animal Behavior** – I also investigate how animals respond to changes in their environment. In particular, my research aims to help understand how and why harvester ants select different seed resources as they occur in their environment.



Please CALL or EMAIL to schedule a lesson!

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