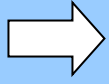
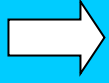


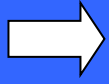
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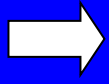
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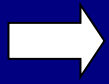
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BEETLES



SPIDERS



BITING MIDGES 'Sand Flies'

Compared to other areas, such as woodlands and forests, mangroves do not contain many species of insects. Plant eating insects play an important role in controlling tree populations in the mangroves. The mangrove seeds are eaten or bored into by insects. This reduces the number of seeds that are able to grow. By eating up to five percent of the foliage they also play a part in recycling nutrients. Birds, lizards and spiders prey on insects for their food supply.