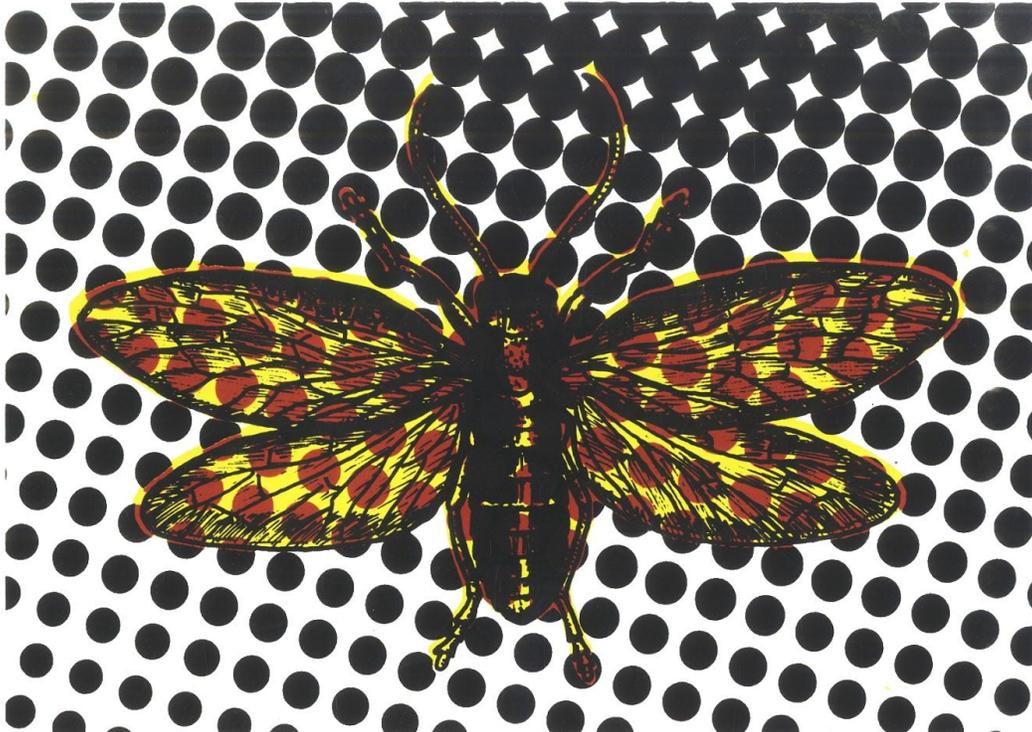


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The Millrace: This Mess Is A Place

While observing species along our stretch of the Millrace, I was struck by the huge variety of life that was present. Although the Millrace is both maintained and neglected in different parts, it is a home for a huge variety of species that depend on its existence in order to continue thriving. The biodiversity present here affects surrounding ecosystems, providing food in a complex chain of relationships that promote overall ecological health of the area. I was struck with how many species came and went over the 9 weeks that I observed it, and I can only imagine how beneficial it would be if it were protected and allowed to completely rewild. Because most people don't currently see it as beneficial, or even interesting to look at, this artwork was made to provide straightforward, and aesthetically pleasing (I hope) information regarding some species that call the Millrace home, or rely on it indirectly. While the fate of the Millrace is currently unknown, my hope is that people will start seeing it as an *environment* that can be restored and protected, and not just a nasty ditch filled with trash.



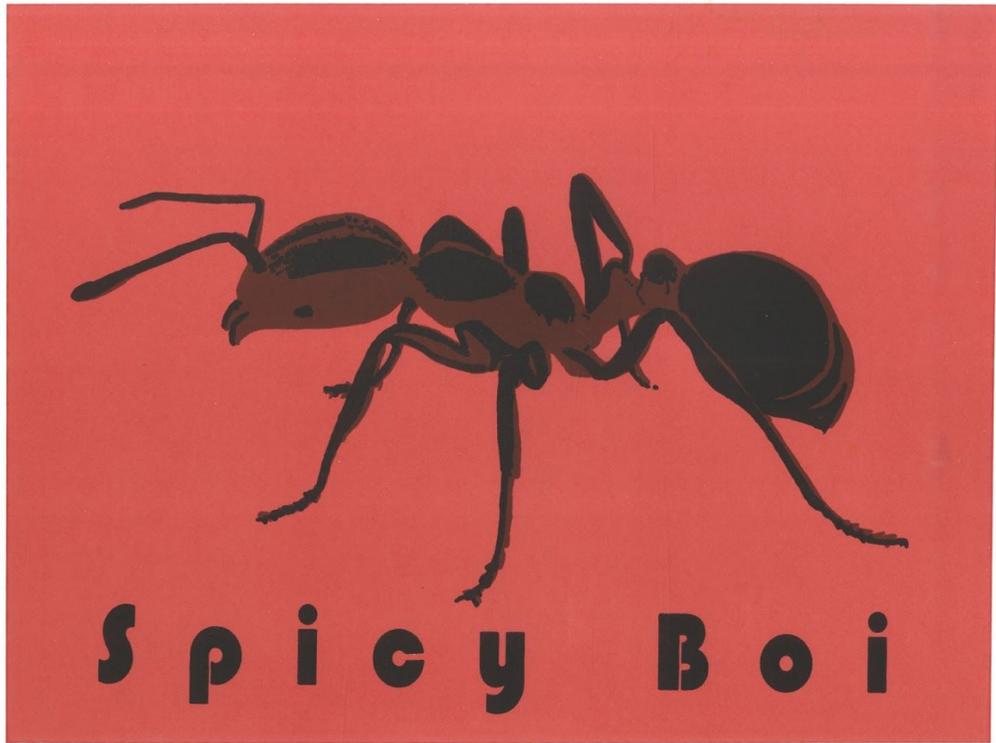
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Camassia leichtlinii, 4-layer screenprint



Apis mellifera, 2-layer screenprint



Solenopsis invicta, 3-layer screenprint



Salticus scenicus, 3-layer screenprint



Bombus terrestris, 4-layer screenprint



Pandion haliaetus, 1-layer screenprint