Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres
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A child wonders if the bugs in her garden are actually alien invaders. It's buggy! Make edible fruit and veggie models of your favorite bugs—eggplant beetles, creepy carrot caterpillars, and shiny strawberry ladybugs.

Bug Bites

Favorite fruit and vegetables—cut bite-sized
Olives and cherries
Cocktail sticks / toothpicks
*Serves a wild number of people!

First, decide on your favorite bug. Is it a bulgy black beetle? Then raid the fridge for an eggplant. Is it a beautiful butterfly? Grab some brightly colored fruit to carve into wings. Is it a dazzling red dragonfly? Then reach for the radishes and radiccio!

Vegetable bugs are best carved from raw veggies and then slicked with slimy olive oil. Ask a grown-up to flash them under the grill before you slurp them down. Juicy fruit or salad bugs can be laid out on a bed of lettuce on a plate. Use your imagination and chop antennae, wings, and bodies from tasty fruit treats.

Lynn Huggins-Cooper is the author of many nonfiction books about the natural world…and especially her lifelong love of all things creepy-crawly! *Alien Invaders / Invasores extraterrestres* is her first children's picture book with Raven Tree Press.

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