



Master Composter

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NEWSLETTER

MC Dan Hafeman teaching backyard compost demo in Sunnyvale

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Week Recap

This week, Diane Guerin, Eric Crawford, and Dan Hafeman rocked the last in person workshop in Sunnyvale on Saturday.

Jack turned our hot piles at Martial Cottle Park!

I got to meet many of you at the Monthly CE meeting :)

Remember to join us November 18th, for our 3rd Saturday Work Day

Upcoming



Third Saturday Workday at Martial
Cottle Park Nov. 18th, 9-11 am
(weather permitting, check rot crew calendar)

Interested in teaching the next generation of
composters?

Our school group needs more composting
teachers!

- We currently have several empty spots on our volunteer sign up
- If you're ever available on weekdays and are interested in teaching youth in the community, please let me know."sheet for school requests

Sign up for a kids event [here](#)

Jack-o-lanterns don't belong in the landfill!



Bring your rotting pumpkins to the
Community Composting
Demonstration Site at Martial
Cottle Park to recycle your waste!

Open every Wednesday
in November, 9am to 1pm
For more information and
directions, scan here:



www.ucanr.edu/compost

Important Resources



- **Log your hours** continuously throughout the year so you don't get stuck in the June **reappointment** slump!

[Log your volunteer hours here!](#)

- You can find previous **recorded CE speakers** on the private Master Composter website.

[Watch the meeting recordings here](#)

- Looking for example presentations and other helpful resources? Check out our shared **Google Drive**.

[Explore the Google Drive here](#)

- Bookmark & save the **Continuing Education Zoom** link

[Find the Zoom link here](#)

- **CE ideas?** Email them or fill out this survey:

[Continuing Education suggestions](#)

MCP Updates

- Remember to post about our virtual 11/16 Spanish Workshop on your neighborhood's Nextdoor (this Thursday)



- Join us on Wednesdays at the park! Jenel and Victoria are going to continue to be out at the park on Wednesday mornings. Let us know if you plan to come out on a Wednesday!
- Next third Saturday workday: November 18th from 9 am to 11 am
 - Meeting from 11-noon



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NEWS

*Articles are hyperlinked at the bottom of each box

Recology compost heading to vineyards

California-based waste and recycling firm says compost can play a moisture retention role in vineyards.

BRIAN TAYLOR

Waste Today

How Southern Oregon businesses turn food scraps into fertilizers — and cut greenhouse gas emissions

Rogue Produce and Evers Ridge Farm offer an alternative to sending household food waste to the landfill

By Roman Battaglia

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Fascinating Soil Microbes!

Maya found this fascinating article about the diversity of soil microbes and I wanted to reshare these images with you in case you'd like to include them in your teaching.

[Find the recent article by Anthony et. al, 2023 attached](#)

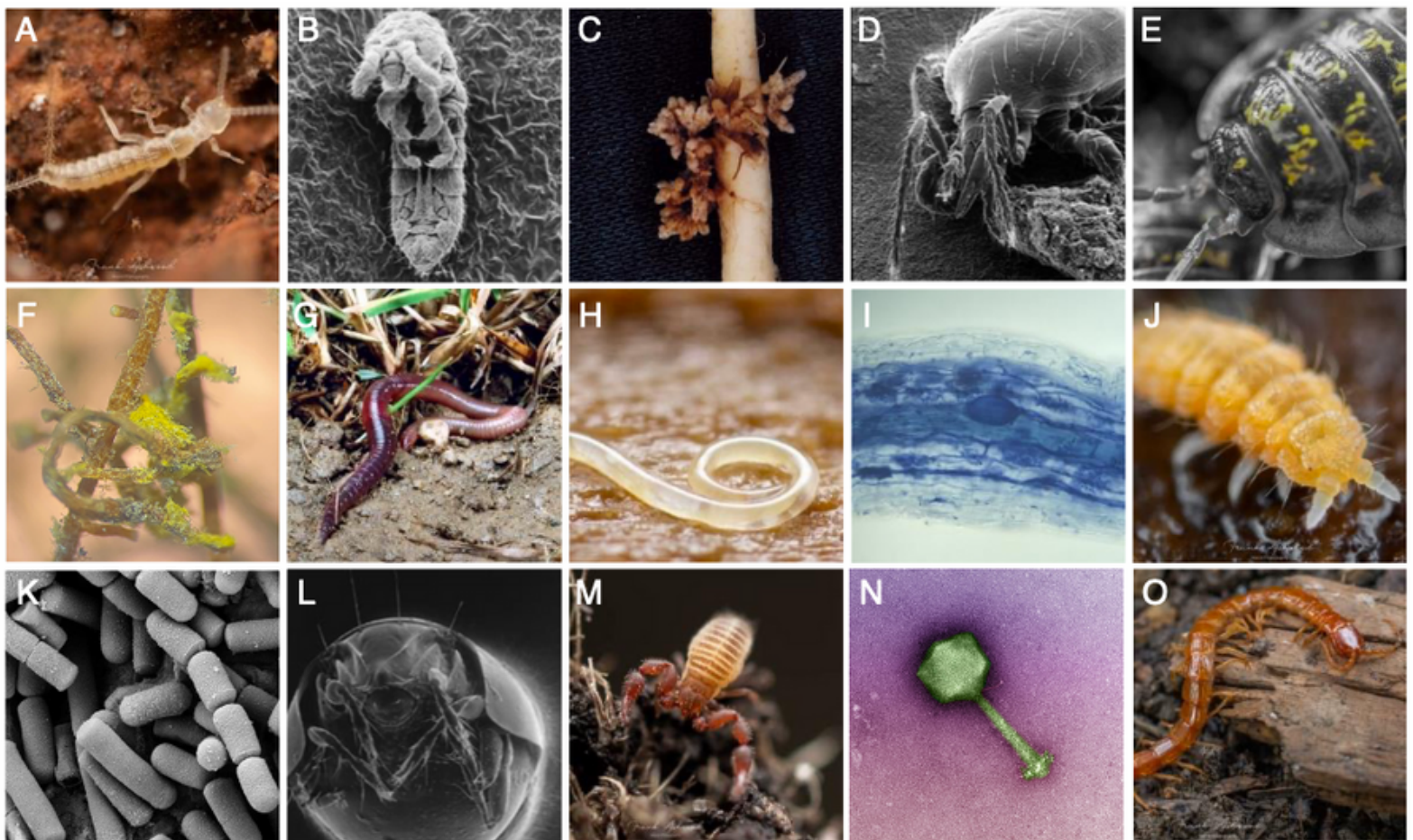


Fig. 1. Diversity of the major life forms found in soil. (A) bristletail (© F. Ashwood), (B) springtail (© H. Conrad), (C) nitrogen-fixing bacteria-containing nodules on clover root (© M. van der Heijden), (D) predatory mite (© H. Conrad), (E) isopod (© F. Ashwood), (F) scots pine root colonized by ectomycorrhizal fungi (yellow) (© M. Anthony), (G) earthworm (© G. Brändle), (H) nematode (© A. Murray), (I) corn root colonized by arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (blue) (© F. Bender), (J) springtail (© F. Ashwood), (K) a common soil bacterium *Bacillus* (Creative Commons Attribution-Share license, photo by M. Das Murtey and P. Ramasamy), (L) horned mite (© H. Conrad), (M) pseudoscorpion (© F. Ashwood), (N) phage infecting a soil bacterium (© T. de Carvalho), (O) centipede (© F. Ashwood).