



Array
Jenny Kitchener
The Boyd Gallery

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Array is a visual celebration of, and personal salutation to, those most intriguing of animals: insects. There are more than a million species of insects and they represent more than half of all living organisms.

Primarily through printmaking, I pay homage to a small selection of insects, most of which are pollinators. Bees, butterflies, moths, beetles and dragonflies are featured in many of the works and play differing roles. In some prints insects are employed as a metaphor for transformation and change, and may allude to a personal narrative. Other works may reference museum displays and the curious arrangements of the amateur collector.

In an acknowledgment of the importance of pollinators to our food supply, the large linocut *Pollinate or perish* depicts a butterfly, its wings patterned with an abundance of plants and pollinating bees. In this exhibition I seek to celebrate and draw attention to the amazing world of the insect.

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Pollinate or perish II (detail) 2013
linocut
74.5 x 55cm