The most annoying animal in the world, Is not the slug with its slime all swirled. (AB) Not the cat - killing, creeping or clawing, Or the parakeet with loud, shrill squawking. (LB)

You'd think the frustrating fly with its weak wings, The world would agree that it makes our ears ring. (HCa) It's got the hairiest legs on the whole earth, And the meanest teeth it's had since birth. (AC)

Not the sneaky stealing of the red, Vulture pecking at the rotting dead. (Hco) The hippo that could stamp on you with one major fling, The mosquito that might paralyse you with just one sting. (EC)

But much more annoying than all of these, Is the wee mozzi guzzling your blood with ease. (TCh) Like a blood-thirsty vampire levitating around, Massacring millions and feeling dreadfully proud. (TCo)

It's worse than a dog with a soggy lick, And ants who you can eliminate with one flick. (AK) Tragically, it will always pilfer your ice-cream,

Even when you duck, dive and dramatically scream. (LD)