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Ladybugs (1)

A Gardener's Best Friend (2)

Ladybugs, also known as lady beetles, are small, colorful insects that are loved by gardeners and nature enthusiasts alike. These tiny creatures play an important role in keeping gardens healthy by eating pests like aphids.



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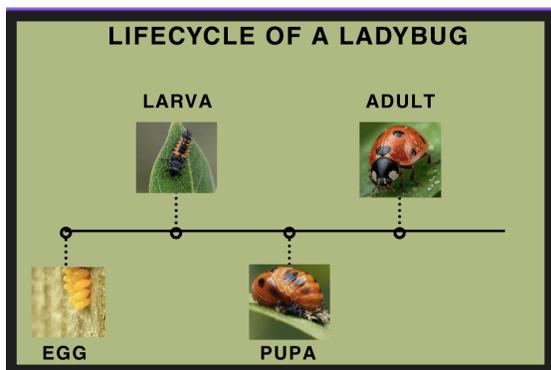
A ladybug crawls on a green leaf. (6)

Physical Characteristics

Ladybugs are usually red, orange, or yellow with black spots, though some species have no spots at all. They have a dome-shaped body and six legs. Their wing covers protect their delicate flying wings underneath.

Life Cycle (3)

1–3 years of life (4)



- Egg – Laid on leaves
- Larva – Looks like a tiny black or gray alligator.
- Pupa – The larva attaches to a surface and begins transforming.
- Adult – Emerges fully grown and ready to eat pests. (7)

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