



LADYBUG

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Everyone knows the shiny red beetle with the black dots. It's a common ladybug. Some ladybugs are black with red spots. Some are orange with yellow spots. Some have no spots at all. There are many kinds of ladybugs, and they are all welcome in the garden.



Male and female ladybugs mate in the spring. Then the female lays her bright yellow eggs on a leaf. In about a week a tiny larva hatches from each egg.



The larvae look nothing like adult ladybugs. The larvae are mostly black, with tiny spines and many sections, or segments. As soon as they hatch, the larvae go off searching for food.

