Ladybug Beetle

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IDENTIFICATION CLUES

- 1/16 - 3/8 inch long
- body rounded and often spotted
- shiny red, orange or yellow with black spots or black with red or yellow spots
- larvae spindle-shaped with spines and bright bands or spots

Who Eats It?
Ladybug beetles taste terrible to most predators. The assassin bug, however, will eat ladybugs using its piercing and sucking mouthparts to suck out the body fluids.

What It Eats.
Ladybug beetles and their larvae prey on aphids and scale insects and are important in the garden for controlling these pests.

Did You Know
During the Middle Ages, Ladybug beetles were used to keep insect pests off the grapevines. As thanks for providing this service they were dedicated to “Our Lady”, hence their name.

Role in the Ecosystem
Ladybug beetles help control aphids and other serious garden pests.