

LADY BEETLE

Adults and larvae of the lady beetle or 'ladybug' are predators of soft-bodied insects such as aphids, scales, and mites. Adults (0.06-0.4 in long) come in various colors. There are over 500 naturally occurring species in North America. Wild lady beetles may enter greenhouses if pesticides are used selectively.



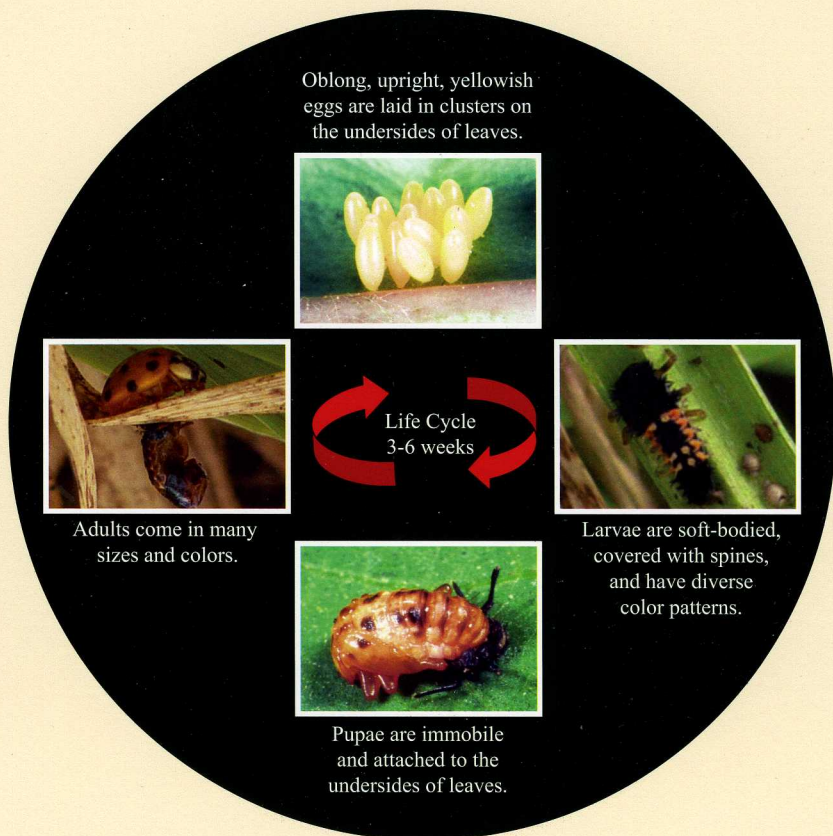
Adult ladybird beetle

Species commercially available:

Coleomegilla maculata (pink-spotted ladybird beetle)

Adalia bipunctata (two-spotted ladybird beetle)

Hippodamia convergens (convergent ladybird beetle)



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