

Ladybirds

Ladybirds are very interesting because they are found all over the world. Did you know that they even eat other insects? Flying through the sky or crawling across a delicious leaf, ladybirds can often be seen during spring and summer months. Read on to find out more about these fascinating creatures.

Appearance

Ladybirds are usually red, with small black spots on their wing covers. Sometimes they are orange or yellow. This bright colouring acts as a warning to predators. People used to think the number of spots on a ladybird indicated its age, but this isn't the case.

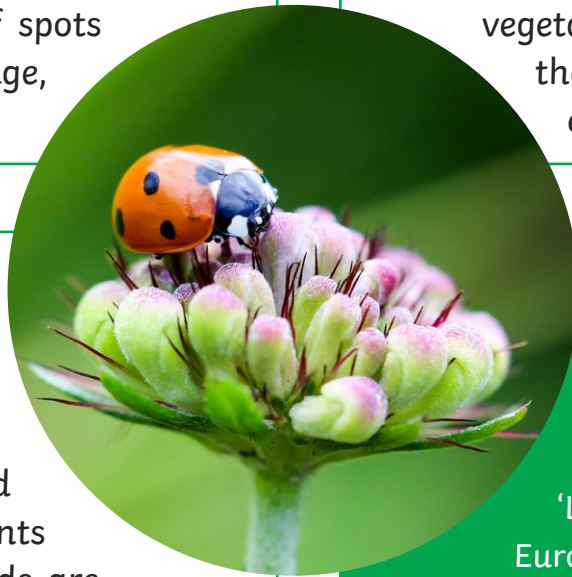
Habitat

Ladybirds are found all over the world. There are over 4,300 types of ladybirds in the world. They live in areas where there is lots of vegetation, as this provides them with aphids to eat.



Diet

Many ladybirds feed on aphids, which are small bugs. Aphids are considered pests by most farmers and gardeners, as they damage plants and crops. Therefore, ladybirds are popular with gardeners and farmers!



Did you know?

- Not all ladybirds have spots – some have stripes.
- In America, they are called 'Ladybugs' and in some parts of Europe, they are called 'Lady Beetles'.
- They aren't all girls!

It is lucky that ladybirds live all over the world and that their bright colour means they aren't often eaten by predators. Without them, plants wouldn't grow so well.