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-  They have two sets of wings: one hard (elytra), one soft
-  They lay their eggs on plants, near aphids
-  Family name: *Coccinellidae*
-  They exude a chemical to taste bad to other critters
-  One ladybug lays 1000 eggs
-  5,000 species in the world
-  They are carnivores
-  The larvae shed their skins three times
-  500 species in N. America
-  They can fly up to 37 mph
-  Ladybugs live 1-2 years
-  They live in areas of dense vegetation
-  They can fly up to 2 hours at a time
-  Their main predators are birds

More information and activities

Video of ladybug life cycle with Sue Watts, South Carolina Botanical Garden educator

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjEHLqV1TmE&t=55s>

Facts about ladybugs

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/invertebrates/group/ladybugs/>

Fun Facts about ladybugs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fy2MLFFuXZ0>

How to identify ladybugs

<https://www.discoverlife.org/20/q?guide=Ladybug>

Citizen Science: The Lost Ladybug Project

<http://www.lostladybug.org/>

Color the lifecycle of a ladybug

<http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/life-cycle-of-a-ladybug>

Free downloadable craft activities

<https://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/insects/crafts-ladybug.htm>

Books about Ladybugs

<https://tinyurl.com/ya4tc6ma>

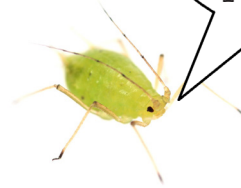
I like to eat aphids
Get out of my way ant!
Yum, yum.



Stop! I won't let you eat the
aphids, ladybug! I farm them-
like cows. They give me sweet
honeydew. Yum, yum.



I'm just an aphid
over here sucking
sap from a plant.
Yum, yum.



Can you find ants, ladybugs and aphids on plants outside?

Can you see the ants and ladybugs fighting over the aphids?

Can you see ants milking the aphids for honeydew?

Can you see the aphids sucking sap from a stem?

Spend some time watching them & draw what you see ...

