

# Beneficial Insects



**Green Lacewing**



**Larvae also called Aphid Lions**



**Lady Beetle**



**Adults and larvae are proficient aphid eaters**



**Assassin Bug**



**Hide and ambush their prey  
and eat almost any insect**

# Garden heroes



Hummingbirds pollinate  
and eat insects



Ground Beetles are  
fabulous **slug and snail**  
predators



Bats eat **600-1,000** insects  
an hour.



Bushtits **forage for insects**  
throughout the garden



Hover Fly larvae are the  
predators of **aphids,**  
**mealybugs,** and **small insects.**

# Garden hero: Lady Beetles

- Eat 50 aphids per day
- Some types as many as 200-300 aphids
- Also eat mealybug, scale and spider mites



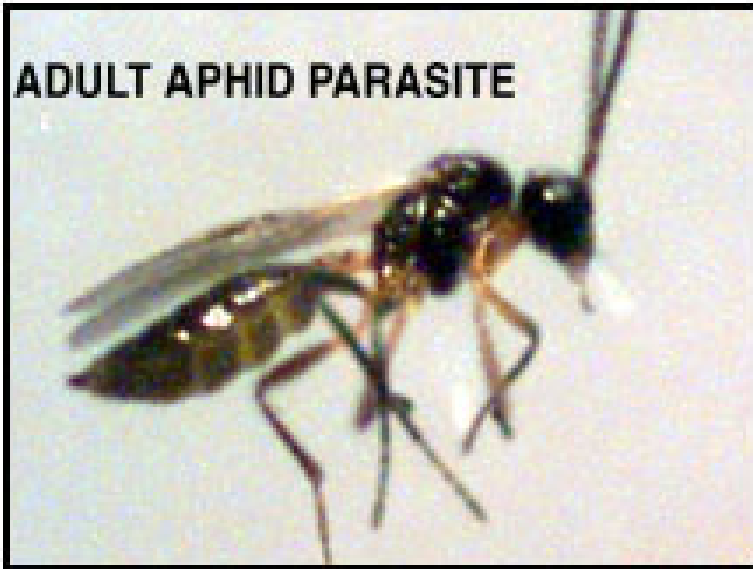
# Voracious predator: Green Lacewing



Adults and larvae feed on

- Aphids
- Leafhoppers
- Whiteflies
- Small caterpillars
- Insect eggs
- Spider mites

# Clever assistant: Parasitic Wasp



- Parasitize by **laying eggs in the host** insect. The host is entirely consumed by the developing larvae.
- Caterpillars, moths, leafminers, wood-boring beetle larvae, flies, aphids, gypsy moth, weevils, and spiders.



**Do Not Sting!!!**