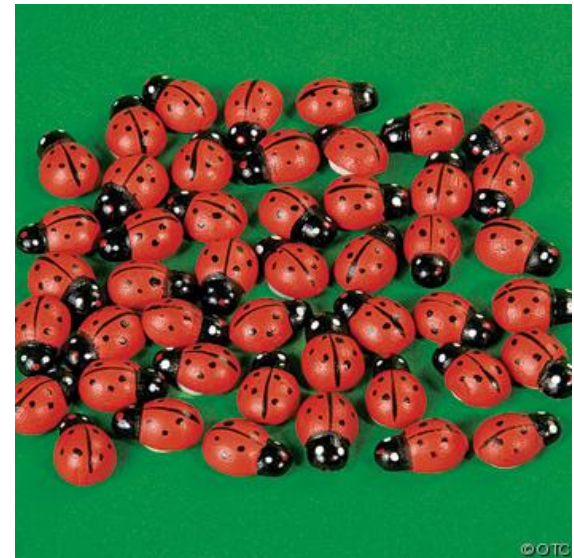


# Ladybugs

Ladybugs are different colors. Black ladybugs have red spots. Some ladybugs are poisonous and some are not.



Ladybugs live in gardens, houses, forests and fields.



Ladybugs eat mostly aphids, scales and mites. Ladybugs eat the bad bugs that destroy your plants.



In the spring the adults lay up to three hundred eggs. The eggs hatch in two to five days. The newly hatched larvae feed on aphids for up to three weeks, and then they enter the pupa stage. The adult ladybugs emerge about a week later.



A ladybug beats its wings 85 times a second when it flies. A gallon jar will hold from 72,000 to 80,000 ladybugs. Ladybugs chew from side to side not up and down like people do. The spot on a ladybug fades as the ladybug gets older. A female ladybug will lay more than 1000 eggs in her lifetime. During hibernation, ladybugs feed on their stored fat.