



7-spot ladybird

The most common British ladybird loves munching on aphids. It's one of the largest too - measuring 6-8mm long!



2-spot ladybird

Look for this small ladybird in towns and cities. It's usually red with two black spots, but can be black with four or six red patches.



Water ladybird

Look for these ladybirds next time you're by a pond or river - they like to eat the aphids that live on rushes. And they can change colour - in autumn, they turn from red to yellowy-brown.



Adonis' ladybird

Living on wasteland, this ladybird loves warm areas where there's lots of sand and gravel. It has six spots towards the bottom of its wing cases, and black legs that turn brown at the ends.



10-spot ladybird

You'll find 10-spots in trees, so keep your eyes peeled for their pale legs and tummies. They also have a lot of white on their pronotum (the bit between their head and wing cases), and sometimes only have 2 spots.



Kidney-spot ladybird

You're most likely to find these ladybirds on trees, where they prey on scale insects (limpet-like insects that suck sap from plants). These ladybird's wing cases flare out at the bottom, making them look a bit like a tortoise!



Cream-spot ladybird

This chestnut-brown ladybird eats aphids and lives on ash trees, hemlock and cow parsley. It's similar to the 18-spot, but lacks the star-shaped marking on its scutellum (a shield-like part on the front of its wing cases).



Eyed ladybird

At 8-9mm long, this is the largest British ladybird. You'll only find it on pine trees as it eats pine aphids. It's named after the yellow marks round its spots, though you can't always see them.



Larch ladybird

You'll find this ladybird on larch trees, as well as other conifers. It usually has stripes down the middle of its wing cases, but not always, and some individuals have between 2 and 6 spots.



Orange ladybird

This ladybird's favourite food is mildew, and it makes its home on different kinds of trees - especially conifers and sycamores. These ladybirds sometimes spend winter as pupae.



22-spot ladybird

This ladybird is bright yellow and always has 22 spots, though they can be different sizes and sometimes join up. It loves to munch mildew on the soil and on low-growing plants.



24-spot ladybird

Though the number of spots can vary, this hairy ladybird always has a red pronotum (the bit between its head and wing cases). It's vegetarian, and eats grass and some weeds.

There are 46 species of ladybird in the UK - wow! How many can you spot?

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