

School-to-Nature



Native US Ladybug vs Introduced Asian Lady Beetle

	Ladybug	Asian Lady Beetle
Color	Red or Red-Orange	Red-Orange or Orange
Spots	7 Black spots, traditionally, may have more	More than 7 spots, usually
Food	Aphids, white flies, mites	Aphids, white flies, mites
Behavior	Does not bite humans	May bite humans, leaves a smelly yellow liquid when scared or squashed
Hibernates	Large groups gather outdoors under tree bark, in rotted logs, under rocks, in window or door spaces; but do not come indoors.	Large groups gather in warm spaces like window and doorway frames, and cracks in homes; they come indoors if possible and can be a nuisance.
Identification Tip#1 (see photos)	When seen from above, it appears to have a tiny white “shirt collar” points at the top of its red back. The other does not have these.	When seen from the back, you may be able to see a black “capital M” on a mostly white head.
Identification Tip #2	Has very small white “cheek spots,” more black on the head.	Has larger white “cheek spots,” more white areas on the head.



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