

Ladybirds of Ireland

Identification Sheet

2 Spot Ladybird
Adalia bipunctata



4-5mm length.

Wing case red, orange red or black. Commonly with 2 spots. Black legs. Habitat: wetland and urban gardens.

10 Spot Ladybird
Adalia decempunctata



3.5-4.5mm length.

Wing case yellow, orange or red with 0-15 spots, which can form a chequered pattern. Colour variable. Brown legs. Habitat: generalist.

Harlequin Ladybird
Harmonia axyridis



5-8mm length.

Red or orange with up to 21 spots. Colour variable but can also be black with red spots. (See id sheet). Habitat: generalist.

Hieroglyphic Ladybird
Coccinella hieroglyphica



4-5mm length.

Wing case brown or reddish with black spots which sometimes fuse. 0-7 spots and patches. Black legs. Habitat: heathland, grassland.

7 Spot Ladybird
Coccinella septempunctata



5-8mm length.

Wing case red, usually with 7 black spots. Black legs. Very common. Habitat: found in a wide range of habitats.

11 Spot Ladybird
Coccinella undecimpunctata



4-5mm length.

Wing case red, with 7-11 black spots. Black legs. Habitat: variety of habitats but commonly found on dune systems.

13 Spot Ladybird
Hippodamia tredecimpunctata



5-7mm length.

Wing case orange with 7-15 black spots. Black legs. Habitat: bogs, lakeshores, marsh, dune systems.

14 Spot Ladybird
Propylea quattuordecimpunctata



3.5-4.5mm length.

Wing case yellow with 4-14 spots. Spots block like in appearance. Brown legs. Habitat: generalist.

18 Spot Ladybird
Myrrha octodecimguttata



4-5mm length.

Wing case maroon-brown with 14-18 cream spots and fusions. Brown legs. Habitat: conifer specialist. Often found on Scots Pine.

22 Spot Ladybird
Psyllora vigintiduopunctata






3-4mm length.

Wing case lemon yellow, 20-22 black spots. Brown legs. Habitat: low vegetation in grassland, woodland and dune systems.

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<p>Cream Spot Ladybird <i>Calvia quattuordecimguttata</i></p>  <p>4-5mm length. Wing case maroon-brown with 14 cream spots. Brown legs. Habitat: deciduous trees, grassland, heath and marshland.</p>	<p>Eyed Ladybird <i>Anatis ocellata</i></p>  <p>7-8.5mm length. Wing colour russet or burgundy with 0-23 black spots. Usually surrounded by pale rings. Black legs. Habitat: conifer specialist, sometimes in mixed woodlands on sycamore.</p>	<p>Heather Ladybird <i>Chilocorus bipustulatus</i></p>  <p>3-4mm length. Black and shiny with a series of small red spots forming a line in the middle of the elytra. Black legs. Habitat: heathland, Dune systems, scrub.</p>	<p>Kidney Spot Ladybird <i>Chilocorus renipustulatus</i></p>  <p>4-5mm length. Wing case black and shiny with 2 spots and a distinct rim around the wing case. Black legs. Habitat: deciduous woodlands or in habitats adjacent to deciduous woodlands.</p>	<p>Larch Ladybird <i>Aphidecta oblitterata</i></p>  <p>4-5mm length. Wing case light brown, sometimes speckled with brown spots. No pattern or else dark along the centre line of the wing case where they meet. Brown legs. Habitat: conifer specialist or mixed woodlands.</p>
<p>Orange Ladybird <i>Halzia sexdecimguttata</i></p>  <p>4.5-6mm length. Wing case orange, with 12-16 white spots. Orange legs. Habitat: woodland. Often found on sycamore and ash.</p>	<p>Striped Ladybird <i>Myzia oblongogutta</i></p>  <p>6-8mm length Wing case chestnut brown, cream stripes and spots. Brown legs. Habitat: conifer specialist.</p>	<p>24 spot Ladybird* <i>Subcoccinella vigintiquatuorpunktata</i></p>  <p>3-4mm length. Wing case russet with 0-24 black spots. Russet legs. Habitat: grasslands, marsh and scrub.</p>	<p>Water Ladybird* <i>Anisosticta novemdecimpunctata</i></p>  <p>4mm length. Wing case buff, beige or reddish with 15-21 spots. Pale brown legs. Habitat: reed beds, marsh or wet locations.</p>	<p>Identification Tips</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Size 2. Wing case colour 3. Patterns <p>*These have few records in Ireland but are common in Britain.</p> <p>Photo contributors: Dr Roy Anderson, Gearoid O'Sullivan, North East Wildlife.co.uk.</p> <p>Acknowledgement: Dr Roy Anderson for his input and helpful comments.</p>