

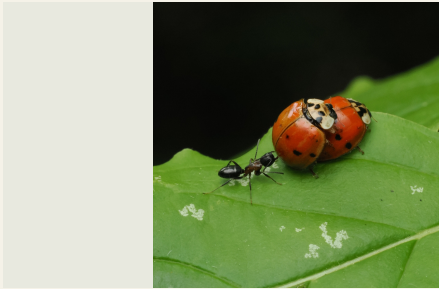
Ladybug identification chart

Six regional examples | Eastern United States, with a Mid-Atlantic focus | Online Field Guide

Check the pattern behind the head as well as the wing-cover spots. Spot count alone can mislead.

1. Multicolored Asian lady beetle

Harmonia axyridis



Pale pronotum; dark M/W-shaped mark

Two adults; sex not assigned

2. Seven-spotted lady beetle

Coccinella septempunctata

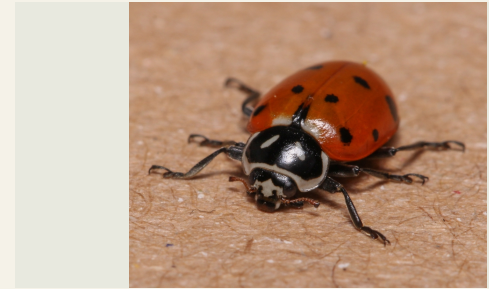


Red-orange covers; seven black spots

Adult; sex not assigned

3. Convergent lady beetle

Hippodamia convergens

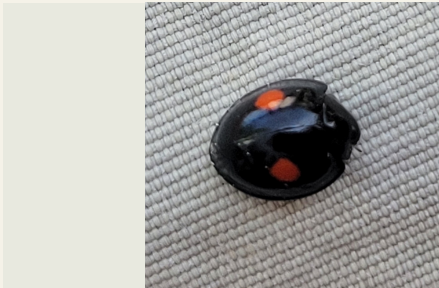


Two pale lines converging behind the head

Adult; sex not assigned

4. Twice-stabbed lady beetle

Chilocorus stigma

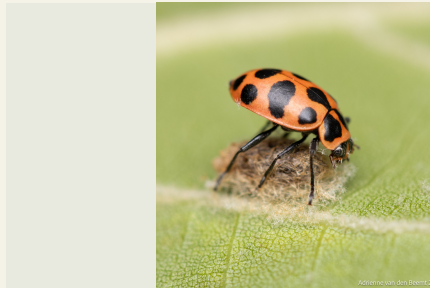


Glossy black covers; one red spot on each

Adult; sex not assigned

5. Pink-spotted lady beetle

Coleomegilla maculata



Pink-red covers; twelve spots and an elongated body

Adult; sex not assigned

6. Two-spotted lady beetle

Adalia bipunctata



Typical form: red covers with one black spot each

Adult, typical red form

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Ladybug	Habitat or nesting clue	Identification level	Adult activity
Multicolored Asian lady beetle	Gardens, trees and buildings in fall	Species candidate	Spring through fall
Seven-spotted lady beetle	Gardens, meadows and crops	Species candidate	Spring through fall
Convergent lady beetle	Open vegetation, gardens and crops	Species candidate	Spring and summer; into fall
Twice-stabbed lady beetle	Trees and shrubs; often near scale insects	Chilocorus candidate	Warm months
Pink-spotted lady beetle	Gardens, fields and crops	Species candidate	Spring through fall
Two-spotted lady beetle	Trees, shrubs and gardens	Species candidate; typical form	Warm months

These entries describe adults. The pronotum is the plate immediately behind the head; it is often more useful than counting spots. Seasons are broad periods when active adults may be seen.

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Identification references: Multicolored Asian lady beetle; Seven-spotted lady beetle; Convergent lady beetle; Twice-stabbed lady beetle; Pink-spotted lady beetle; Two-spotted lady beetle.

This chart compares regional examples; it is not a complete species key.