

# Ladybird Life Cycle



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**The female ladybird lays its eggs  
onto a leaf.**



The eggs hatch and the larvae are born. They will spend their time feeding on aphids to grow and be ready for the next stage of life.



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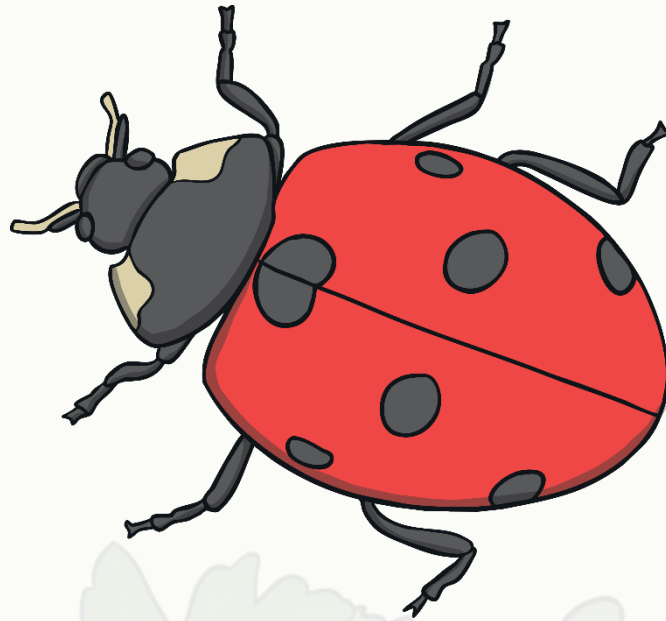


**They form 'pupae'.  
This stage lasts 5-7 days.**

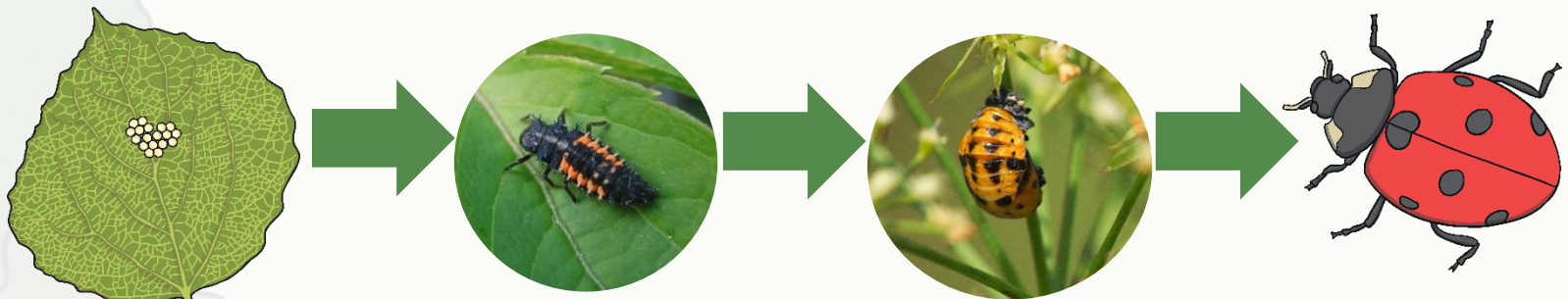


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**An adult ladybird emerges!**



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# Some Interesting Facts

- Some adult ladybirds are known to eat the larvae of other ladybirds when really hungry!
- You cannot tell a ladybird's age from its spots.
- Adult ladybirds stay in a dormant state over winter. This is called 'overwintering'.
- Ladybirds will leak a nasty yellow liquid from their knees when threatened. It is called hemolymph and it is poisonous!







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