

Are actually a type of beetle.

Their bright colour and markings help to warn off potential predators.

Taste and smell with their antennae.

Lay their eggs on leaves.

Spots get lighter as they get older.

Hibernate together during winter to stay warm.

Ladybirds



Are both male and female.

Feed on soft bodied insects.
Gardeners are keen to have them as they eat the tiny insects that feed on plants and flowers.

Breathe through openings on the sides of their bodies.

Some have no spots and others have up to 20 spots.

When flying will beat their wings 85 times per second.

Can play dead to defend themselves and release a yellow fluid from their legs which smells horrible to other bugs.

Have two sets of wings.
The outer set is a hard shell for protection. The inner set are used to fly.

