

# lucy

## A LADYBUG'S LIFE

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And all the  
ladybugs!

fun fact 

- Ladybugs are a type of beetle. There are over 6,000 species of ladybugs in the world.







Let's meet  
a ladybug.









This is Lucy the ladybug.

God created her for a simple yet very special purpose. Her job is to eat all the insects—**aphids** being her favorite—that dwell on and damage the plants in your yard or garden. However, when Lucy was younger, she did not look like a ladybug at all. What do you think she looked like?

### fun facts

- Some ladybugs eat insects other than aphids. Nectar, water, honeydew, and other plant materials such as pollen also provide food for ladybugs when the regular food supply is low.
- Aphids suck sap from the plants on which they live, which can eventually kill the plants. Farm and garden plants are enabled to survive when ladybugs do their job, and there are stronger trees and shrubs for birds to nest in as well.
- A ladybug is capable of eating as many as 5,000 aphids during its life.





One beautiful summer day,  
Lucy was introduced to  
this world inside an **egg**.  
Encased in a very soft, tiny,  
yellow shell attached to the  
underside of a tree branch,  
she was surrounded by many  
brothers and sisters.





Three or four days later, Lucy and her siblings began squirming around inside their eggs, attempting to get out. Their shells split. After more squirming and wriggling, pushing and pulling, Lucy finally emerged. She was exhausted. She and her siblings rested on their eggshells for the remainder of the day.

Lucy still did not look like a ladybug, though. **What did she look like?**



Lucy and her siblings were small and black.  
They were **larvae**.

