

Beneficial Species Profile



Photo credit: Graham Montgomery (Lady Beetle & Aphids)

Common Name: Multicolored Asian Lady Beetle

Scientific Name: *Harmonia axyridis*

Order and Family: Coleoptera: Coccinellidae

Size and Appearance:

	Length (mm)	Appearance
Egg		- Yellow - Oval shaped - Laid upright in clusters of about 20
Larva/Nymph	4mm long x 2mm wide	- Elongated - Flattened - Black in color - Covered with orange tiny spines
Adult	5mm long x 8mm wide	- Oval or convex in shape - Yellow to red in color, 0-19 spots on their wing covers - Spot size and patterns will vary - Head is concealed beneath a cream to yellow disk-shaped pronotum that has a black “M” design in the center - When agitated or squished, will “reflex bleed” a yellow fluid with an unpleasant odor that is released from the leg joints

Pupa (if applicable)	7mm long x 6mm wide	-Shaped like an elongated dome attached to leaf -Orange with black spots -Forth molted exoskeleton is attachment on the leaf
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Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.): Chewing

Host/s: Ornamental trees and plants, agricultural crops, and other open areas

Description of Benefits (predator, parasitoid, pollinator, etc.): Multicolored lady beetles, like other lady beetles, are considered a predator. Their food consists of aphids, thrips, mites, scale insects, as well as eggs of butterflies and moths. The most aphids are consumed by the lady beetle's larvae.

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