

# Ladybirds

Read the Information Report about ladybirds.

*Australia has around 300 species of ladybirds. They belong to the beetle family. Not all beetles can fly. Ladybirds fly using their hind wings.*

*Ladybirds are helpful to farmers and gardeners because they eat pests like aphids, scales and mites. They can eat up to 15 aphids in one day.*

*Ladybirds are brightly coloured red, yellow and black. Their colouring is a warning to birds that they taste terrible and are poisonous. When they are frightened, they produce bright yellow blood which scares off their enemies. Spiders, birds, frogs and other insects, are their enemies.*

Write yes or no.

All beetles can fly.

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Ladybirds are helpful to farmers.

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Ladybirds eat flies

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There are 30 species of ladybirds.

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Ladybirds fly using their hind legs.

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Spiders and frogs eat ladybirds.

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