

Ladybird Spotter Sheet



Ladybirds are a type of beetle. They are small, round or oval shaped with bright colouring and patterns. These bright colours are to warn potential predators that they are distasteful. The number of spots and colouration can vary per individual. Ladybirds can be found in a wide variety of habitats such as grasslands, woodlands, scrub, coastal areas and even houses.

In Guernsey there are 29 species of ladybird. This spotter sheet includes some of the easier species to identify. There are not many records of ladybirds, despite them being a fairly recognisable species group. It would be great to have more records and you can submit these through the biological recording app, iRecord. For information on all ladybird species in Guernsey check out this link <https://www.guernseywildlife.co.uk/studies/ladybirds-of-guernsey>

2-spot Ladybird



Distinctive. Has different colour forms - such as black with red spots. Black legs. 4-6mm

7-spot Ladybird



One of the most common ladybirds. Red wing cases with 7 black spots. 6-8mm

14-spot Ladybird



Bright yellow with 14 rectangular spots. Sometimes fused to create a chequerboard. 4-5mm

16-spot Ladybird



Small. Beige coloured with 16 black spots. Black central line. 3mm



22-spot Ladybird



Small. Bright yellow with 22 circular black spots. 3-4mm

24-spot Ladybird



Small. Orange-red with around 24 black spots. Hairy so looks dull. Orange legs. 3-4mm

Orange Ladybird



Distinctive. Pale orange with cream spots. 5-6mm

Water Ladybird



Elongated. Beige but changes colour to red in summer. Lots of black spots. Found by water. 3.5-5mm

Kidney-spot Ladybird



Black with large red spot on each wing. Domed with distinct flattened edge. 5mm

Pine Ladybird



Black with red 'comma' spots at front and 2 red spots in middle. Flattened edge. 3-4mm

Adonis Ladybird



Small and elongated. Red with 3-15 black spots at the rear. 4-5mm

Harlequin Ladybird



Invasive. Larger than natives. Lots of colour forms. W/M shaped mark on head. 8-9mm