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Ladybird is a common name for any of the numerous related species of brightly coloured beetles.

The maximum length of the ladybird is less than 1.2cm. It has a nearly hemispherical body, rounded above and flat below, with a small head and short legs. Ladybirds are often red or orange above, spotted with black, white or yellow. Some species are black, with or without spots. The larvae are also brilliantly coloured, often blue, with stripes of orange or black.

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The Latin name for this ladybird is *Coccinella 7-punctata*.

This ladybird is common over the whole of Britain and is also one of the most characteristic of ladybirds.

It has a body length of 5 to 8mm, with bright red wing-cases with 7 black dots.

Some other types of ladybird include: