

# Ladybug



Photo by Sarah Rayner

**Ladybugs** are known for their bright red color and black spots. There are more than 400 species of ladybugs, but can you find *Coccinella novemnotata*, the nine-spotted ladybug?

Over the last 20 years, the nine-spotted ladybug and other native ladybug populations have dramatically decreased. While nonnative ladybug populations have increased. Scientists are researching this shift in numbers.

They don't know how, why, or what impact it will have on ladybug diversity or the role that ladybugs play in keeping plant-feeding insect populations low.

## Learning Links:

[The Life Cycle of the Ladybug](#)

[Help Researchers! Join the Lost Ladybug Citizen Science Project](#)

[Learn the Ladybug Song](#)

[Fun Ladybug Crafts to do at Home](#)