

# Garden Bugs & Insects of the **MIDWEST**



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**IDENTIFY POLLINATORS, PESTS, AND OTHER GARDEN VISITORS**

# BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS

## Order Lepidoptera

### Spring Azure

(*Celastrina ladon*)

wingspan up to 1 inch; wings above light blue in males; white-blue to violet-blue with broad dark margins on forewing in females; wings below light gray with pronounced dark spots and bands



### Monarch

(*Danaus plexippus*)

wingspan up to 5 inches; wings orange with black veins and borders; avid flower visitor; migratory; larvae feed on milkweeds



### Monarch Larva

(*Danaus plexippus*)

up to 2 inches long; banded with yellow, white, and black; has two black filaments on each end; feeds on milkweeds; populations declining



### Red-spotted Purple

(*Limenitis arthemis astyanax*)

wingspan up to 4 inches; wings above black with blue iridescence; hindwing below black with blue iridescence and bold orange spots; adults seldom visit flowers; larvae feed on black cherry, deerberry, and willows



### White Admiral

(*Limenitis arthemis arthemis*)

wingspan up to 3.2 inches; wings black with a broad white band through the center and blue spots along the margin; larvae feed on birch and aspen; found in northern portions of the region



### Viceroy

(*Limenitis archippus*)

wingspan up to 3.5 inches; wings orange with black veins and borders; hindwing with black line through the center; wings below as above only paler; larvae feed on willows and poplars



# BEETLES

## Order Coleoptera

### Asian Lady Beetle **P** **B**

(*Harmonia axyridis*)

up to 0.35 inch; oval body; pattern highly variable from unmarked orange to red with black spots; invasive; adults invade homes and other structures to overwinter; displaces native lady beetles; adults and larvae feed on other insects, including many pest species



### Spotted Pink Lady Beetle **B**

(*Coleomegilla maculata*)

up to 0.25 inch long; pink-to-red oval body; wing coverings with 12 black spots; adults and larvae feed on aphids and other soft-bodied plant pests



### Seven-spotted Lady Beetle **B**

(*Coccinella septempunctata*)

up to 0.3 inch long; round-to-oval body; thorax black with two white spots; wing coverings reddish-orange with 7 black spots; adults and larvae feed on aphids and other soft-bodied plant pests



### Polished Lady Beetle **B**

(*Cycloneda munda*)

up to 0.25 inch; oblong body; wing cases unmarked orange; thorax (pronotum) black with white markings; highly beneficial predator of insect eggs and soft-bodied pests, including mites, aphids, thrips, and mealybugs



### Lady Beetle Larva **B**

(Family Coccinellidae)

up to 0.25 inch long; elongated black body with orange spots; resembles a tiny alligator; highly beneficial predator of insect eggs and soft-bodied pests, including mites, aphids, thrips, and mealybugs



### Willow Leaf Beetle **P**

(*Plagioderma versicolora*)

up to 0.18 inch long; oval, metallic bluish-black unmarked body; adults and larvae feed on willows



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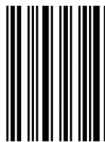
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