



BENEFICIAL INSECTS FOR YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN



Good insects help protect your plants naturally! ❤️

BENEFICIAL INSECT	WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE	WHAT IT DOES	PESTS IT HELPS CONTROL
LADYBUGS (Lady Beetles) 		Eat aphids, scale, mealybugs, and other soft-bodied pests. 	Aphids, scale, mealybugs, mites 
LACEWINGS 		Both adults and larvae eat many garden pests. 	Aphids, whiteflies, thrips, mites, small caterpillars 
PARASITIC WASPS 		Lay eggs in or on pests; the larvae eat the pest from the inside out. 	Caterpillars, aphids, whiteflies, beetle larvae 
PRAYING MANTISES 		Excellent hunters that eat many harmful insects. 	Caterpillars, aphids, flies, beetles 
GROUND BEETLES 		Feed on slugs, caterpillars, and other soil pests. 	Slugs, cutworms, caterpillars, soil insect larvae 
HOVER FLIES 		Adults pollinate flowers; larvae eat aphids and other soft pests. 	Aphids, scale, mealybugs 
PREDATORY MITES 		Very small but powerful hunters of plant pests. 	Spider mites, thrips, fungus gnats 
BEES (Native Bees) 		Pollinate flowers so vegetables can produce more fruits! 	(Not pest control) Help your garden produce bigger harvests! 



Attract beneficial insects by planting flowers and herbs, avoiding pesticides, and providing water and shelter.



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