

# Common Beneficial Insects in the Home Landscape

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## Beneficial Insects

## Benefit

## Habitat

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| 1. <b>Bees</b> – honey, flower, bumble, sweat, etc.                  | pollination of flowers  | flowers, hollow trees, etc.   |
| 2. <b>Mantids</b> – Chinese and Carolina                             | consume wide variety of insects                                     | shrubs, tall grasses, meadows, gardens, flowers, etc.                 |
| 3. <b>Ladybird Beetle/Ladybug</b>                                    | consume aphids, mealybugs, scale                                    | infected plants, gardens, over winter in groups, houses               |
| 4. <b>Flies</b> – Tachinid, Syrphid (flower flies)                   | adults-pollinator, larvae-consume caterpillars and other insects    | adults – flowers; larvae inside parasitized insect host               |
| 5. <b>Spined Soldier Bug, Two-Spotted Stink Bug</b>                  | caterpillars and other larvae                                       | garden, yards, shrubs   |
| 6. <b>True Bugs</b> – Ambush, Assassin, Damsel, Minute Pirate, Wheel | consume variety of insects  | flowers, trees, gardens, shrubs, meadows, etc.                        |
| 7. <b>Wasps</b> – all kinds  | consume caterpillars, soft insects                                  | nest – ground, trees, buildings etc; rotting fruit, flowers           |
| 8. <b>Ground Beetles</b>   | predator of many insects  | ground surface, under objects, crevices, gardens, fields, etc.        |
| 9. <b>Lace Wings</b>   | consume aphids, mealybugs, scale                                    | gardens, plants where prey are; adults- attracted to lights           |
| 10. <b>Dragonflies &amp; Damselflies</b>                             | adults – consume flying insects<br>nymphs – consume aquatic insects | in air - garden, fields, yards, ponds, near water<br>in running water |

## Other Insect Relatives:

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| 11. <b>Spiders</b> | consumes variety of insects | ground, garden, house |
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