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Animal Fact Sheet

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Harlequin ladybird

Harmonia axyridis

The Harlequin ladybird is a highly variable and colorful beetle native to eastern Asia but now widely spread across Europe and North America due to introductions for pest control. It is recognized fo…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Coccinellidae
Habitat: Forests, gardens, grasslands, agricultural fields, and urban areas
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-3 years
Weight: 15-25 mg
Scientific name: Harmonia axyridis

Did you know?

- Harlequin ladybirds outcompete many native ladybird species and can even prey on their eggs and larvae, contributing to the decline of local populati…
- Harlequin ladybirds can secrete a yellow, foul-smelling fluid from their leg joints as a defense mechanism. They are known to overwinter in large gro…

What I learned

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