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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...

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