

Beneficial Insects are notorious enemies of pests!

A few of the many beneficial insects that are enemies of pests.

Lady Beetle



Larvae and adults are predators. They feed primarily on aphids but also mites, mealybugs and leaf hoppers. They can eat 50 a day! Release them at sundown.

Green Lacewing Larvae

Voracious eaters of mealybugs, aphids, scales, and thrips. Time of year to release: Best early in the growing season



Soldier Beetle Adult



Also voracious eaters and like aphids, caterpillars, mites and other small insects. They are active during the day.

Syrphid Fly

They love aphids, mealybugs and thrips. And grow from egg to adult in 2 to 4 weeks in the growing season.



Sources

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