

A Useful Bug Comparison Chart

Beneficial / Sign	How to Identify	Common Look-Alike	Why It Matters
Lady Beetle Larvae	Spiky, alligator-shaped, black with orange spots	“Bad bugs”	Top aphid predators
Hoverfly Larvae	Smooth, legless, slug-like	Small caterpillars	Eat hundreds of aphids
Lacewing Larvae	Curved jaws, fast, sometimes debris-covered	Mealybugs or debris pests	Hunt aphids, thrips, whiteflies