

COMMON BACKYARD BUGS

Lady Beetles (Coccinellidae)

- They can be red, yellow, orange, pink, or even black.
- They are predators as adults and larvae.
- Many people buy them as pest control for their gardens.



Geometer Moths (Geometridae)

- The larvae stretch out and then shrink, then stretch again, as if they were measuring.
- They are pollinators as adults and the larvae (caterpillars) eat the leaves of plants.
- The adults have very long tongues.



Bumblebees (Apidae)

- Bumblebees do not die after stinging and can sting more than once.
- They usually are covered in lots of hair.
- They are pollinators.



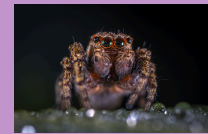
Ants (Formicidae)

- Most have no wings, but the future queens and males will have 4 wings.
- They live in colonies with other ants.
- They are decomposers and predators. Some are fungus farmers.



Jumping Spiders (Salticidae)

- They are prey stalkers that jump to attack their prey.
- They have 8 legs
- They are predators.



Plant Bugs (Miridae)

- They can produce smells as a self-defense mechanism.
- They feed on plants but not by chewing as their mouthparts resemble a straw, so they pierce through the plant tissue and suck the liquid from it



Meshweavers (Dictynidae)

- They are Arachnids along with scorpions, pseudoscorpions, daddy long legs, and mites.
- Their webs are very intricate.
- They are predators.



Short-horned Grasshoppers (Acrididae)

- They are very good at camouflaging with vegetation because of their color and shape.
- They can produce sound, and they jump.
- They feed on plants, and some feed on other insects.

