Friend! Lady Beetle

Lady beetles are
active hunters of
prey and lay
their eggs close
to the food source.

So as friendly gardeners let's leave prey to attract them to our gardens!



Lady beetle larvae

Lady beetle larvae are voracious aphid eaters!

Leave some leaf litter or garden debris for adult beetles to overwinter.

Flowers that also lure adults are dill, yarrow, and coriander.



Lady beetle pupae

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