


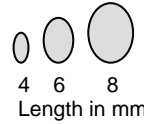


Identification Guide for Harlequin Ladybird and Common British Ladybirds

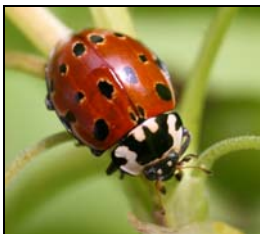
Harlequin ladybird (*Harmonia axyridis*):

- **Size and shape:** large (6 - 8mm long), quite round and domed
- **Elytra (wing case) colour:** pale yellow-orange, orange-red, red or black; highly variable
- **Spots:** 0 - 21 orange-red or black spots, or grid pattern; highly variable
- **Most common forms in UK:** orange with 15 - 21 black spots; black with 2 or 4 orange or red spots
- **Pronotum pattern:** white or cream with up to 5 spots or fused lateral spots forming 2 curved lines, M-shaped mark or solid trapezoid. (The pronotum is the top of the section between head and wing cases.)
- **Other characteristics:** wing cases with wide keel at back; legs almost always brown

Three common colour variants of the **harlequin ladybird** (all the same species)

			<div style="text-align: right;">  <p>4 6 8 Length in mm</p> </div> <p>Ladybird Size Guide (see lengths by each picture below)</p>
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Below are some native British species The notes are to help distinguish native species from the harlequin



Eyed ladybird
7 - 8.5mm (similar size to harlequin)
Commonly 15 black spots
Black legs



Striped ladybird
6 - 8mm (similar size to harlequin)
Chestnut colour with cream stripes & spots



7-spot ladybird
5 - 8mm (similar size to harlequin)
Exactly 7 black spots
Most commonly seen ladybird



Cream-streaked ladybird
5 - 6mm (similar size to small harlequin)
4 or 16 black spots
Cream streaks



Orange ladybird
4.5 - 6mm (similar size to small harlequin)
Orange
12 or 16 white spots



2-spot ladybird
4 - 5mm (smaller than harlequin)
Very variable - red with 2 black spots or black with 2, 4, or 6 red spots
Very common ladybird
Black legs



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Cream-spot ladybird
4 - 5mm (smaller than harlequin)
Maroon-brown with exactly 14 cream spots



Kidney-spot ladybird
4 - 5mm (smaller than harlequin)
Black with 2 red spots
Round with pronounced rim around edge of wing cases



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Pine ladybird
3 - 4.5mm (much smaller than harlequin)
Black with 4 red spots
Round with pronounced rim around edge of wing cases



10-spot ladybird © Mike Majerus
10-spot ladybird
3.5 - 4.5mm (much smaller than harlequin)
Very variable in colour & spot number
Pale legs



14-spot ladybird © Mike Majerus
14-spot ladybird
3.5 - 4.5mm (much smaller than harlequin)
Commonly 14 spots, but variable and spots often fused
Yellow with black spots or black with yellow spots



22-spot ladybird © Mike Majerus
22-spot ladybird
3 - 4mm (much smaller than harlequin)
20 or 22 spots
Yellow with black spots

Please tell us your ladybird sightings at www.ladybird-survey.org and www.harlequin-survey.org
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