



Beetles are the largest group of pollinators. They drink nectar and eat pollen. They also eat other garden pests. Beetles prefer flowers with lots of pollen, dull, white or green in color and flowers that smell spicy, fruity or similar to decaying organic material. They prefer flowers that are flattened or dish shaped.

Ladybugs are not actually bugs—they are beetles. They can be boys or girls. They live 1 to 3 years. A girl lady bug will lay 1,000 eggs during her lifetime but they are so small you can hardly see them. Ladybugs chew from side to side—not up and down like people. Their spots fade as they get older, but some ladybugs don't have any spots at all. There are about 5,000 different kinds of ladybugs.