

# Meet the 12-Spotted Lady Beetle

*Coleomegilla maculata*

How does the lady beetle go from a tiny egg to the insect you see flying through the air? Explore its fascinating life cycle.

## 1 Adults

2 to 4 months

MONTH 1	MONTH 2
SMTWTFSS 1 2 3 4 5	SMTWTFSS 1 2 3
6 7 8 9 10 11 12	4 5 6 7 8 9 10
13 14 15 16 17 18 19	11 12 13 14 15 16 17
20 21 22 23 24 25 26	18 19 20 21 22 23 24
27 28 29 30	25 26 27 28 29 30 31

  

MONTH 3	MONTH 4
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8 9 10 11 12 13 14	7 8 9 10 11 12 13
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	14 15 16 17 18 19 20
22 23 24 25 26 27 28	21 22 23 24 25 26 27
29	28 29 30

## 2 Eggs

4 days

MONTH 1
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20 21 22 23 24 25 26
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- Lay 200 to 1000 eggs in 1 to 3 months
- Clutch size is 8 to 15



## 3 Larvae

10 to 15 days

MONTH 1
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← Adults and larvae eat the same diet →



• Pupae adhere to a leaf

## 4 Pupae

3 to 4 days

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