

# Two-spot Ladybird (*Adalia bipunctata*)

Each month, the **iWatchWildlife** Project choose a wildlife species that we'd like to know more about. We ask people to tell us when they spot that species, so we can then convert the observation into a Wildlife or Species Record. Species records are important because the more we know - the better we can protect our local wildlife.

During **September** we will be collecting records of **Two-spot Ladybirds**

Please get in touch if you spot one with your name, location, date and photo if possible.



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## How to spot a Two-spot Ladybird:

- small, oval-shaped beetle, 4-5mm long with a domed back and colourful wing-cases
- colour pattern varies, but commonly:
  - red with two black spots
  - black with four red spots
- found from Spring to Autumn living on plants in gardens, woodlands, hedgerows and meadows
- has a similar colour pattern to some Harlequin Ladybirds, but the Two-spot is much smaller

## About Two-spot Ladybirds:

- believed to have declined in numbers severely and rapidly over the past few years
- well-loved by gardeners for eating large numbers of aphids which attack plants
- bright colour of the Two-spot Ladybird warns predators that it tastes bad
- In winter it hibernates on trees and inside buildings and outhouses.

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