

Ladybird parasites for field recording

Dinocampus coccinellae

Dinocampus coccinellae is a braconid wasp that completes development inside the ladybird, before emerging and pupating underneath the ladybird. Check for a whitish, fuzzy cocoon underneath the ladybird.



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Beauveria bassiana

Beauveria bassiana is a fungus that infects many insect species including ladybirds. It appears as white fluff emerging from the ladybird's abdomen or joints.



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Hesperomyces spp.

Hesperomyces are fungal parasites that attach to the outside of the ladybird. Check for yellow, banana shaped attachments anywhere on the ladybirds body, possibly clustered together in "bunches". More info: [FunDive](#)



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