

Find these bugs!

Can you spot these most common welsh insects in your area?

Ladybird

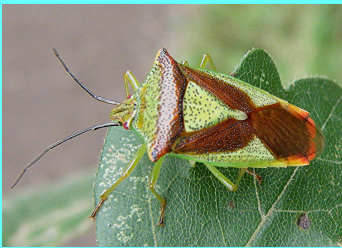


Description: Familiar to almost anyone, this rock-star bug helps our gardens by eating pests. When disturbed, it secretes smelly yellowish fluid, so better leave her alone!

Size: 0.1 – 1 cm

Where to find it: Parks, woods, gardens and urban areas

Shield bug



Description: This bug can be usually found eating red berries. Its green and red coat allows it to camouflage. Often described as 'stink-bugs' as they can release strong-smelling fluid when threatened.

Size: 1.6 cm

Where to find it: Damp pastures, meadows

Green tiger beetle



Description: This fast running predator uses its big eyes to spot prey. It is bright green and can often be seen on a sunny day.

Size: 1 - 1.4 cm

Where to find it: Warm and sandy areas like dunes, heaths, hillsides

Grasshopper



Description: Although having wings too small to fly, this green insect is capable of very long jumps when necessary. Its typical chirp-chirp is one of the most typical summer sounds.

Size: 1 - 2.3 cm

Where to find it: Damp pastures, meadows

Bumble-bee



Description: Thicker and hairier than honey bees, this insect can be a little scary with its low humming sound. Don't be intimidated though, it is very important for nature as it pollinates flowers.

Size: 1.5 - 2.5 cm

Where to find it: Meadows and fields with lots of flowers

Peacock butterfly



Description: This beautiful butterfly has brownish-red wings with a peculiar eye-like pattern – its purpose is to scare off predators.

Size: 6.5 - 7 cm

Where to find it: Meadows, woods, fields and gardens