Ladybirds of Europe Field guide

Myzia Mulsant, 1846

This genus contains a single species, easily recognizable due to characteristic pattern, despite certain variability in markings and groundcolor.

Myzia oblongoguttata (Linnaeus, 1758) - Striped ladybird

Large, oval and convex body has maroon brown color with whitish longitudinal stripes on elytra. In southern Spain entire elytra ochre. A widespread species, although not very common. It feeds on large aphids on pine and spruce, often in crowns of mature trees from lowlands to mountains. It overwinters under the bark or in forest litter.





6-8.5 mm



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Genus of large bodied ladybirds. A single species in Europe.

Anatis ocellata (Linnaeus, 1758) - Eyed ladybird

The largest species of ladybirds in Europe. Body broadly oval and feebly convex. Groundcolor is ochre, red or maroon, darkening with age. The most prominent characteristic of the species are oblong black spots in formation $1\frac{1}{2}$ -4-3-1, surrounded by creamy ring. However, these rings can be barely visible, or black spots absent, leaving only creamy ones.



It can be found on conifers and on aspen, feeding on large aphids. Common from lowlands to mountains.



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