

Bugs and Butterflies



caterpillar

A butterfly has 4 stages of growth. First it's an egg, then a caterpillar, a pupa and then a butterfly emerges. This butterfly is called a Peacock.



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shieldbug



grasshopper

Shieldbugs get their name from their shield shaped body. There are 17 different types in Ireland.

During the day you're more likely to see a grasshopper than a cricket

A ladybird can eat up to 5000 aphids (sap sucking bugs) in a year!



Damselflies tend to be smaller than the dragonfly and they hold their wings together and upright whereas a dragonfly will hold their wings open or down.

There are 101 species of bee in Ireland. 19 of those are bumblebees with only 1 honey bee species.



Bees are hairy whilst wasps are smooth and shiny. Wasps also have a narrow waist unlike the rounder bees. Bees also have a pollen basket on their back legs.

