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This product can be used independently to reinforce learning about the life cycle of a Ladybug. It can also be used in a unit on life cycles or in the study of a larger ecosystem such as a meadow or garden.

This product includes:

2 color samples, one hand colored and one computer colored. These can be used as models or as a poster.

There are 3 versions of the Doodle Info Page for the Life Cycle of a Ladybug. One with all of the information included, one with blanks on a few facts and one with only the major graphics which would require students to fill in most of their own notes.

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