



common rose insects

GOOD BUGS vs. BAD BUGS

Good Bugs (Beneficial Insects/Natural Allies)

Ladybugs: major aphid predators

Green Lacewings: larvae eat aphids, thrips, and whiteflies

Hoverflies: larvae clean out aphid colonies

Parasitic Wasps: target aphids and caterpillars

Predatory Mites: help control spider mites

Assassin & Ambush Bugs: prey on many rose pests

Spiders: abundant and effective flying pest hunters

Soldier Beetles: predators of soft-bodied pests like aphids, whiteflies, mites

Encourage good bugs (beneficial insects) by planting continuous nectar sources, provide year-round habitat and shallow water sources, avoid broad-spectrum sprays, increase plant diversity (mixing roses with herbs, annuals, and natives), maintain healthy roses, and support the key predator insects above.



**Ambush
Bugs**



Lady Bugs



Spiders



**Soldier
Beetles**



**Parasitic
Wasps**



**Green
Lacewings**



**Predatory
Mites**



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Bad Bugs (Rose Pests)

Aphids: clusters on new growth; cause distortion and sticky honeydew

Rose Slugs (Sawfly Larvae): skeletonize leaves; very common spring-fall

Thrips: feed inside rose buds so they fail to open; brown streaks left on petals

Spider Mites: stippling and bronzing in hot, dry summer weather

Rose Curculio (Rose Weevils): damage both rose buds and rose hip/seed development

Caterpillars: chew holes in leaves and buds

Leafhoppers: cause pale stippling, more common inland

Scale Insects: bumps on canes; weakens stems

Earwigs: chew soft petals, especially light-colored roses

Keep bad bugs (pests) away from roses by watering wisely, feeding moderately, improving airflow, cleaning debris, mulching, encouraging beneficial insects, and using simple methods like strong water sprays and early detection to stop pests before they spread. When finding a pest on a bloom, catch and squish the bug and drop it into a bucket of soapy water.



Rose Slug



Earwigs



Rose Curculio
(Weevils)



Caterpillar



Spider
Mites



Thrips



Leafhoppers



Brown Scale



Aphids