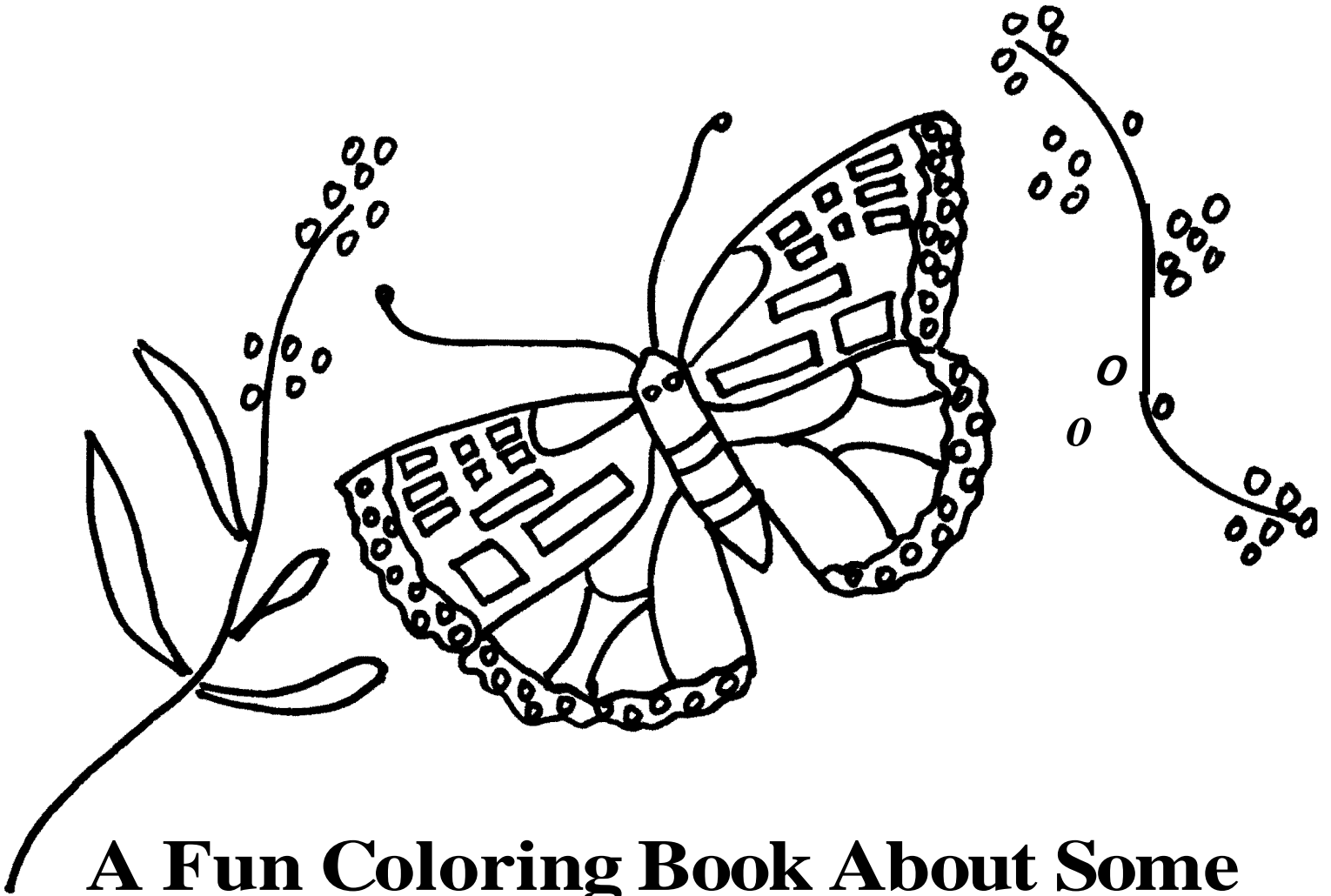
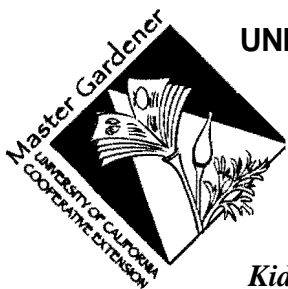


Visiting The Good Bugs In Our Garden



**A Fun Coloring Book About Some
Wonderful Beneficial Insects
That Visit Our Garden**



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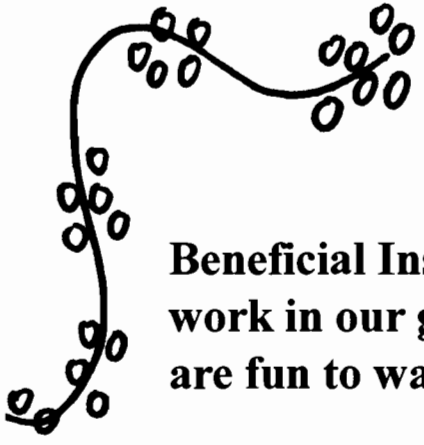
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What Are Beneficial Insects?

Beneficial Insects are the “good bugs” that do wonderful work in our gardens! Many of them are very colorful and are fun to watch.

Bees and Butterflies help to pollinate flowers. They do this by carrying pollen, which is a powder that grows in a flower, from one flower to another flower. When the bees and butterflies pollinate flowers this makes fruits and vegetables grow.

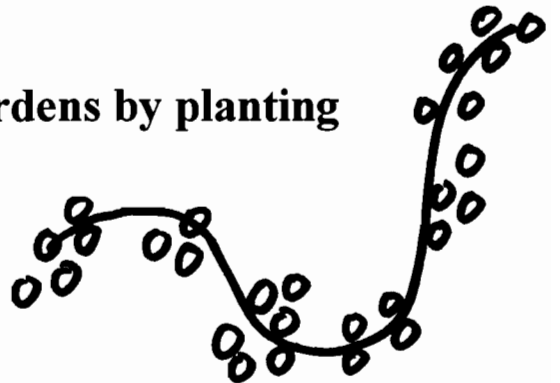
Some other “good bugs” in our gardens are: Assassin Bugs, Centipedes, Dragonflies, Ladybug Larvae, Ladybug Beetles, Praying Mantises, Spiders, and Lacewings.

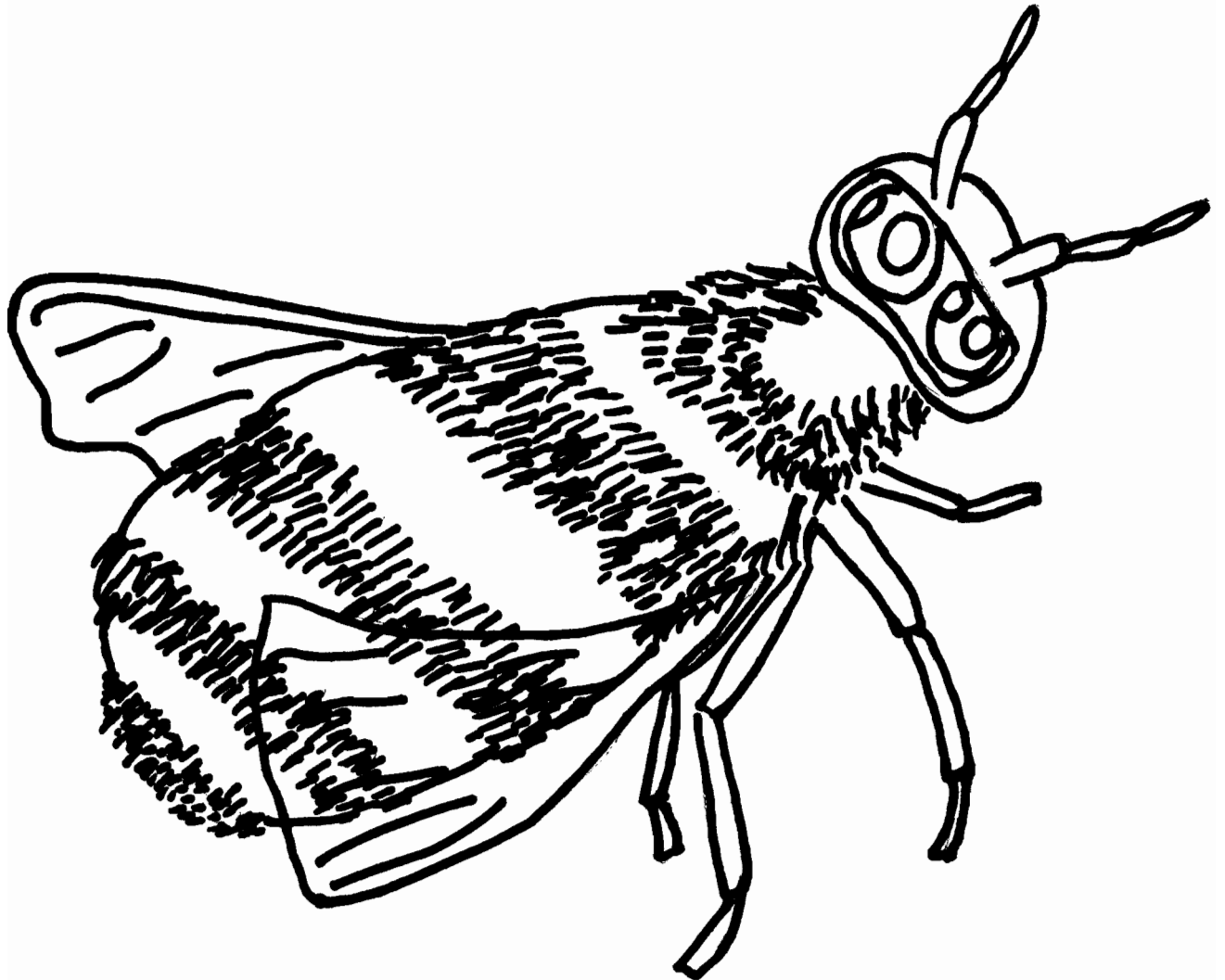
These “good bugs” help to get rid of the bad bugs in our gardens by eating them.

Bad bugs eat our plants and spread plant diseases. Bad bugs eat and damage flowers, leaves, fruits and vegetables.

The more “good bugs” we have in our gardens the less poisons we have to use to control and get rid of the bad bugs.

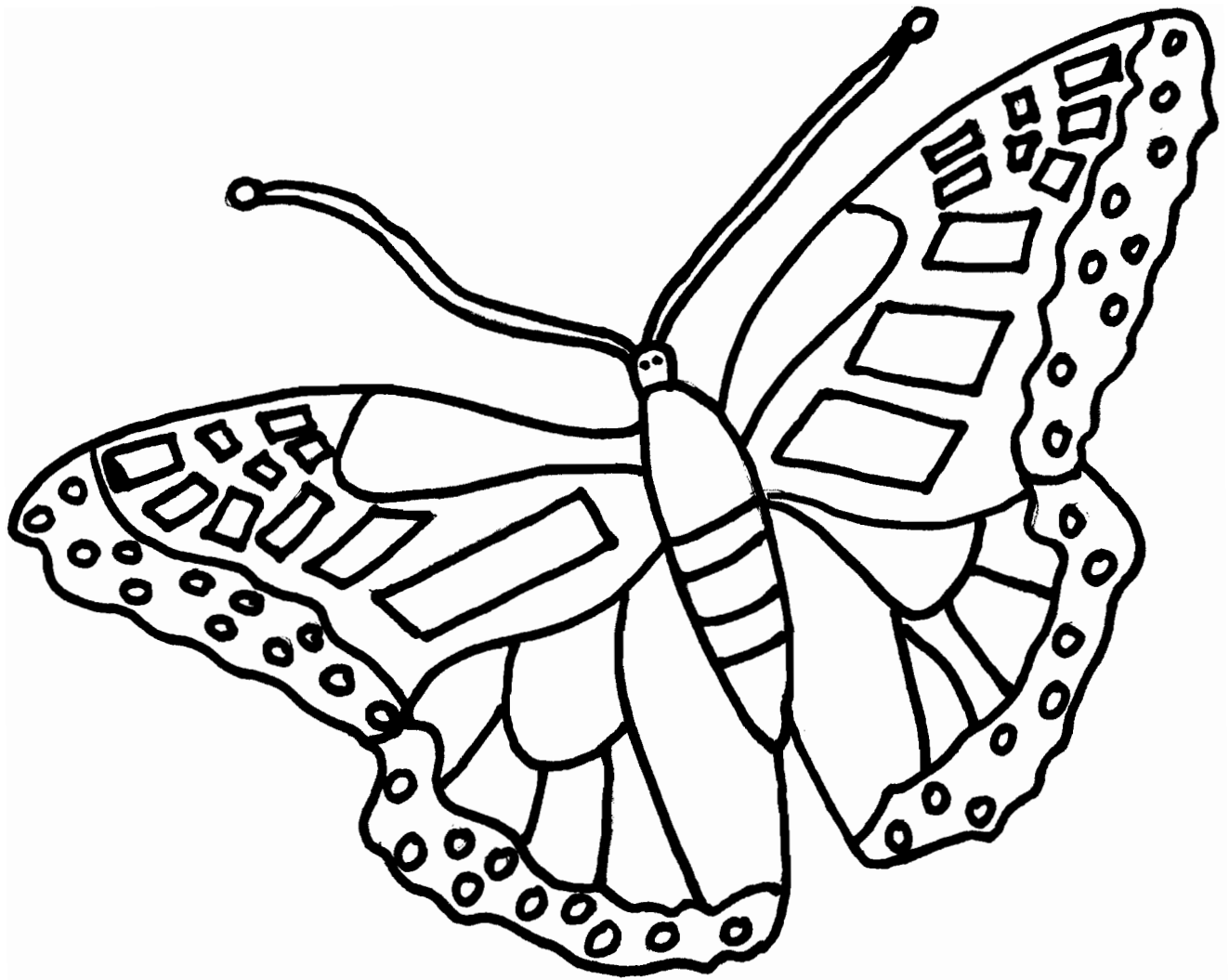
We can invite “good bugs” to visit our gardens by planting special plants and flowers.





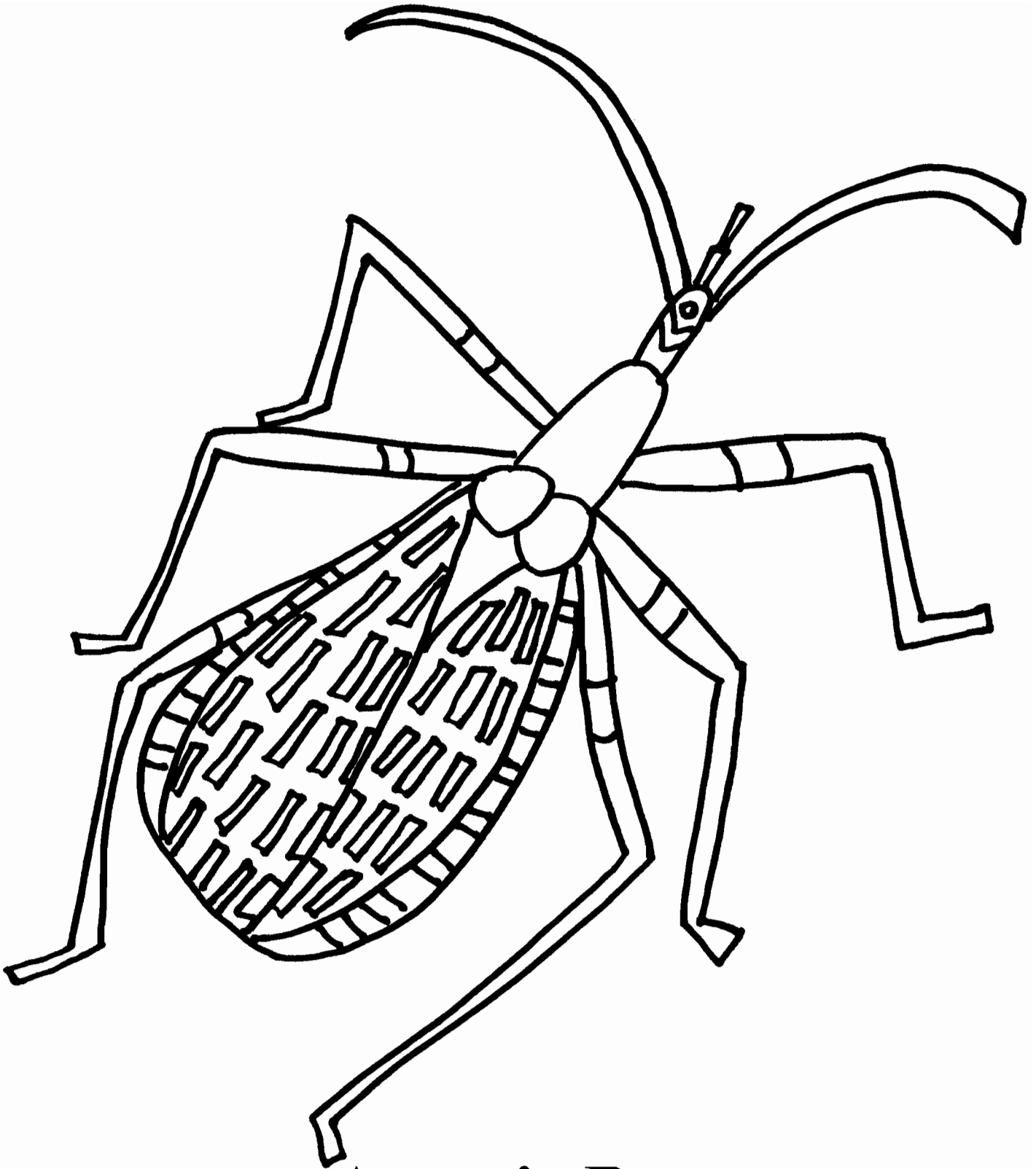
Bee

Bees are one of the most important pollinators in our gardens.



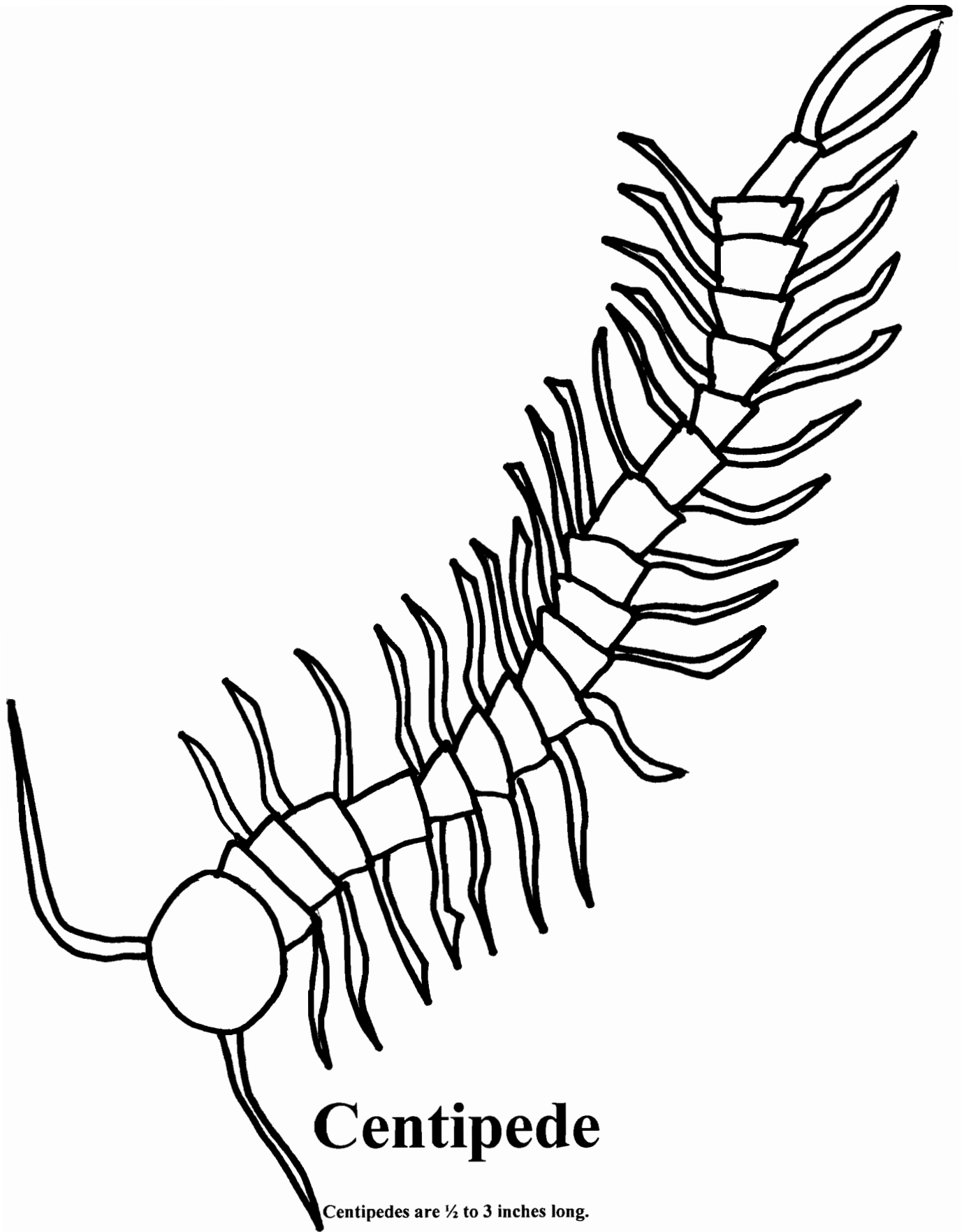
Butterfly

Butterflies are important pollinators and add a special colorful beauty to our gardens.



Assassin Bug

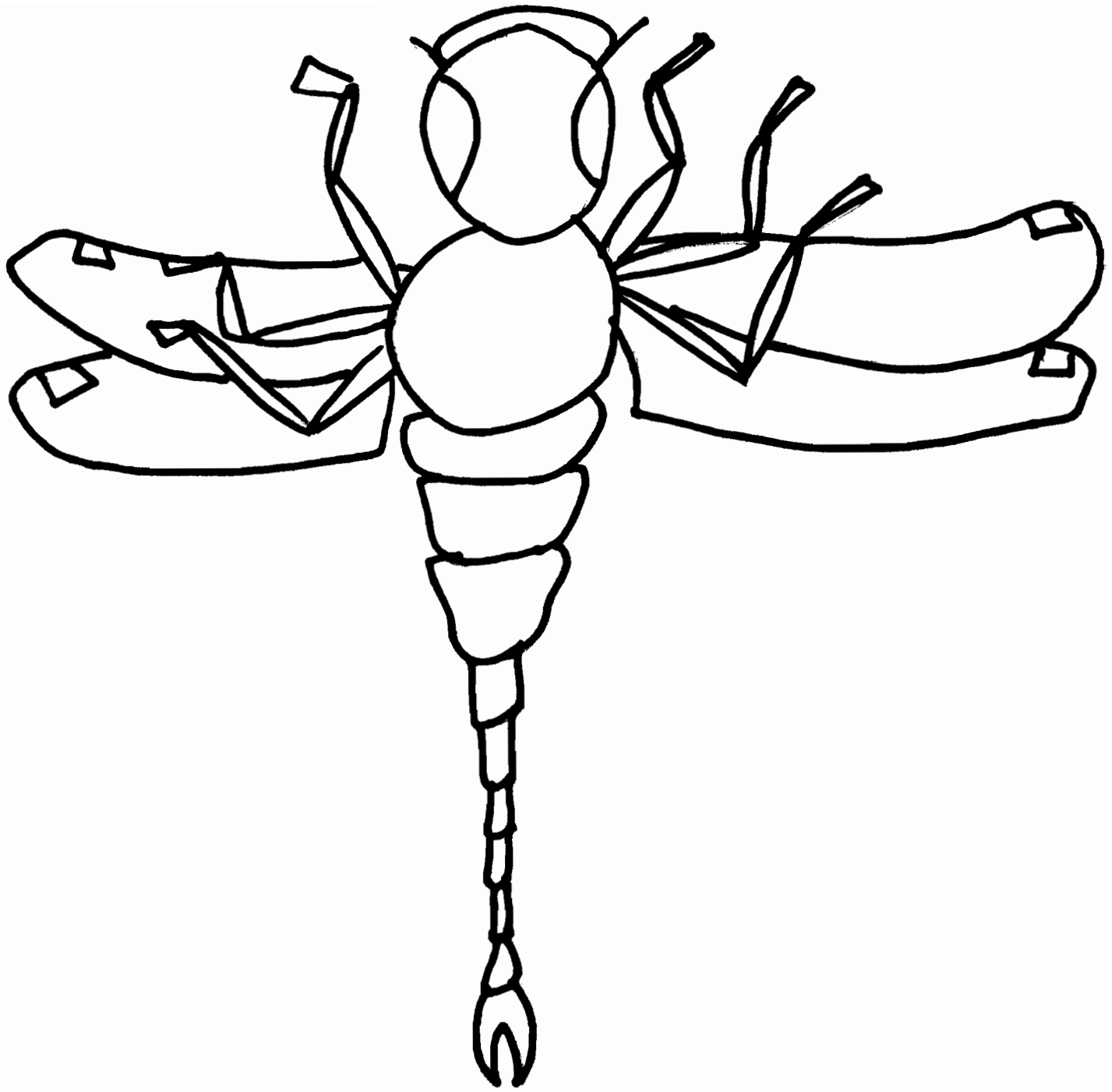
Assassin Bugs are about $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 inch long. They have a cone-shaped head and a wide curving beak. Many Assassin Bugs are a brown or black color – but some are brightly colored.



Centipede

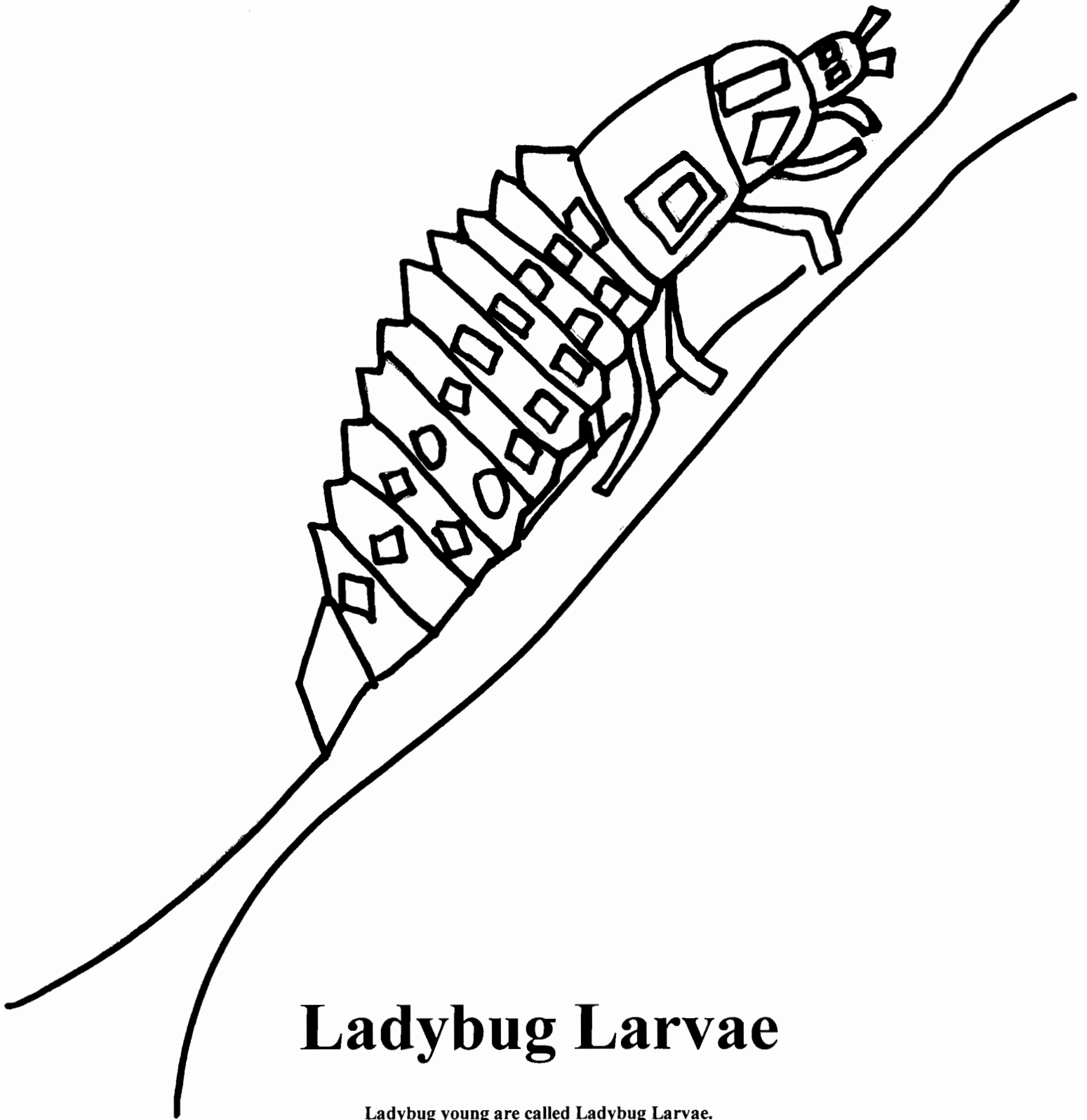
Centipedes are $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches long.

They have one pair of legs per body segment and are light brown and black in color.



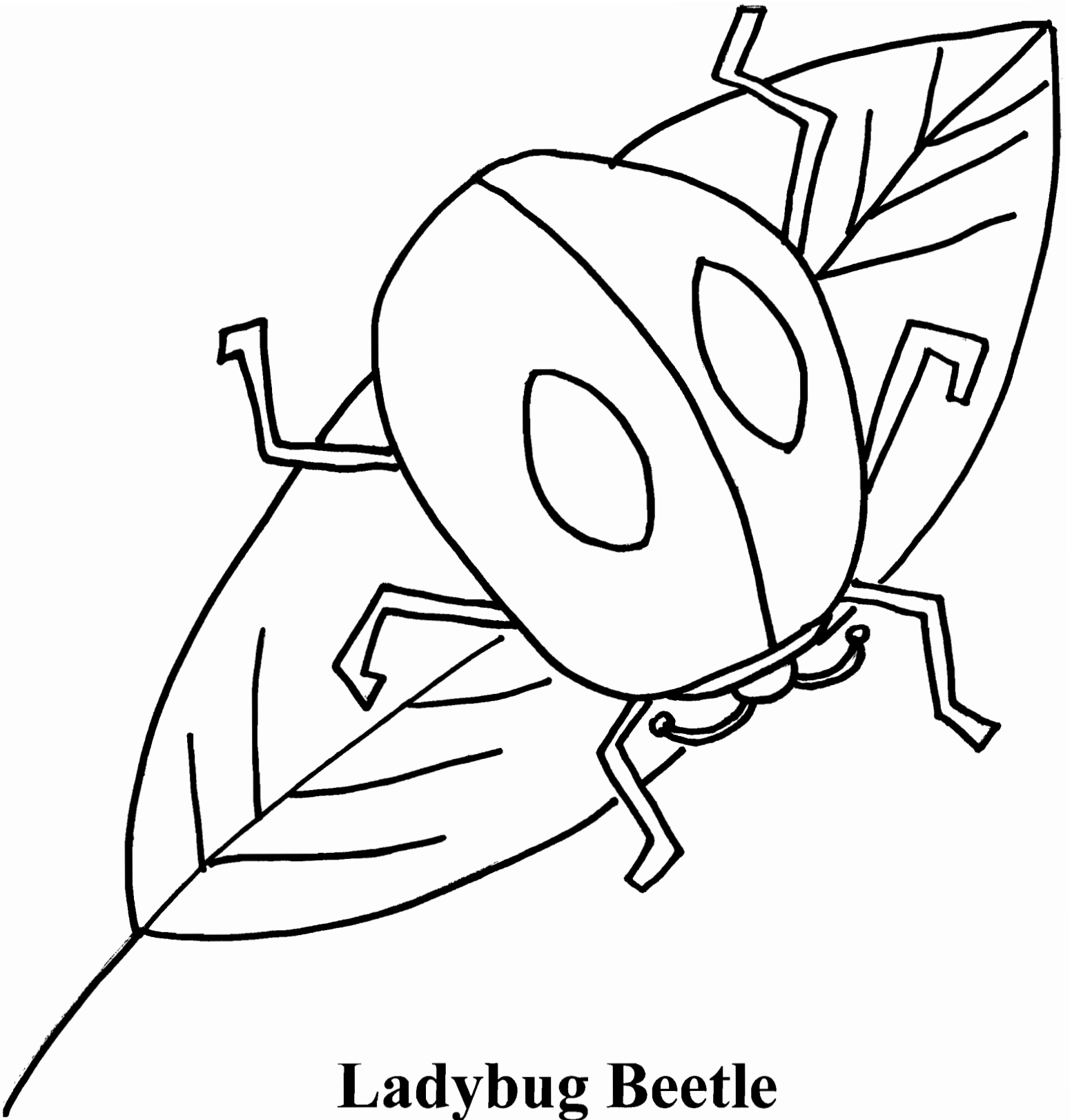
Dragonfly

Dragonflies are 1 to 2 inches long. They have long narrow bodies and four transparent wings. Some wings are clear and some are colored. Dragonflies come in many colors, such as: red, orange, pink, blue, black and earth tones.



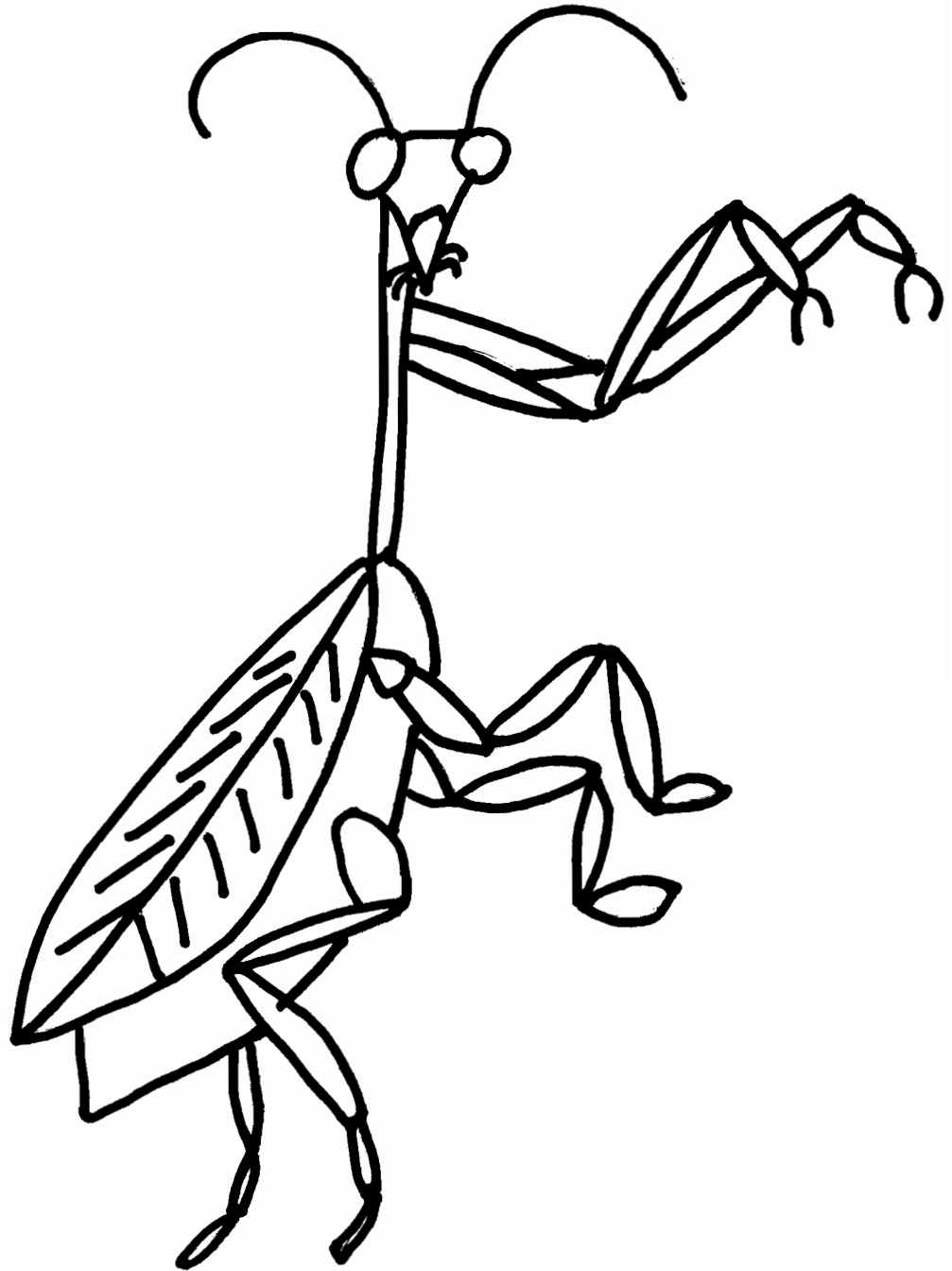
Ladybug Larvae

Ladybug young are called Ladybug Larvae.
They have a soft body and are alligator-shaped with black and orange markings.



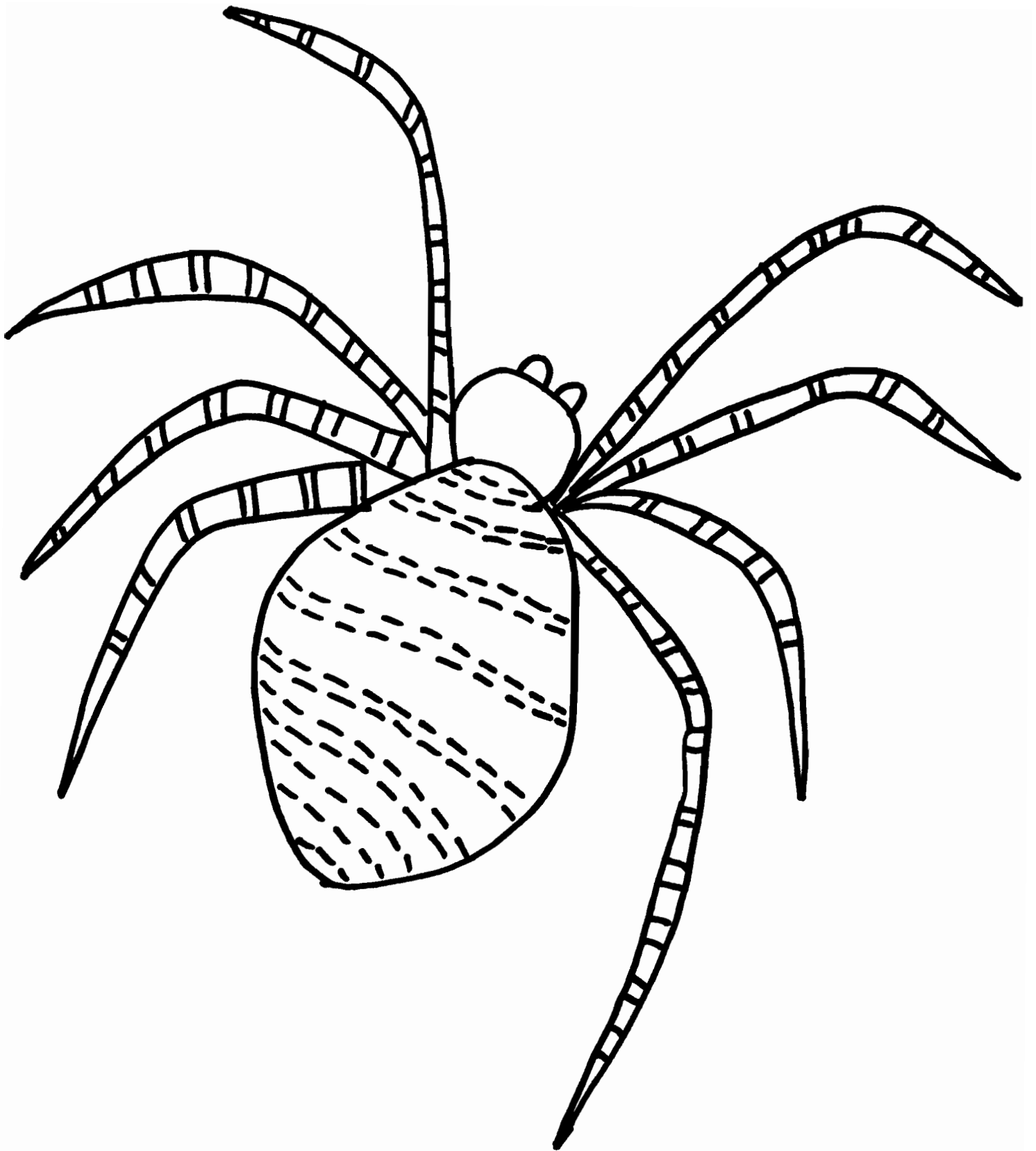
Ladybug Beetle

Most Ladybugs are less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch long. They are usually red with black spots or black with red spots on their wing covers. As ladybugs age their spots fade.



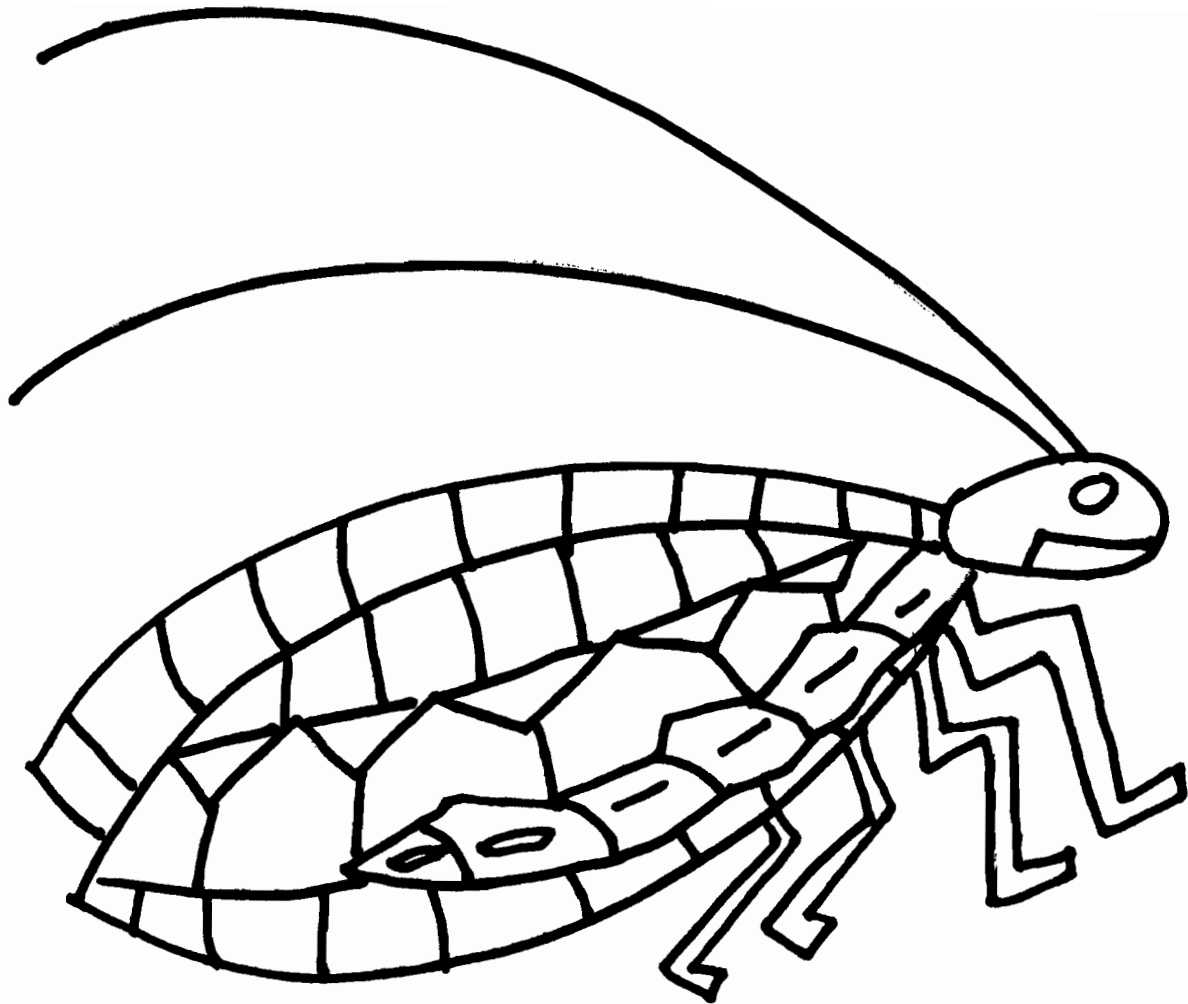
Praying Mantis

Praying Mantis are 2 to 6 inches long. They are tan or green.



Spider

Spiders have eight legs and a body with two parts.



Lacewing

Lacewings grow $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long. Adult green lacewings have delicate, light green bodies; large clear wings and bright golden or copper colored eyes.



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