

Beneficial Garden Insects

Beetles

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Beetles Fast Facts

- Many beetles are beneficial insects. They eat other pest insects and plants that are considered weeds.
- Beetles can be so effective in controlling pest and weed populations that they are sometimes intentionally introduced as biological controls.
- Ground Beetle adults and larva will eat almost any kind of insect.
- Blister Beetle larva eat grasshopper eggs but when provoked adults can secrete a chemical that can blister skin or cause painful swelling.
- Tortoise Beetle larva and adults eat bindweed, thistle, horse nettle and burdock.

Examples of Beneficial Beetles

- Ground Beetles

- Rove Beetles

- Tiger Beetles

- Tortoise Beetles

- Blister Beetles



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