

Brown lacewing

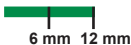
Hemerobiidae

Adults: Reddish brown, thin body. Large, membranous, brown wings. Long antennae and a long, thin body. Smaller than the green lacewing.



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Length: 6-12 mm



Eggs: Several hundred oval eggs per female, laid on the undersides of leaves; eggs **not** on stalks like green lacewing eggs.

Larvae: Similar in appearance to green lacewing larvae, except head is similar in width to the pronotum. Gray to brown and alligator-like. Large, sickle-shaped mandibles.



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Brown lacewing – *continued*

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Pupae:

Pupation occurs inside a light brown, loosely woven cocoon on plant material.

Diet: Larvae and adults feed on aphids, caterpillars, beetle larvae and insect eggs.