# Fun Facts: Lacewing Larvae Devours Aphids Alive in Real Time

* Lacewing larvae capture their prey by injecting paralyzing venom and then feed on the insects by sucking up their liquids.
* Look closely at the jaws and you can sometimes see aphid fluids getting sucked up.
* Sometimes lacewing larva are called aphid lions. They are closely related to ant lions.
* Lacewing larvae can eat over 200 aphids per week.
* Some Lacewing larvae place the corpses of dead insects on their back and haul them around to deter other predators.
* Lacewing eggs can be purchased and used for plant protection in greenhouses and gardens.
* You can buy 1,000 lacewing eggs for around $30 which includes shipping.
* Lacewing eggs are laid on stalks to protect them from ants and other predators that might feed on them.
* The aphid shown here is a sugarcane aphid, a pest of a grain called sorghum.
* Sugarcane aphids primarily reproduced asexually by producing clone daughters. So this lacewing could be eating “the same aphid” multiple times.