

# A Bug's Life

# Brown lacewing

Family: Hemerobiidae

## Fun facts

- Larvae are specialized predators feeding on woolly aphids, mites, scale insects, caterpillars, mealybugs
- Adults gather around lights at night
- Associated with dense vegetation
- Lacewings are sold commercially for biological control of insect pests of crops in greenhouses

## Identification

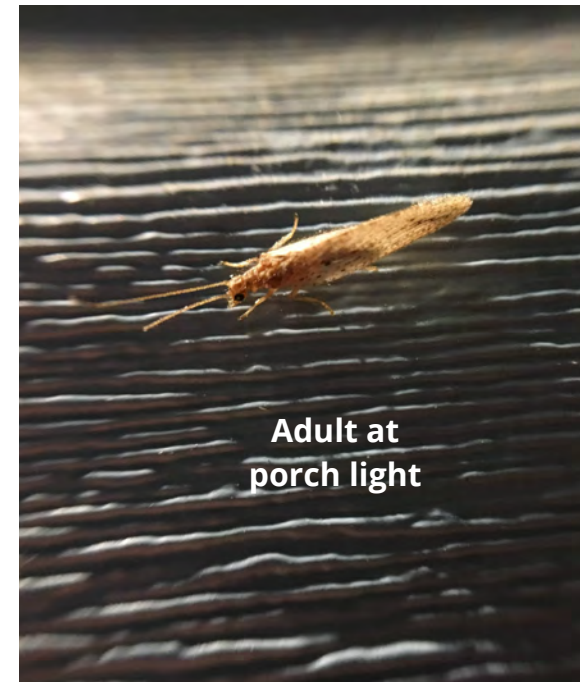
Egg: Laid singly on foliage

Larva: 1/3" long, alligator-like, slender body, tapered at head and abdomen, pair of short, curved jaws extend from head

Adult: 3/8" long, brown color, highly veined wings, held over body when at rest

## Management

- No management required
- Chemical treatment is not needed
- Beneficial insect because of pest control services as adults and larvae, feeding on small, soft bodied plant-feeding insects
- Exclude from home by sealing gaps, installing screens and closing doors



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