

# FIREFLY BIOLOGY

## The Firefly Life Cycle

### 1. EGG

Eggs are laid by the females usually directly on or below the ground. 3-4 weeks later they hatch in the late summer.



### 2. LARVA

Fireflies spend most of their lives as larvae, sometimes called glowworms, from late summer until the next spring. They eat snails, worms, and slugs, common garden pests.



### 4. ADULT

The adults live for around two more months. Some fireflies don't even eat at this stage, using all their energy to find and reproduce with a mate. Others feast on nectar and pollen.



### 3. PUPA

A process called pupation happens where the larval structure morphs into an adult firefly with wings.

