

## Bunnings takes a beneficial approach to insects

**BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE**, one of Australia's largest home garden and hardware stores is investing in predatory and beneficial insects for the home gardener.

Those interested in maintaining their backyard fruit & veg without synthetic chemical inputs can now rejoice in the addition of a range of 'backyard buddies' including ladybirds and lacewings to their garden bed.

The range comes from Organic Crop Protectants – an organic garden and input company certified with the Biological Farmers of Australia - and will be available for order from Bunnings stores nation-wide.

Gary Leeson (OCP) says buddies will help gardeners establish and maintain their own population of beneficial insects.

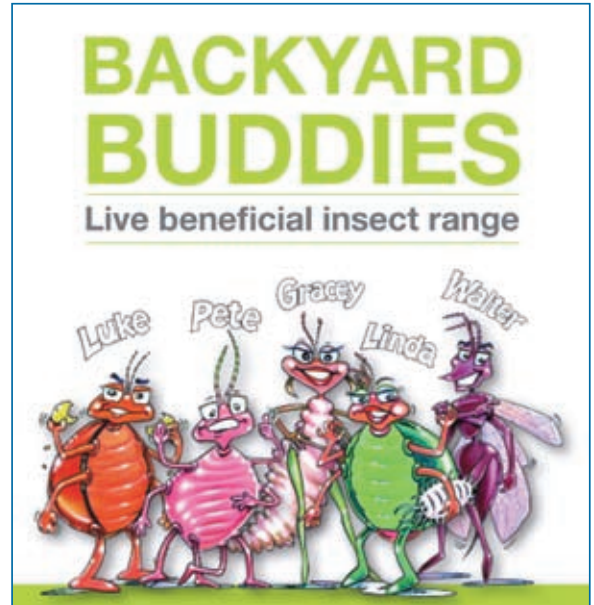
"The bugs – which have previously only been available at a size suitable for large commercial operators - will now be available in small home garden packs and are a great addition to the toolbox of organic gardeners!" says Mr Leeson.

"More and more people are talking about the positive effects of beneficial insects and we are pleased to be able to help gardeners find a means to control pests naturally."

Mr. Leeson says the beneficial insect range will also help gardeners think harder about their organic methods as any harsh chemicals will eliminate the good insects. "It will get people thinking about the choices they make in garden sprays and focus their attention on sprays registered with BFA (for use in organic gardening and farming) which have minimal impact on good bugs while controlling the nasties."

The beneficial insects available include: Gracey the Green Lacewing, Pete the Predatory mite, Luke the Chilocorus ladybeetle, Linda the Cryptolaemus ladybird, and Walter the Spalangia wasp, and can be used in the control of everything from Aphids to Mealybugs, flies and pesky mites.

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