Beneficial Insect Identification Guide

Use this beneficial insect identification guide to learn the predators and parasitoids that help control pests, so you can recognize them in the field and avoid spraying them by mistake.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Name the beneficial insect
2. Describe adults and young stages
3. Note the pests it feeds on
4. Record where you found it
5. Note habitat plants it favors
6. List look-alike pests to avoid confusing
7. Record how common it is in each field
8. Note spray products that harm it

YOUR NOTES

TIP Learn the immature stages as well as adults, since larvae of many beneficials look nothing like the adults.