

The Ant Who Cried Ladybug

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Once there was a foolish ant at Sibley Nature Center on a yellow sunflower. He was absentmindedly watching aphids on a leaf because they make honeydew which is what the ants eat. The queen ant had asked him to guard the aphids and if there was a ladybug to yell, “Ladybug!” so all the worker ants would bravely help him make it go away before it devoured all the aphids. He got tired and bored because he could only watch sluggish aphids.



He leaped up and yelled, "Ladybug!" The worker ants rushed to the leaf and there was no ladybug so they exclaimed, "Don't call us here unless there is a real ladybug!" Because he was overwhelmed with boredom, 30 minutes passed and he got so bored he yelled ladybug again and the worker ants who bravely came to make it go away observed there was no ladybug. "Don't ever ever yell ladybug again if there is no ladybug!" shouted the mad ants.



