

# British Nature Guide

## Shieldbugs



Shieldbugs lay eggs. The one above is called a Parent Bug because it looks after its eggs until they hatch. The eggs are very small and shiny and there are lots of them. When the eggs hatch the young Shieldbugs do not look like their parents. They change several times before reaching adulthood. Each of these stages in their life is called an instar.

Below are two young Green Shieldbugs (instars) and then the adult



Below are two young Bronze Shieldbugs (instars) and then the adult



Shieldbugs were given their name because the adults are shaped like the shields that knights used to use.