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## Inviting Beneficial Insects and Pollinators to Your Garden

### Short Answer Key

1. Ladybugs are beneficial insects that help the garden by consuming harmful pests like aphids and mealybugs, reducing the need for chemical pesticides.
2. You can provide a water source by placing a shallow dish or birdbath with water in your garden, ensuring it's easily accessible to insects and pollinators.
3. Planting a variety of flowers provides diverse nectar sources and attracts a broader range of insects and pollinators with varying preferences for flower shapes and colors. This diversity enhances the overall health of the garden ecosystem.
4. Artificial light can disrupt the behavior of nighttime pollinators like moths, making them disoriented and unable to find their way, which affects their ability to pollinate plants.

