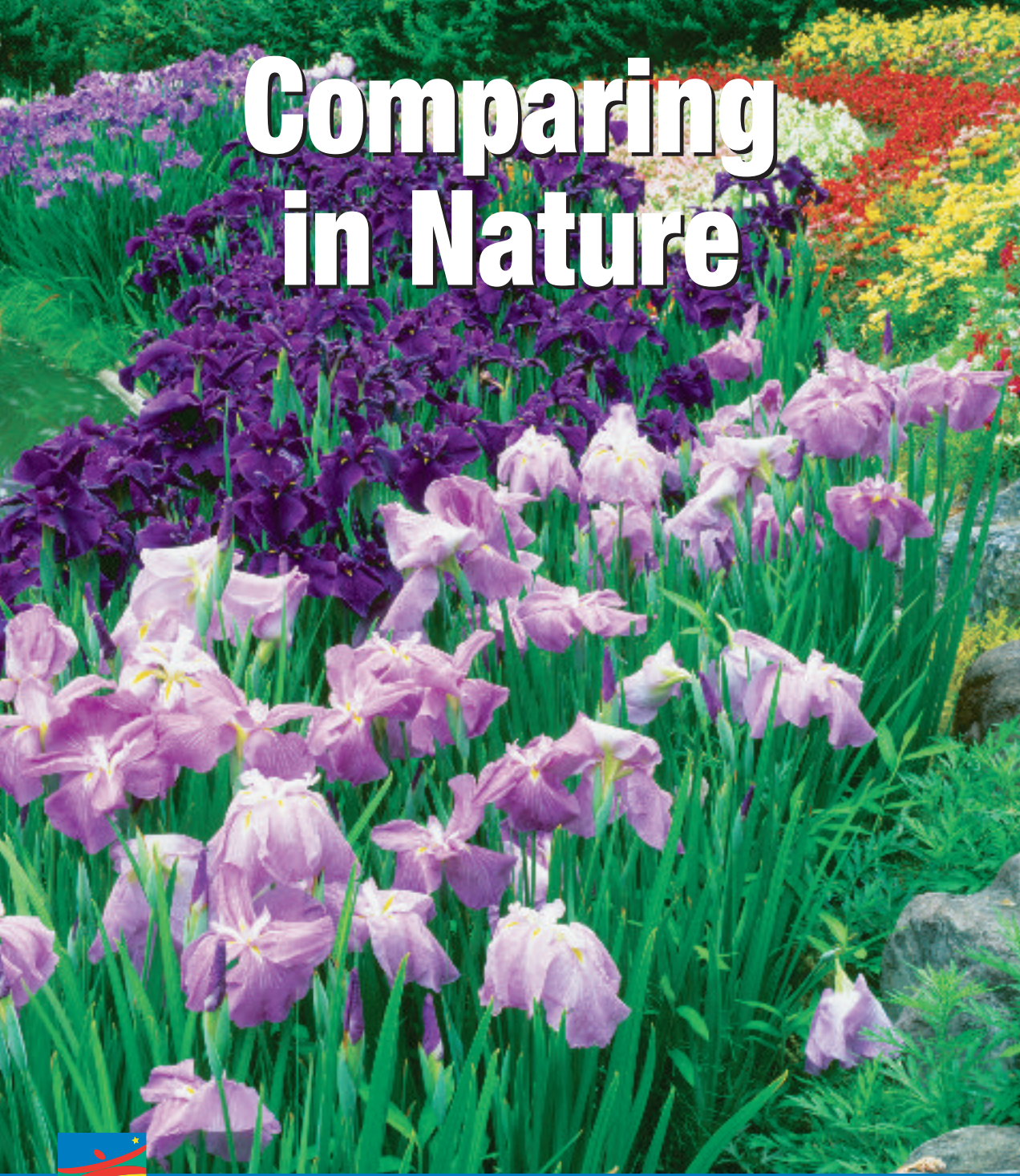


Comparing in Nature

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The Big Idea

This book tells about how you can compare numbers of objects found in nature.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading:
- Stop, think, and write

Comprehension:
- Compare and contrast

Phonics:
- Long e digraph (fourteen, green, leaves, sees)

Fluency:
- Read with appropriate stress or emphasis

Content Vocabulary:
- compare, equal, fewer, greater than, less than

Grammar, Word Study, and Language Development:
- Ask and answer questions
- Compound words (birdbath, ladybugs)

Sentence Patterns:
- ___ sees ___.
- ___ counts ___.

*Numerals, vocabulary words on pages 2 and 3, and words in photo captions, labels, diagrams, and charts are not included in the word count for this book.

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I need to know these words.

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flowers



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garden



ladybugs



tomatoes



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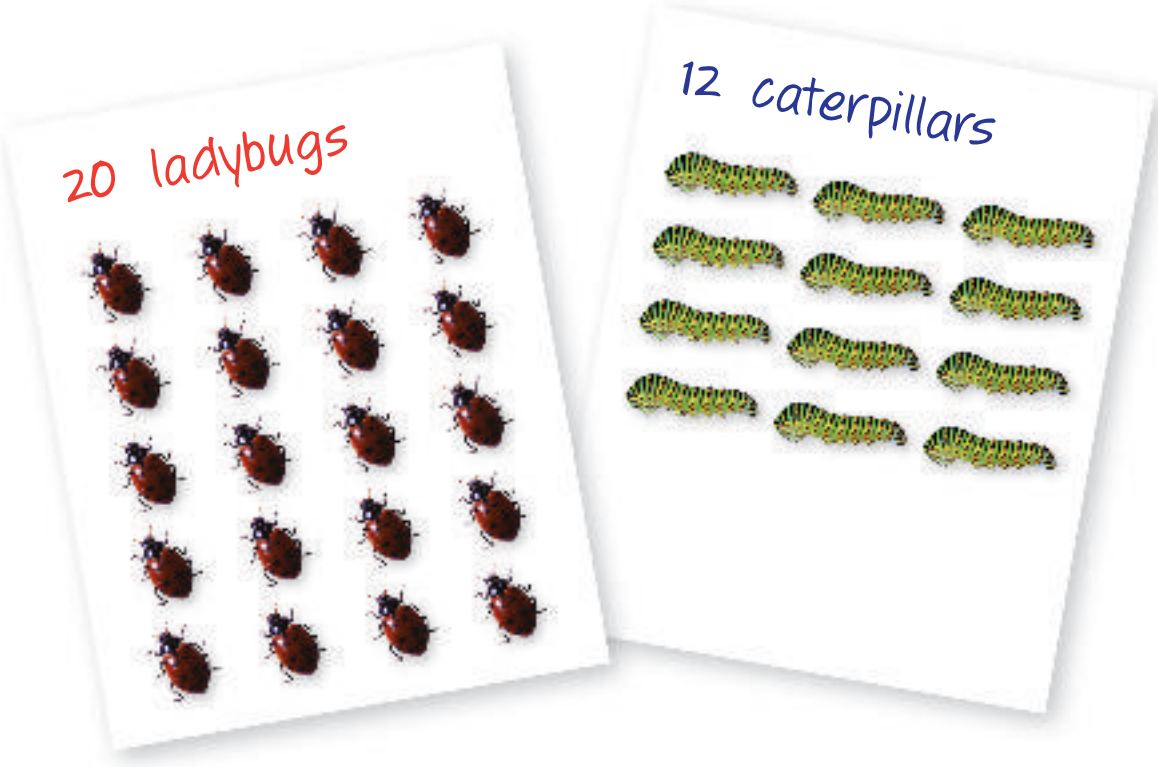
Ted and Kate like to look for things. Kate sees twenty ladybugs. Ted sees twelve caterpillars.



Ted and Kate look for insects. ▶

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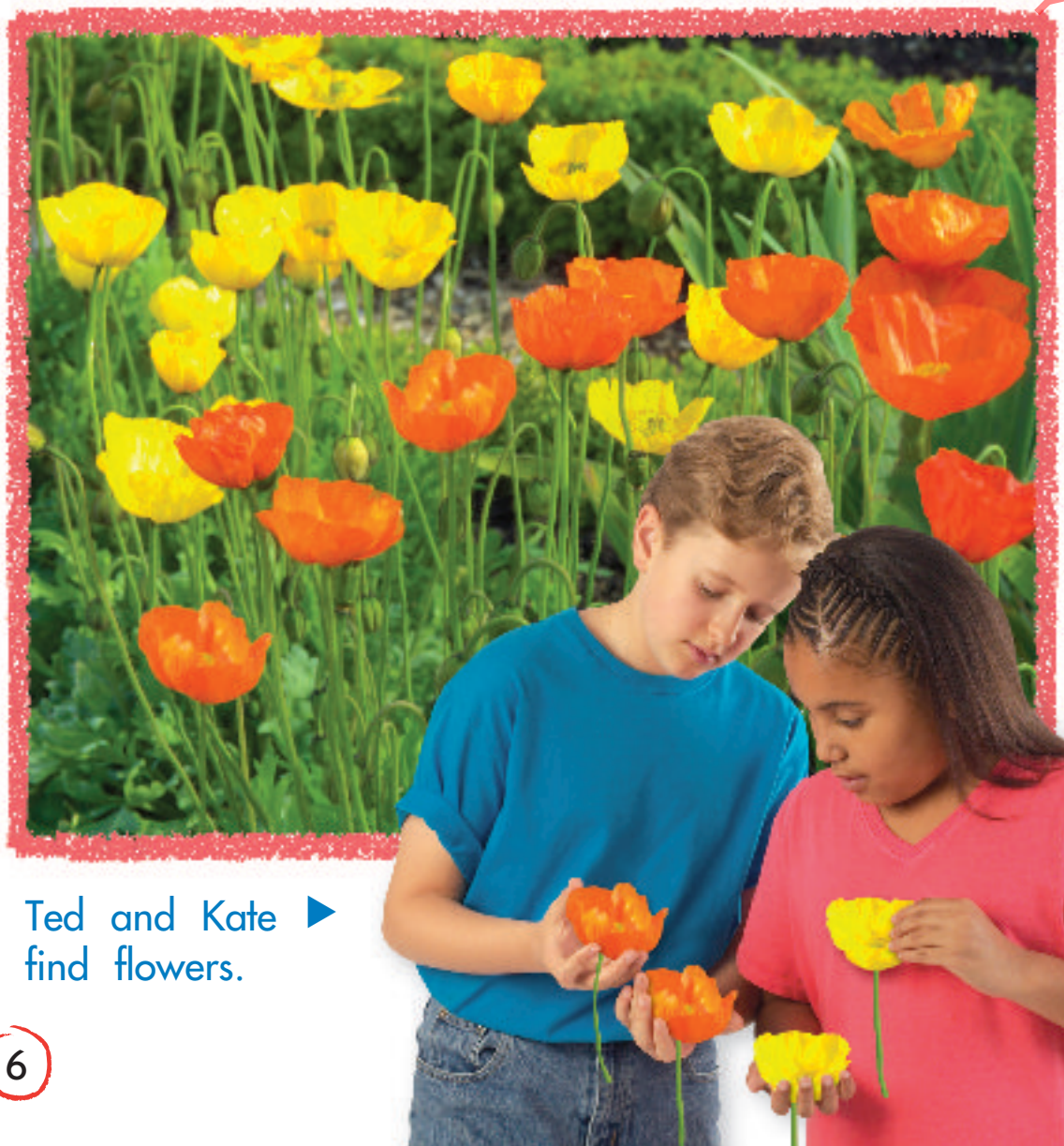
The number twenty is greater than the number twelve. Kate saw more ladybugs. Ted saw fewer caterpillars.



▲ Can you count all the insects?

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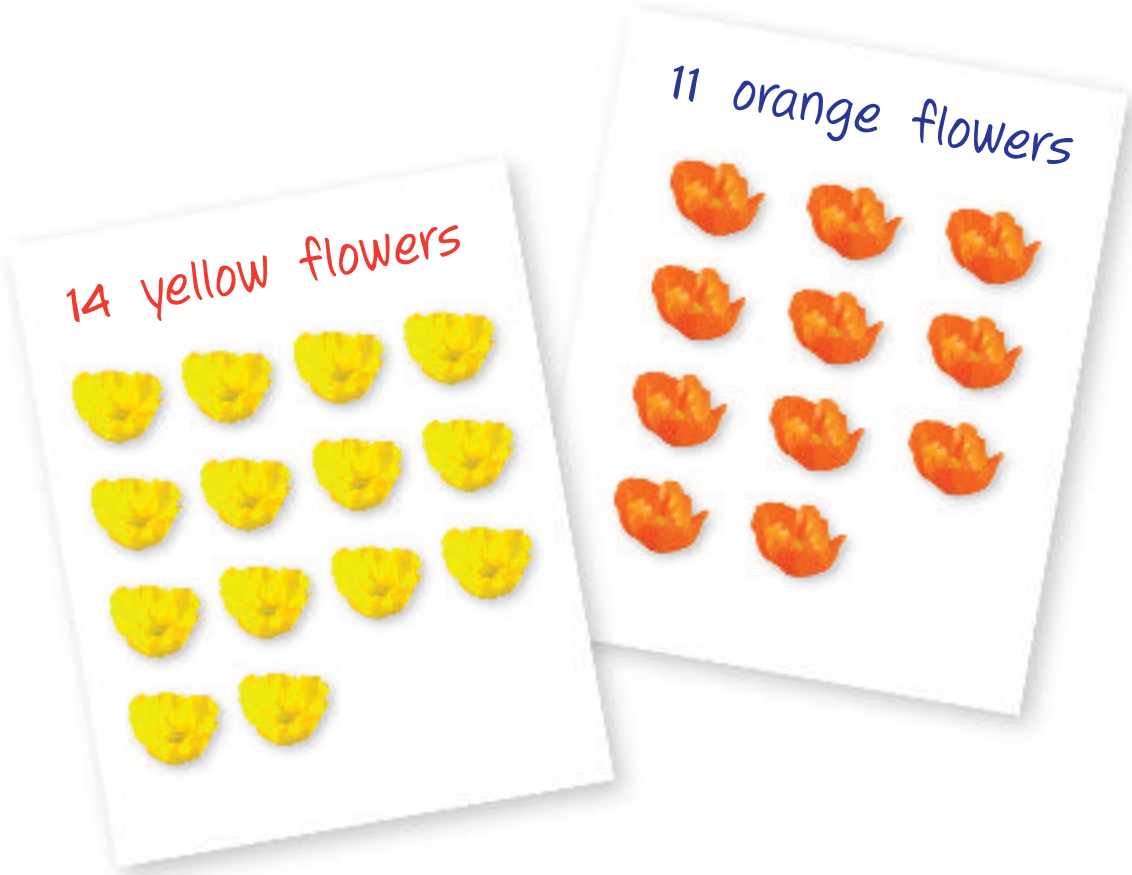
Kate sees fourteen yellow flowers.
Ted sees eleven orange flowers.



Ted and Kate find flowers.

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The number eleven is less than the number fourteen.



▲ Ted sees fewer flowers.

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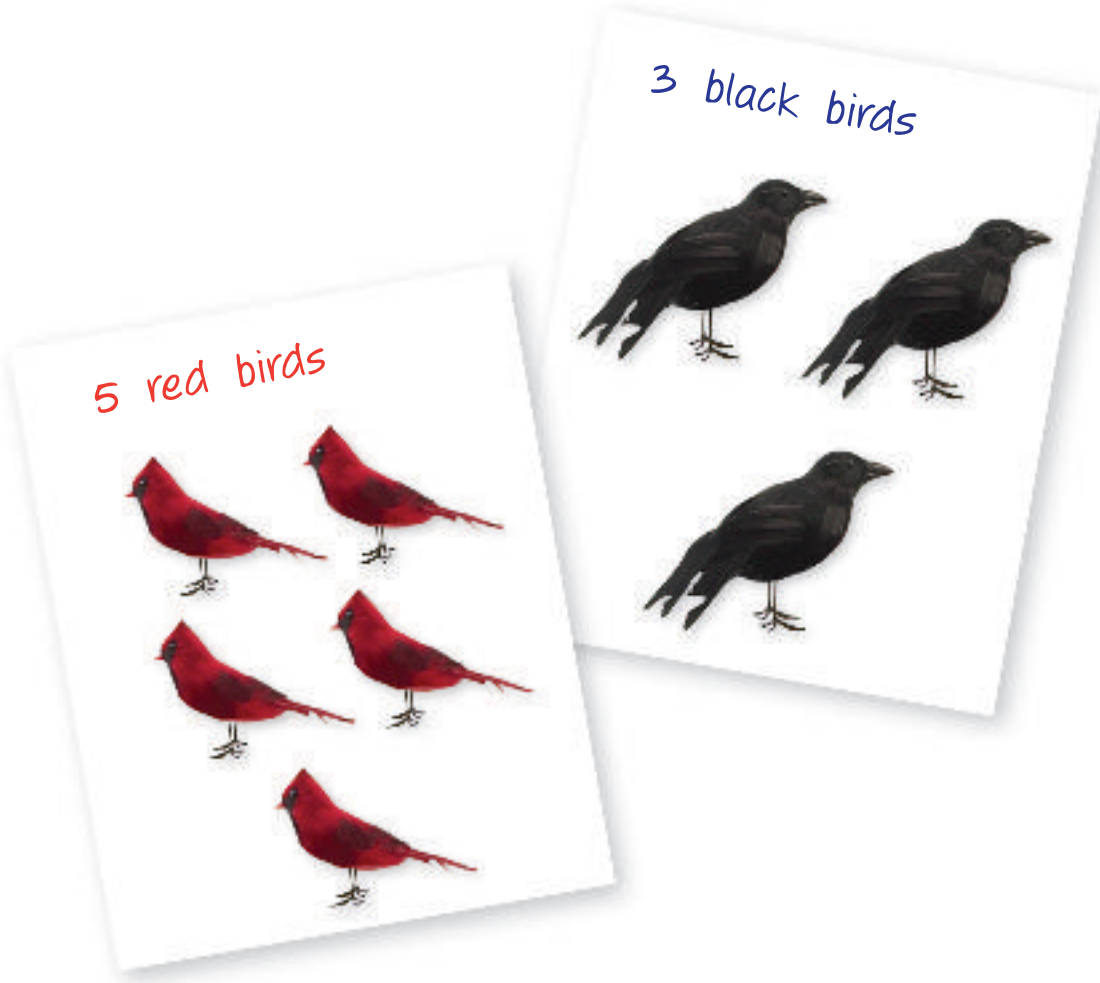
The children see a birdbath.
Kate counts the red birds.
Ted counts the black birds.



▲ The birdbath has some birds.

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The birdbath has eight birds. The number of red birds is greater.



▲ The children count 8 birds.