

General Information

Originally found in East Asia, Stink bugs weren't even reported in the United States until the late 1990's! They get their name because release an unpleasant odor when you crush them or when they are protecting their homes.

Size	¾"	Common Name	Stink Bugs
Shape	Triangular	Kingdom	Animalia
Color	Brown, gray or dark green	Phylum	Arthropoda
Legs	6	Class	Insecta
Wings	Yes	Order	Hemiptera
Antenna	Yes	Family	Pentatomidae
		Genus Species	Halymorpha halys

Diet

Stink bugs eat leaves, flowers, fruit and crops like soybeans. They also eat other pests, such as caterpillars.

Habitat

Stink bugs live in orchards, gardens and farms.

Impact

Stink bugs don't hurt humans, but they can cause a lot of damage to crops and plants.

Prevention

- * Seal cracks around your house.
- * Replace damaged screen on doors and windows.
- * If you see a stink bug indoors vacuum them up and throw away the bag immediately.
- *If you see a stink bug in your garden, lightly spray the area with approved insecticides. Keep weeds around the garden in control and clean up the garden at the end of the growing season.
- *Hand-pick stink bugs in early morning when they are slow moving.

To learn more about this and other pests, visit <http://www.pestworldforkids.org/research.html>