

Pest Profile



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Common Name: Red-shouldered stink bug

Scientific Name: *Thyanta custator*

Order and Family: Hemiptera; Pentatomidae

Size and Appearance:

	Length (mm)	Appearance
Egg		- grey clusters of small flat topped round eggs
Nymph	<10-11 mm	-brownish in color, with a tribal like design on the back
Adult	10-11 mm	-Green to a brown, but are primarily green in appearance, with a rosy border along the scutellum behind the head, black spots on the abdomen with certain species, and long antennae.

Type of feeder: Sucking

Host plant: Adults and nymphs feed on fruit and seeds of various plants including beans, corn, peaches, and wheat.

Description of Damage: Economic Injury is minor to rare, due to feeding pattern. Damage will appear to be shriveled grain or cat-facing on fruits.

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