

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

HEMIPTERA: PENTATOMIDAE
Halyomorpha halys



Did you know? Stink bugs do really stink! They can actually release various different scents!

Stink bugs emit a gross-smelling odor when they feel threatened. This is what we humans can smell. However, they also release a chemical odor (that we cannot smell) when they have found a safe place to hibernate for the winter. This is a signal to other stink bugs to come join them!

Did you know? The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug is a **hemimetabolous** organism. This means they have three distinct stages of life- egg, nymph, adult. There is not a **pupal stage** (a stage where an is undergoing a complete transformation).

Look and see!



These pictures demonstrate the life stages of a Brown Marmorated Stink Bug.



As seen in this photo, Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs love to eat fruits and vegetables! Unfortunately, this causes a lot of damage to



The female Brown Marmorated Stink Bug lays her eggs on the underside of leaves. They usually lay a cluster of about 28 eggs!



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