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Animal Fact Sheet

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Harlequin Bug

Murgantia histrionica

The Harlequin Bug is a strikingly colored insect notable for its bold black and orange or red markings. Native to North America, this true bug is a member of the stink bug family and is commonly foun…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Pentatomidae
Habitat: Fields, gardens, and agricultural areas with cruciferous crops
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 4-8 weeks
Weight: 0.02-0.05 grams
Scientific name: Murgantia histrionica

Did you know?

- Harlequin Bugs can overwinter as adults, hiding in plant debris until warmer temperatures return.
- The Harlequin Bug releases a pungent odor when threatened as a defense mechanism. Its bright coloration is an example of aposematism, warning predato…

What I learned

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