

# 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 found...

### 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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