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Kissing Bug

Triatoma infestans

The Kissing Bug is a nocturnal blood-feeding insect found primarily in the Americas, especially in Central and South America. It is named for its tendency to bite humans around the mouth and face whi...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Reduviidae

Habitat: Human dwellings, cracks in walls, animal burrows, and nests

Diet: Carnivore (Hematophagous—blood-feeding)

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 6 months to 2 years

Weight: 0.02 - 0.05 grams

Scientific name: *Triatoma infestans*

Did you know?

- Kissing Bugs transmit Chagas disease not through their bite, but via their feces, which can enter the body through the bite wound or mucous membranes.
- Kissing Bugs get their name from their habit of biting people on the face; they are expert at hiding in tiny cracks during the day. Some species of K...

What I learned
