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Large Milkweed Bug

Oncopeltus fasciatus

The large milkweed bug is a brightly colored insect commonly found on milkweed plants throughout North America. Recognizable by its vivid orange and black pattern, this bug specializes in feeding on ...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Lygaeidae

Habitat: Open fields and meadows with abundant milkweed plants

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-2 months

Weight: 0.03-0.06 grams

Scientific name: *Oncopeltus fasciatus*

Did you know?

- Milkweed bugs have specialized mouthparts that allow them to pierce and suck nutrients from seeds and stems, making them highly adapted to their food...
- Milkweed bugs are immune to the toxic compounds in milkweed that deter most other animals. Their striking coloration is an example of aposematism, wa...

What I learned
