

PEST ALERT!

HARLEQUIN BUG

Murgantia histrionica

WHERE

LEAVES
AND STEMS

I damage plants by sucking juices out of their leaves, leading to wilting, browning, and eventual plant death.

HOW

BY SUCKING
LEAF SAP

Warming climates have allowed my habitat range to spread from the South to New York.

WHEN

SPRING
AND
SUMMER

As an adult, I hibernate in leaf litter over the winter. Come spring, I emerge to lay eggs on leaves in your garden.



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- Scout for **egg clusters** and crush them.
- Hand pick adults and nymphs off of plants and drop into a container filled with **alcohol** to kill them.
- Spray nymphs directly with **neem oil** to disrupt their life cycle.
- Cover crops with **row covers** to prevent the bugs from getting to your plants.



PLANTS TO WATCH

KALE, CABBAGE, BROCCOLI, RADISHES, SQUASH, and **TOMATOES** are the preferred foods of Harlequin bugs.