

Minute pirate bug

Anthocoridae, *Orius insidiosus*

Adults: Elongate, oval, flattened. Black and white wing patches. Sharp, piercing beak.



Length: 2-5 mm ■ 2 mm

Eggs: Deposited inside plant material.

Nymphs: Small and wingless. Teardrop-shaped. Orange to brown.

Both nymphs and adults are fast-moving and often take refuge in developing leaves and flowers.



Diet: Aphids, mites and small caterpillars, including corn earworm, as well as insect eggs. Minute pirate bugs feed on plant material if prey is in short supply, but do not cause detectable damage.