

Natural enemies

**True bugs**



**Damsel bugs** have long bodies that narrow slightly toward the head. They have stout beaks and large front legs for grasping prey.  8 mm



Adult **minute pirate bugs** are black with white markings.  5 mm

Adult **assassin bugs** are medium to large insects, and their color ranges from brown to green. They have long heads with a groove between the eyes and curved beaks. The nymphs are also important predators.



 12 mm 36 mm



 12 mm

Many **shield bugs** (at left), pentatomids, are predatory and can attack beetles and caterpillars.