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

Adult minute pirate bugs are black with white markings.

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.

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