

Spined soldier bug

Pentatomidae, *Podisus maculiventris*

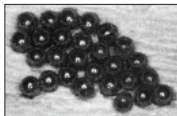
Adults: Shield-shaped with prominent lateral spines on the pronotum. Pale brown to tan. Diagnostic feature is a distinctive dark line on the membranous tip of each forewing.



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Length: 8-13 mm  8 mm

Eggs: Barrel-shaped and shiny. Often ornamented with spines. Laid in clusters.



Nymphs: Young nymphs are red and black. Older nymphs are marked with red, black, yellow-orange and cream bands and patches. Wingless and round rather than shield-shaped.

Diet: Immature bugs and caterpillars.



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