

# Helmeted Squash Bug

## *Euthochtha galeator*



A member of the leaf footed bug family, Coreidae, of the Order of true bugs (hemiptera). Nymphs vary as they molt, but all retain spines on the body. Sometimes they are pests of certain cultivated plants like roses and some fruits, but are they found on many plants in the wild, especially in fields and meadows. Image above is a nymph just a few hours after hatching from its egg.



Above, adult helmeted squash bug. Image credit Lyle J. Buss.



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