

Awareness of Pest Bulletin



Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB)

This bulletin is to draw your attention to a new agricultural pest moving northward from the US.

Recently introduced to the US from Asia, the brown marmorated stink bug (*Halyomorpha halys*) is becoming a serious nuisance for agriculturists and home owners alike. This bug will feed on numerous agricultural crops (beans, peppers and apple) and seeks out *homes as an overwintering site in the fall*. It was found in New York in 2009 and is expected to arrive in Nova Scotia within a year or two.

We need your help!

We are asking gardeners, hobbyists and homeowners to help us track this bug. If found, please collect one and drop it off at the *NS Museum of Nature Information Desk** (Summer Street, Halifax) with your NAME and PHONE NUMBER. If your sample is indeed the BMSB, we will contact you for more information. *alternate drop off locations: Kentville Research Station, NSAC (Rm. 117 Cox Institute).

How to Identify...



Actual size: 2/3 inch



This bug WILL NOT harm people or animals, but will emit a foul odour when disturbed. It is a nuisance pest in the home and garden and potentially serious to growers.

Black and white striping on edge of body

Often confused with the common brown stink bug



Thank you! On behalf of the NS Fruit Growers Association and Suzanne Blatt, Tree Fruit Entomologist, AAFC