

## Western Conifer Seed Bug

**Size:** Adults are about 3/4" to 1" long.

**Description:**

- Colour is a dull reddish brown.
- Elongated shape, appear pointed at each end.
- Sucking –piercing mouth part folded in under head.
- Antenna are almost as long as body.
- Faint, white zig zag pattern across their back.



**Biology and Habits:** The Western Conifer Seed Bug is very similar in appearance and habits as the Box Elder Bug. Their host plant – trees are Pine and Douglas Fir. They feed on sap from the trees. During the last stages of late summer – early fall weather, they are attracted to buildings to overwinter. Then emerge and return to the pines to lay eggs and start the cycle all over again.

**Control:** Control measures are the same for the Western Conifer Seed Bug as it is for the Box Elder Bug and Multi Coloured Asian Beetles. Completing two exterior perimeter treatments ensures the main majority of the adult beetles around your home are eliminated in early fall before they gain entry inside.