

Home Invasions of the Insect Kind

Two more colorful invaders are the Asian multicolored lady beetle and the boxelder bug. The Asian multicolored lady beetle was introduced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a biological control agent as an important predator of aphids and scale insects. Asian lady beetles, which are slightly larger than native lady beetles, are oval, yellow to red in color and can have no spots or up to 19.

These beetles become a nuisance on sunny south or southwest sides of houses in the fall and can inundate homes from September through April. It is not uncommon for thousands of beetles to congreg