

Shieldbug

Latin name : Palomena

Size : 12 to 14 mm

Shieldbugs are biting, sucking insects that feed on plants in the vegetable garden, orchard or flowers, depending on the species. They bite leaves, fruit and flower buds, then suck their sap. This weakens the plant and can even lead to its death.



The French name "punaise" comes from the Old French "punais", meaning smelly. To protect themselves from predators, bedbugs release a malodorous substance via their scent gland, which is located under the thorax.

There are many different species of bugs, including green, harlequin and brown bugs. There is also an invasion of the diabolical bug, a species from Asia that is considered a pest of crops. These bugs are often found in winter, when they try to protect themselves from the cold by entering our homes.