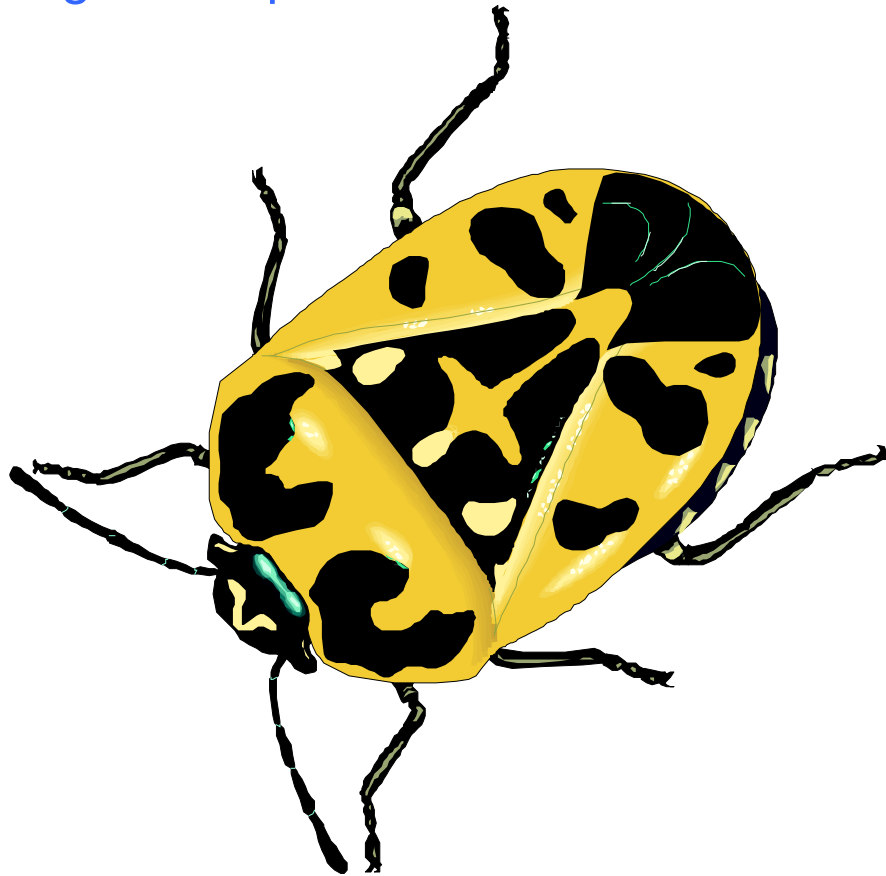


Stink Bug: Harlequin



My Home: I am commonly found on crop plants as in turnips, cauliflower, cabbage and fruit trees.

What I eat: I drink the juices from plants, but other varieties of stinkbugs will eat insects.

What I look like: I go through four stages of development: egg, larva, pupa and adult. My hard case is yellow and black, flattened with a shield shape and 1/4 to 1/2 of an inch long. I will leave behind a fluid on the plants and places I have been. This fluid has an unpleasant (stinky) smell.

How I am born: The female lays a double row of eggs on stems or leaves in the fall and I hatch in the spring. It takes me about 35 days to become an adult after my egg is laid.

Fun Facts: Certain types of stinkbug are used as human food in parts of Africa, Mexico and India.

There are over 5,000 species of stinkbugs worldwide.