

# Pest Bio

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## Boxelder Bug



Boxelder Bugs are also known as the "Democrat bug", the "Zug" and the "Maple Bug".

Boxelders are a nuisance pest, they do not cause harm and are not dangerous. But they can invade homes in such large numbers that they are a problem to a large number of people. Boxelder bugs try to get into homes when the weather starts to cool and will live motionless behind siding on in the walls. But once the furnace kicks on and starts warming your home the boxelders think that it is summer and some into our homes.

**Call Barrier for help managing Boxelder Bugs**

**208-463-4533**

### DIET

Boxelders feed on seeds from boxelder trees as well as maple and ash trees. Although they prefer seeds they will also suck juices from the leaves when seeds are not available to eat.

### HABITAT

Boxelders primarily live in a boxelder, ash or maple tree, known as their host tree. Box Elders are considered to be an invasive species.

### BEHAVIOR

Boxelder bugs feed and lay eggs in their host tree. They will leave the host tree and fly to warm surfaces nearby like rocks or houses. When it starts to get cold they will try to enter homes to stay warm.

### Boxelder Facts:

Size: 1/2"

Shape: Oval

Color: Black with Narrow Red Lines

Legs: 6

Wings: Yes

Antenna: Yes

### Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Phylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Insecta

Order:

-Hemiptera

Family:

-Rhopalidae

Genus:

-Boisea