

Pest Bio

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Pinacate Beetle



Many people keep Pinacate Beetles as pets in terrariums. They make excellent pets for kids as they can live for a few years.

Although Pinacate Beetles have wings they do not use them. Pinacate Beetles live in the Western United States, there are roughly 120 species in the USA. They are active year round. They are nocturnal from spring until autumn and in the fall they go to a day time schedule. Their noxious spray is not harmful or painful unless you get it in your eyes or mouth where it can cause burning and temporarily blindness and it does not wash off.

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managing Pinacate Beetles**

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DIET

Wild Pinacate Beetles primarily eat dead grasses and forbs. Some Pinacate Beetles that are kept in captivity eat apples, lettuce and dog food.

HABITAT

Pinacate Beetles live anywhere from open dunes to grasslands and mountainous areas. There are even a few species that live on island off the coast of California. They are often found under logs and other debris.

BEHAVIOR

The Pinacate Beetle is known for its distinctive defense of standing on its head and squirting a noxious spray. This action has given it its nicknames of stink bug and clown bug.

Pinacate Beetle Facts:

Size: 0.4" - 1.4"

Shape: Pear

Color: Black

Legs: 6

Wings: Yes

Antenna: Yes

Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Pylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Insecta

Order:

-Coleoptera

Family:

-Tenebrionidae

Genus:

-Eleodes