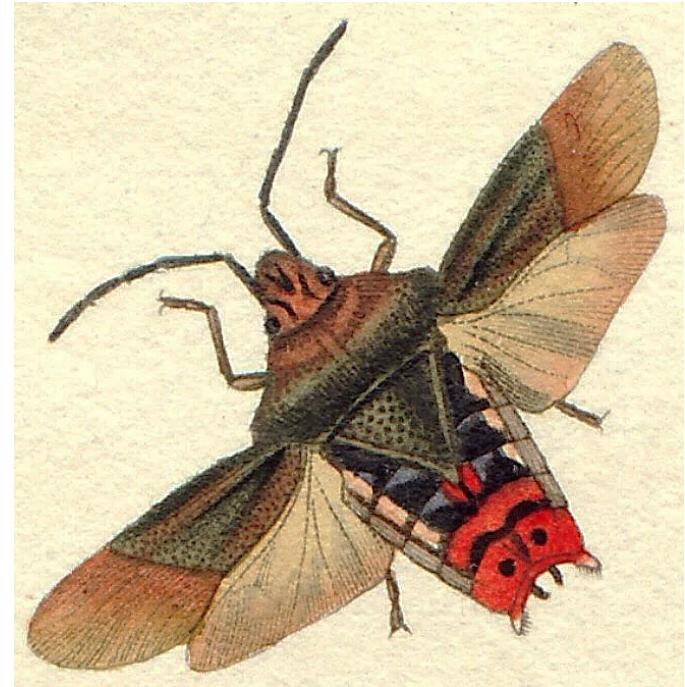


# MEDICAL AND VETERINARY ENTOMOLOGY

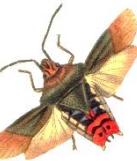
## HEMIPTERA



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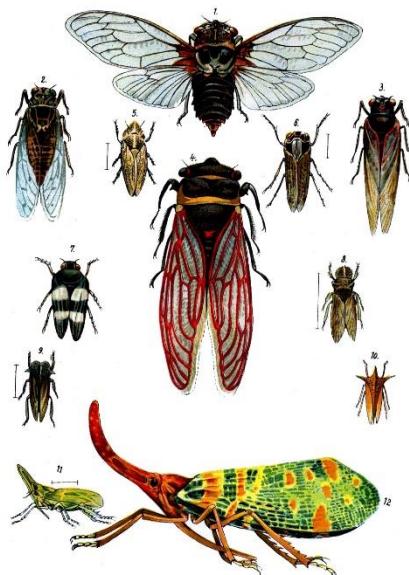


# Hemiptera Linnaeus, 1758



Lat. *hemipterus* – half-winged

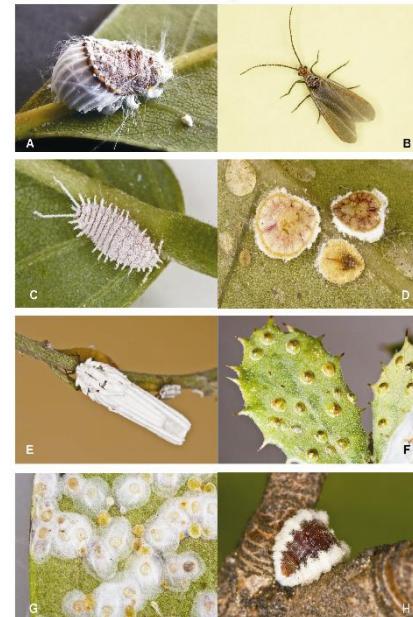
~ 90 000 species in 37 families



Auchenorrhyncha



Heteroptera



Sternorrhyncha



Coleorrhyncha



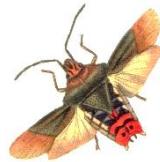
*Pyrrhocoris apterus* (Linnaeus, 1758)



*Micronecta scholtzi* (Fieber, 1860)

INVASIVE SPECIES

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*Halyomorpha halys* (Stål, 1855)

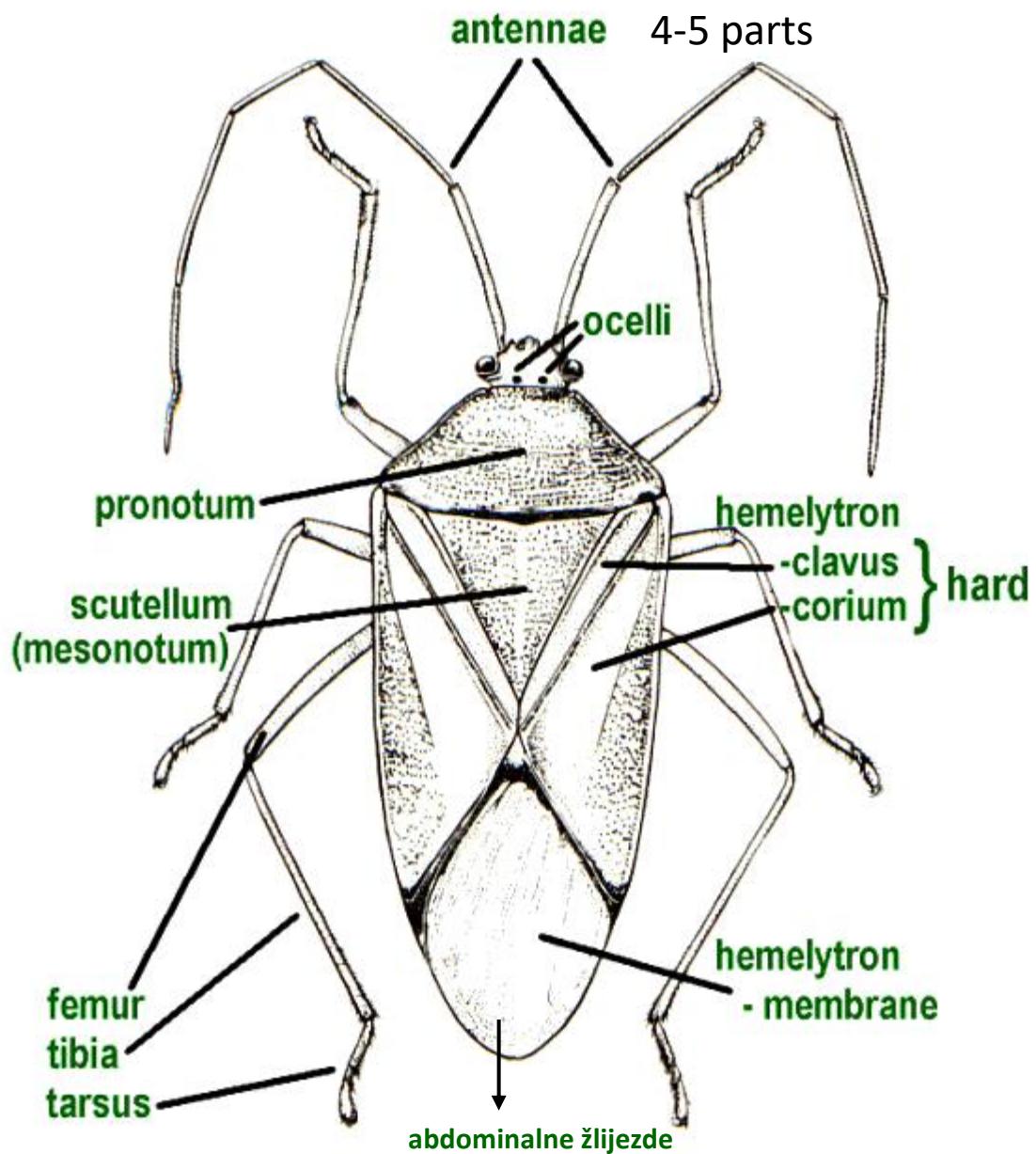
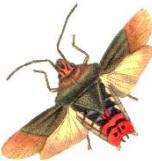


*Corythucha ciliata* Aay, 1832  
PLANE TREES

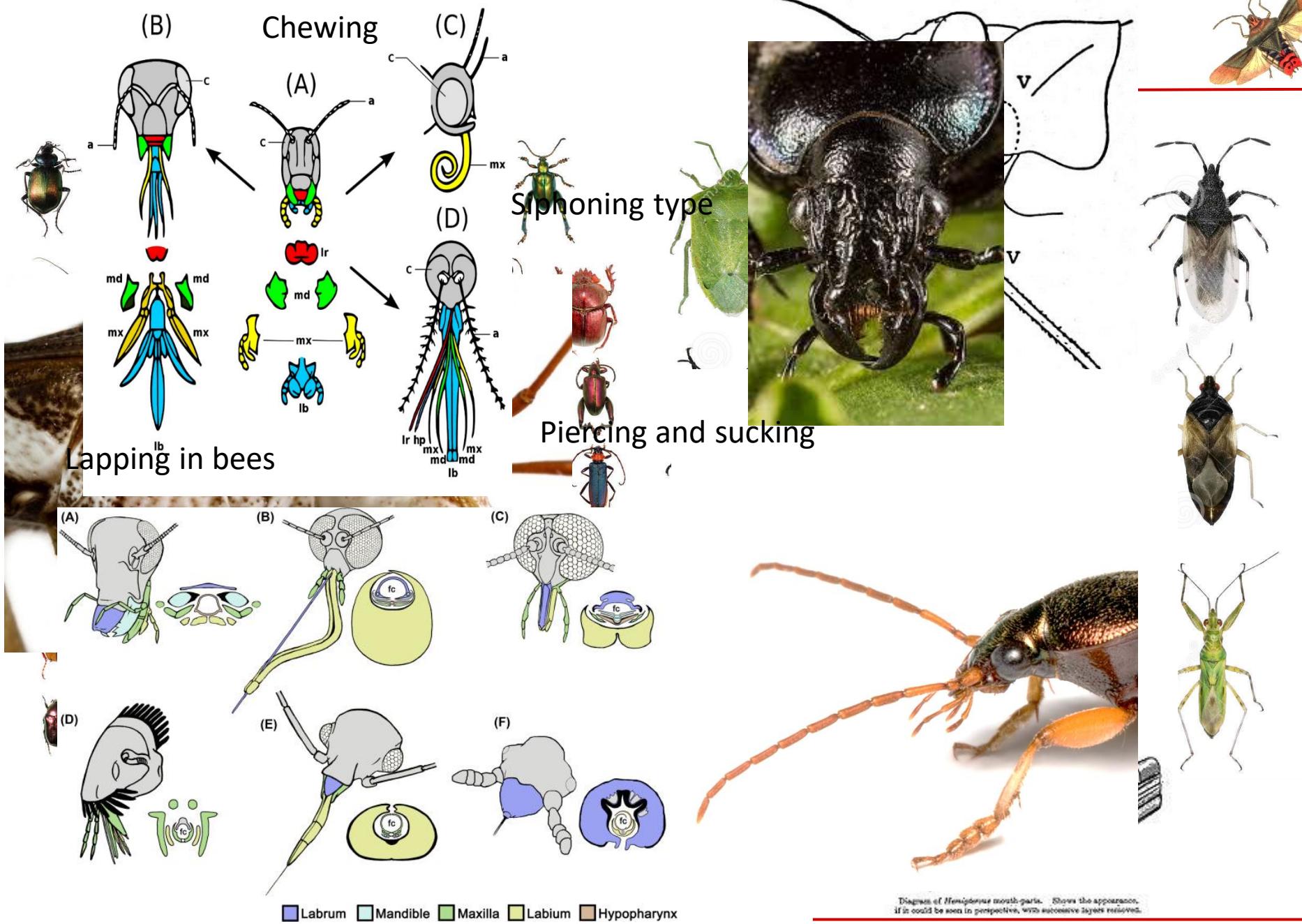


*Corythucha arcuata* (Say, 1832)  
OAK

## MORPHOLOGIA EXTERNA



\*Slater and Baranowski, 1978



Possible unpleasant encounter with:



Cicadidae



Cercopidae



Cicadelidae



Fulgoridae



Membracidae



Belostomatidae



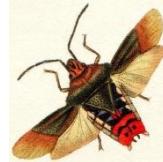
Notonectidae





*Holotrichius innesi* Horvath, 1909 – neurotoxic and hemotoxic sting  
Middle East

## MEDICAL AND VETERINARY IMPORTANCE



- ECTOPARASITES
- OBLIGATORY HEMATOPHAGOUS



Triatominae (fam. Reduviidae)  
Assassin bugs



Cimicidae  
Bed bugs

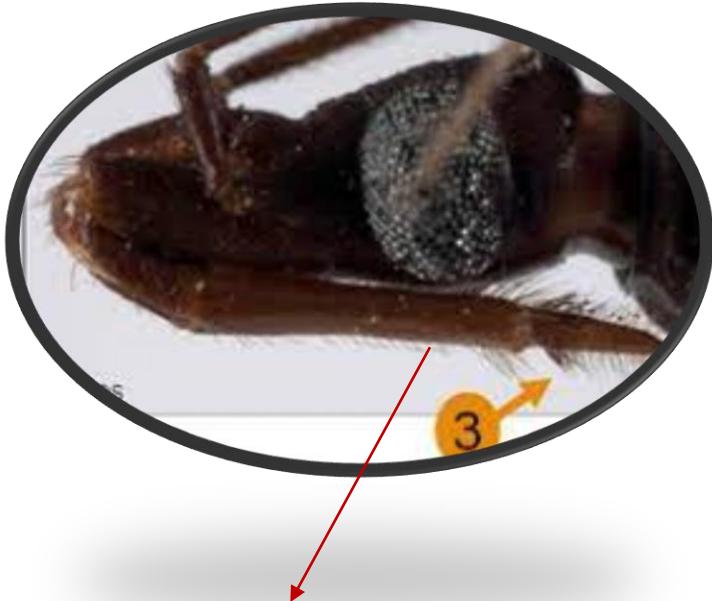
### VECTORS OF PATHOGENS

## Triatominae (*kissing, assasing bugs*)

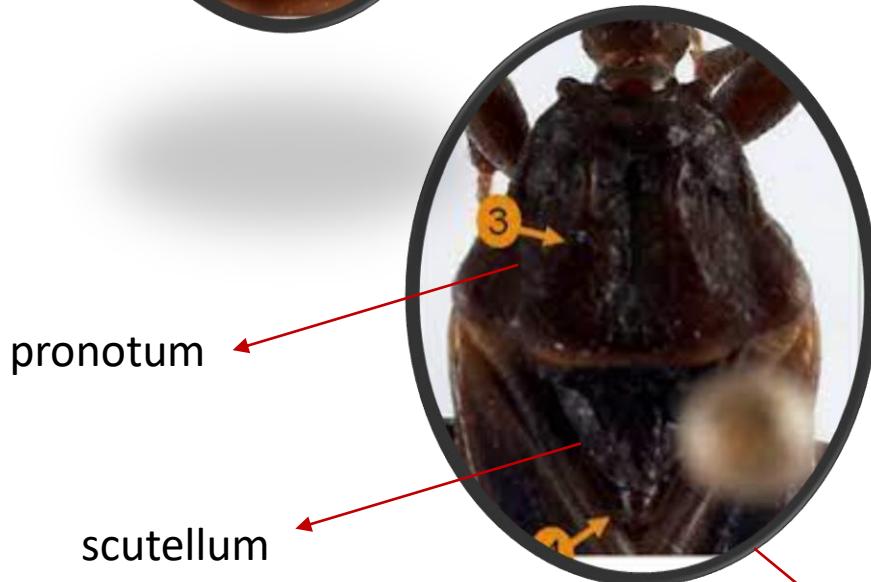


- 17 genera, 151 species – New World
- 5 – 45 mm body size
- Elongated head
- Compound eyes
- Antennae 4 parts
- Large proboscis – with 2 channels:

1. for saliva
2. for food

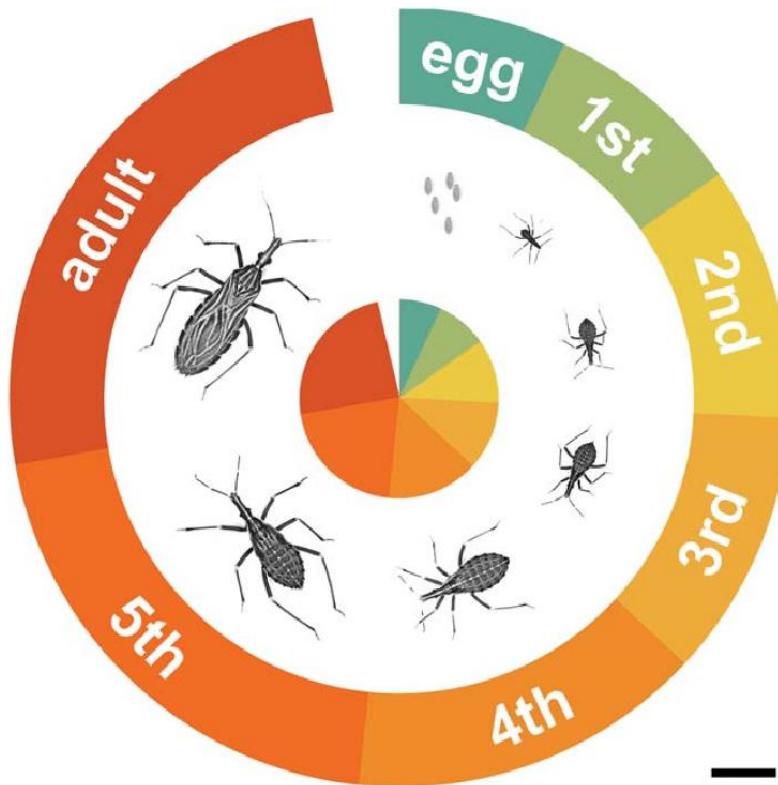
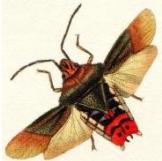


1. channel for food
2. channel for saliva



11 segments

## Triatominae (*kissing, assasing bugs*)



3 - 4 months to 1 – 2 years

*incomplete metamorphosis*

NYMPHS:

- Small eyes
- Without ocelli
- No wings

T °C



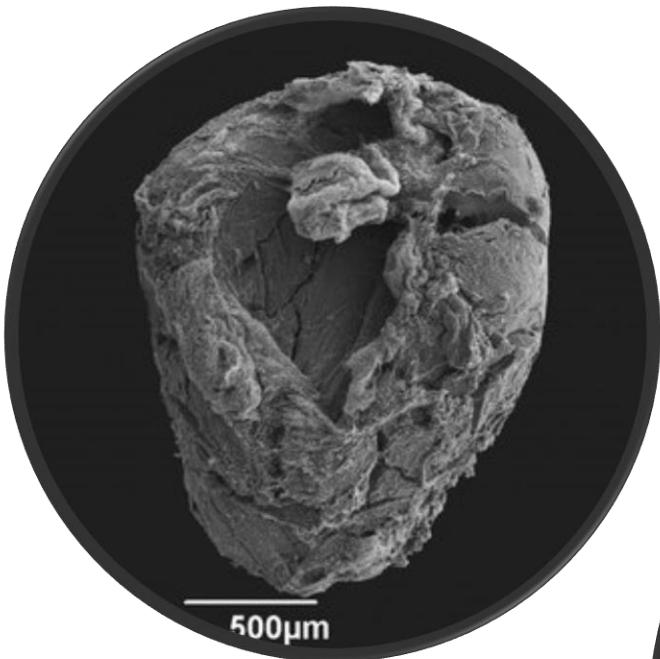
Feeding intervals

Host behaviour



\*Krinsky (2002)

## Triatominae (*kissing, assasing bugs*)



Spermatophore

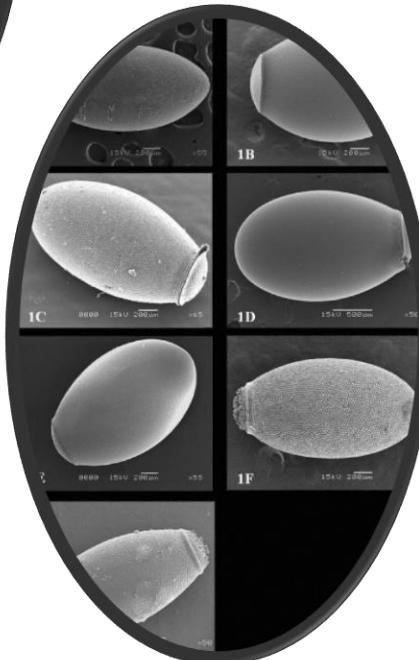
1 – 3 days after last moulting



5 – 15'



10 – 30 days after

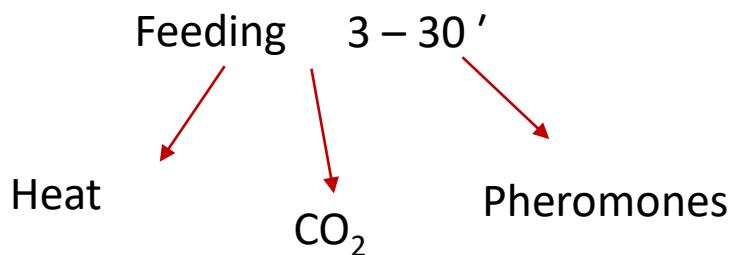


Females hatches to 1000 eggs/life



\*Krinsky (2002)

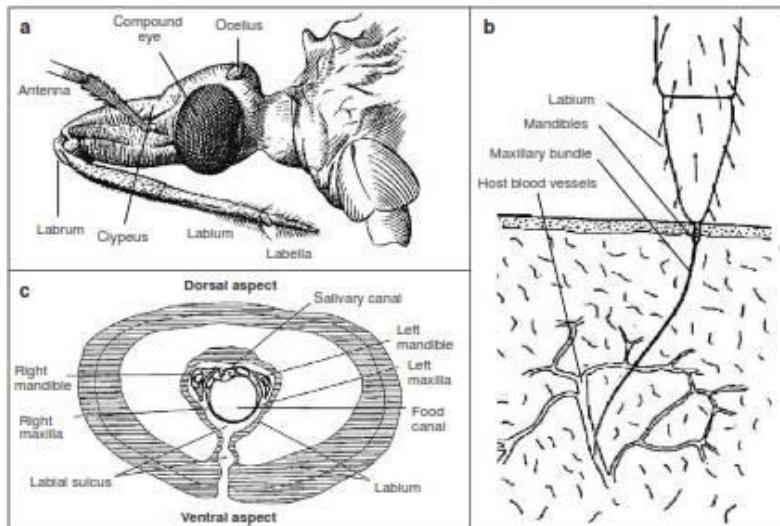
## Triatominae (*kissing, assasing bugs*)



Increase in body size - 3 x;  
nymphs even to 12 x!

Duration of feeding :

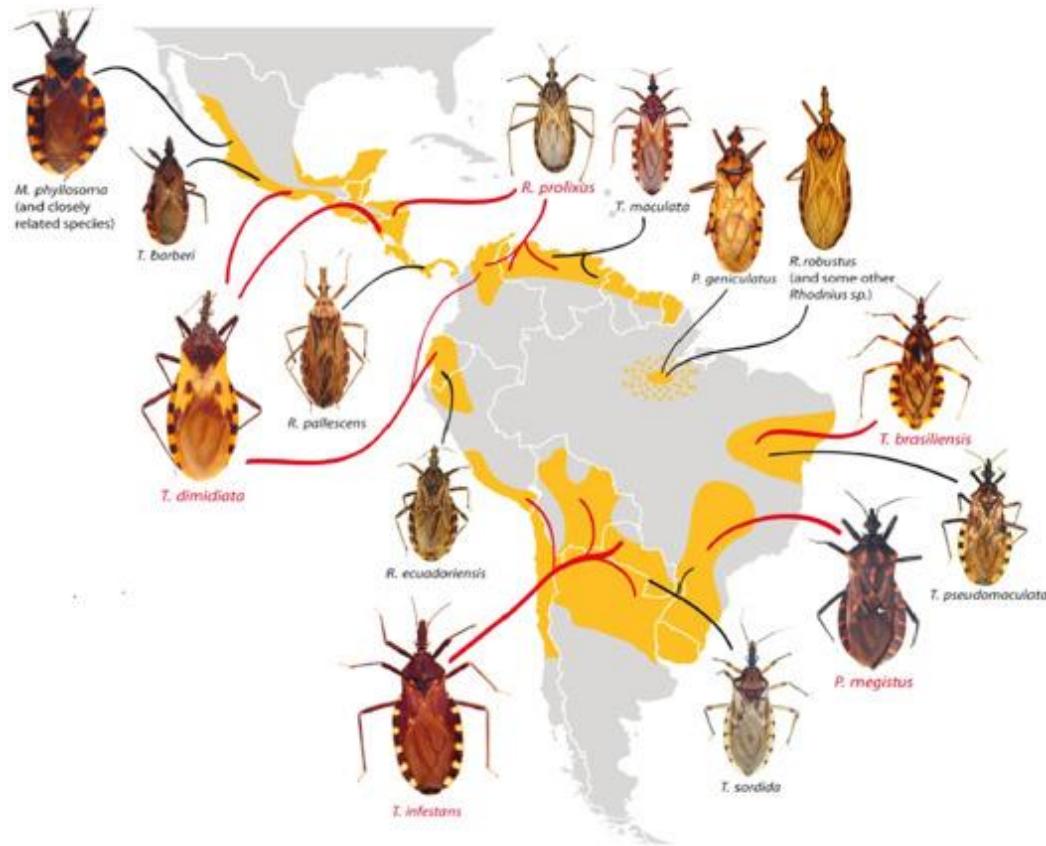
- Chemical content of blood
- Abdominal receptors



anticoagulants + NO<sub>3</sub> + analgetics

...irritations are rare at the injection site...

# Triatominae (*kissing, assasing bugs*)



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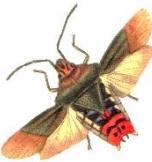


...deforestation make habitats loss and they get closer to humans...



\* Guhl, 2017; Pinto et al. 2015

## Triatominae (*kissing, assasing bugs*)



3 groups:

- 1 – **silvatic**: nests, dens, holes, epiphytes, logs, reptiles, bats, oposums, rodents
- 2 – **peridomestic**: host are domestic animals, chickens, rabbits and guinea pigs
- 3 – **domestic**: exclusively connected with humans and their pets



Habitat type

Habitat conditions

Change of habitat

....different materials, artifical and natural, holes in walls, beds, furniture, clothes, linen...

- Activity by night – *kissing bugs*
- Can live for months without meal – e.g. life in nests of migratory birds
- When host present – feeding every 4 to 9 days



\* Krinsky (2002)

# Triatominae (*kissing, assassing bugs*)

## Chagas disease

- 1907. Minas Gerais, Brazil
- American trypanosomiasis



*Triatoma infestans* Klug, 1834

*Rhodnius prolixus* Stål, 1859



*Triatoma dimidiata* Klug, 1834

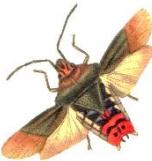


Carlos Chagas (1879 – 1934)

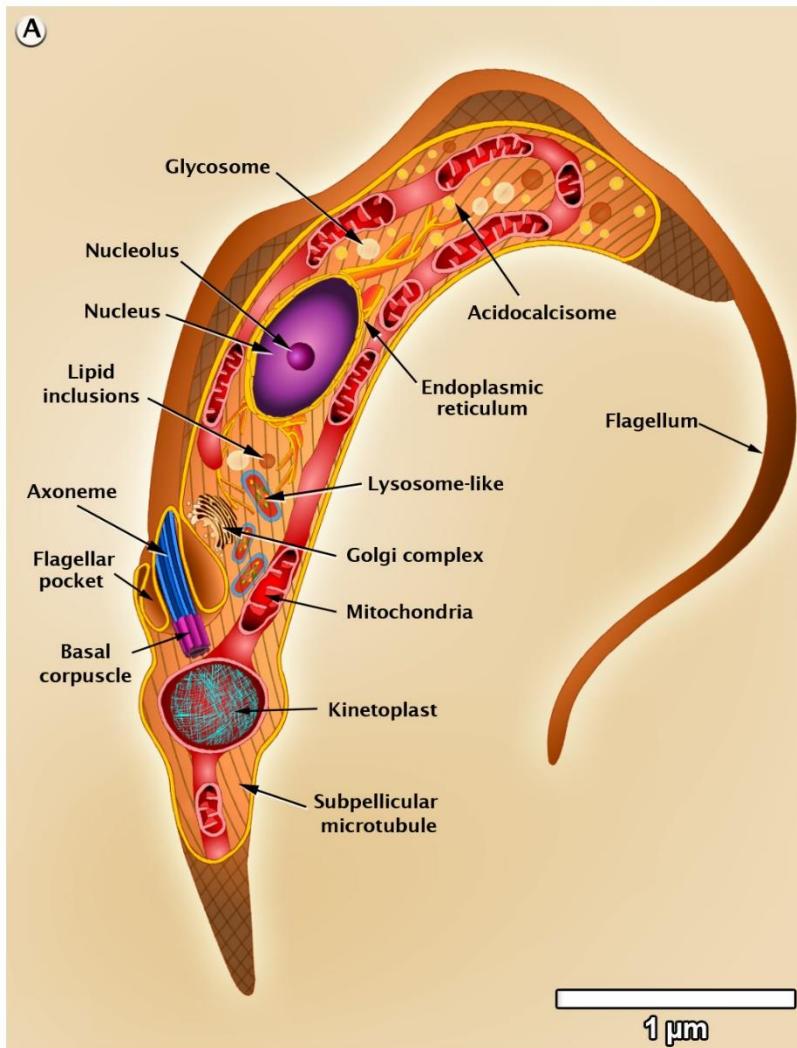


*Trypanosoma cruzi* Chagas, 1909

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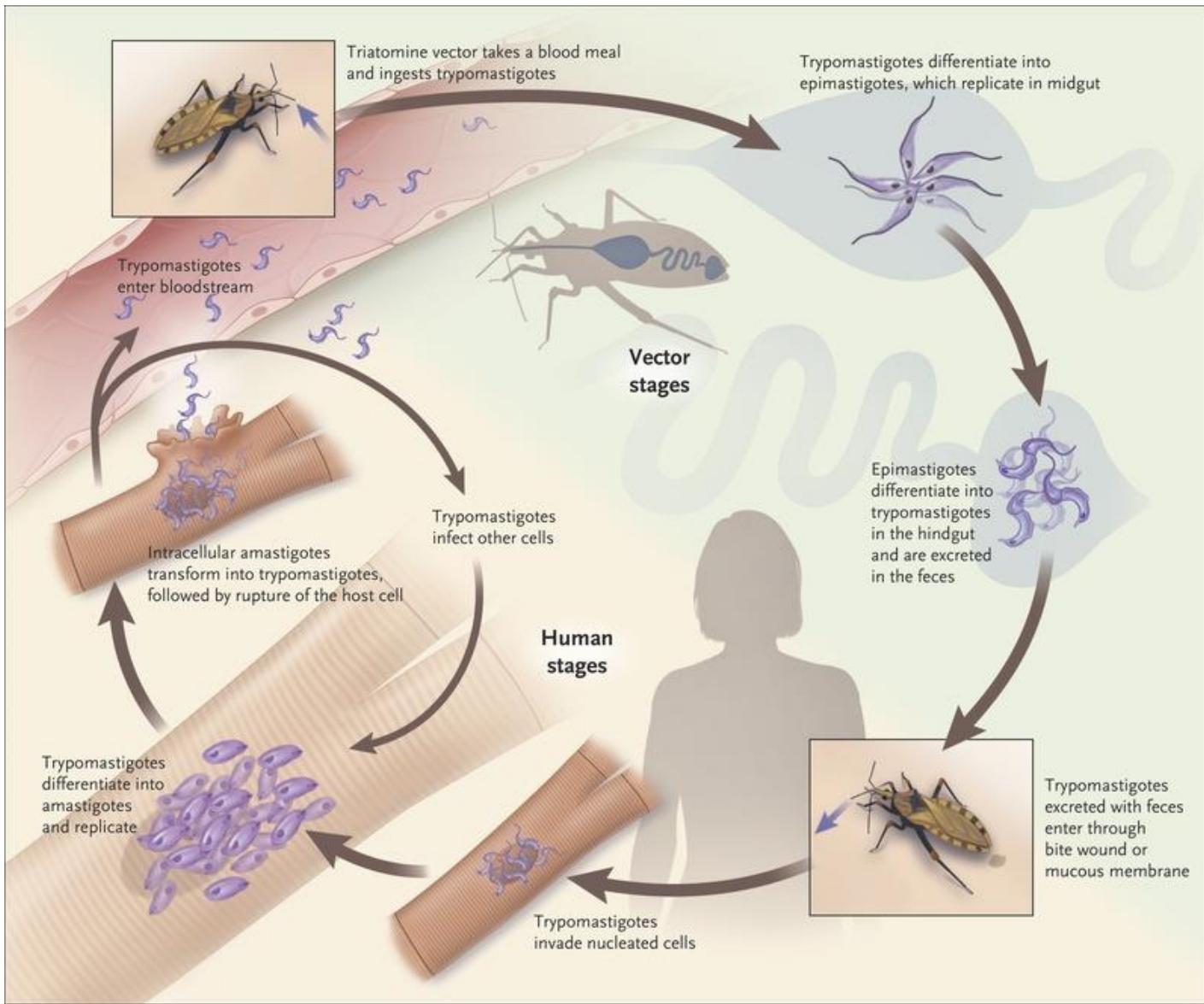


## Genus *Trypanosoma* – all obligatory parasites



*Trypanosoma cruzi* Chagas, 1909

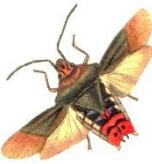
\*<https://plos.altmetric.com/details/917869>



Cycle ends within 6 to 15 days

# Triatominae (*kissing, assasing bugs*)

## Chagas disease



Ways of infection:

Food and drink

Faecal rain

Random contact

Aphrodisiac



*Triatoma picturata* (Usinger 1939)

Breast feeding

Blood transfuzion

30 days after host dies *Trypansoma cruzi* is still ALIVE

Treatment

*Triatoma barberi* Usinger 1939



!!high vectors diversity!!

\*Krinsky (2002)

# Triatominae (*kissing, assasing bugs*)

## Chagas disease



- Acute (healing 80%)  
chagoma – irritated skin  
Romaña sign – swollen eyes  
fever  
enlargement of limpahtic nodes  
skin rash  
myocarditis  
meningoencephalitis  
morbidity
- Chronical (healing 5 – 20 %)  
chest pain  
nausea  
dizzines and swoon  
thromboembolic  
heart insufficiency  
heart anomaly  
constipation  
insomnia  
irritability  
neurosis

### Diagnosis:

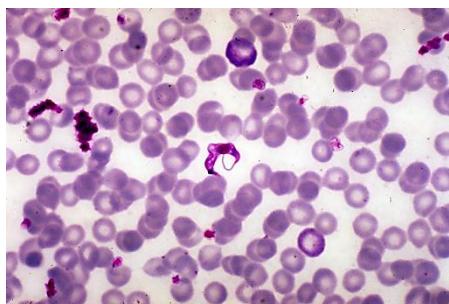
- ✓ blood analysis
- ✓ PCR
- ✓ ELISA test with IgG antibodies

### Diagnosis:

- ✓ antibodies serologioical tests

Charles Darwin (1809. – 1882.)

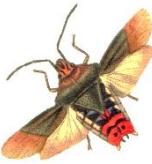
XENODIAGNOSIS → LAB. CULTIVATION



The *Benchuca* bug of Pampas

\*Krinsky (2002)

# Triatominae (*kissing, assasing bugs*)



## Chagas disease

Global distribution of cases of chagas disease, based on official estimates, 2006–2010

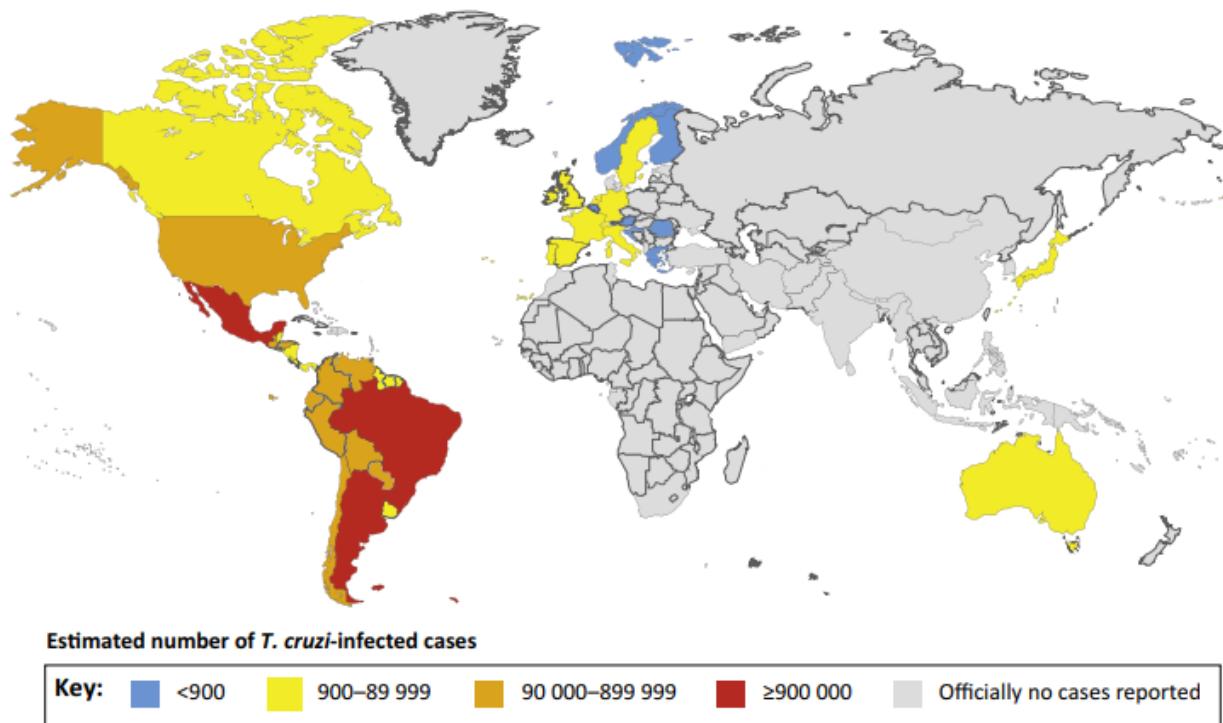


Figure 1. The Global Distribution of Cases of Chagas Disease (CD). Global migration has led to an increasing incidence of CD across the world within regions previously thought to be nonendemic for infection. The spread of CD throughout these areas may be problematic due to the presence of native vectors that may support transmission of infection. Data from [65].

In South America to **5 times higher**  
mortality compared to malaria  
**30 000** new cases per year  
**12 000** deaths per year

## *The Southern Cone Initiative (Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay)*

\* Perez et al., 2015

### PREVENTION:

- insecticides
- sanitary standard
- control of blood transfusion
- allocation of animal dwellings

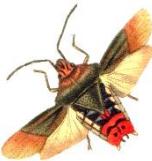
### DETECTION:

- white sheets of paper in houses
- sensorics boxes

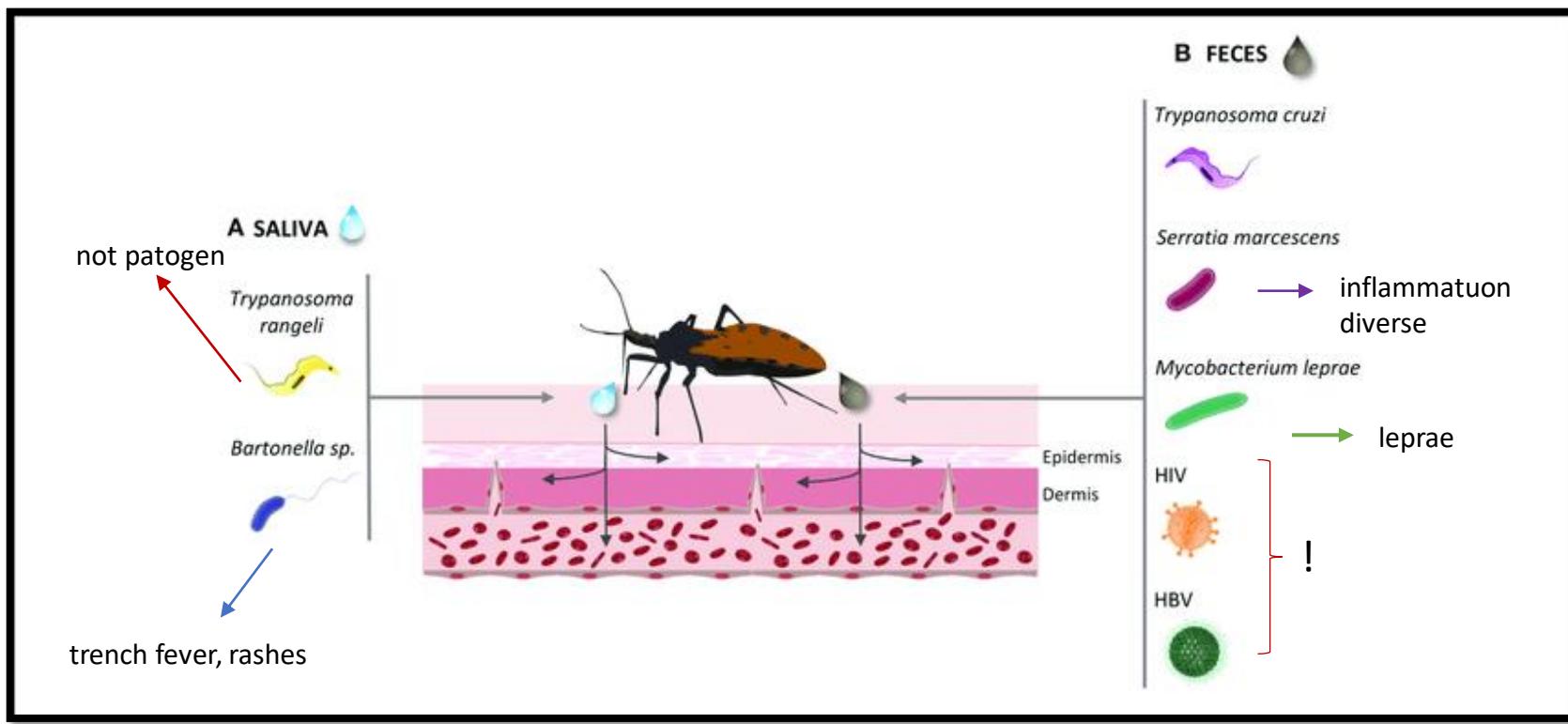
### TREATMENT:

**NIFURTIMOX**  
**BENZNIDAZOLE**

# Triatominae (*kissing, assasing bugs*)



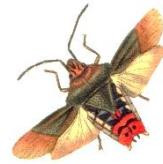
Potential vectors:



Veterinary significance:

- Trypanosimiasis in dogs - increase
- Blood loss in hens and chickens

## Bed bugs – Cimicidae (*swallow bugs, bat bugs*)



- 6 subfamilies; 23 genera, 91 species
- 5 – 7 mm, 2,5 – 3 mm
- Wingless
- Obligatory hematophagous ectoparasites
- ✓ *Cimex lectularius* Linnaeus, 1758 – „bed bug“

(lat. *Cimex* – bug; *lectularius* – bed)

3 species ectoparasites at humans

*Leptocimex boueti* (Brumpt, 1910)



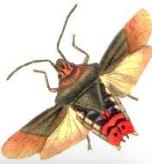
moderate climate

*Cimex hemipterus* (J.C.Fabricius, 1803)

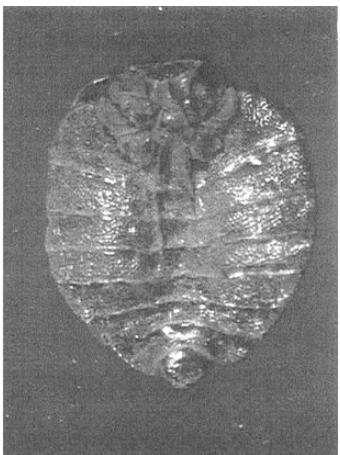
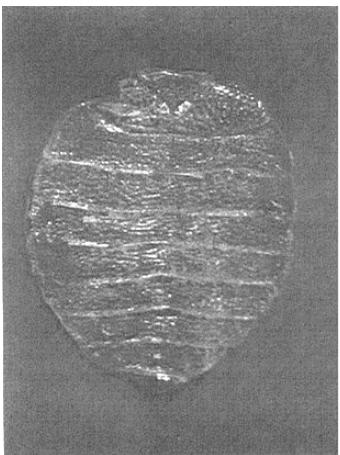


tropical area

## Bed bugs – Cimicidae (*swallow bugs, bat bugs*)

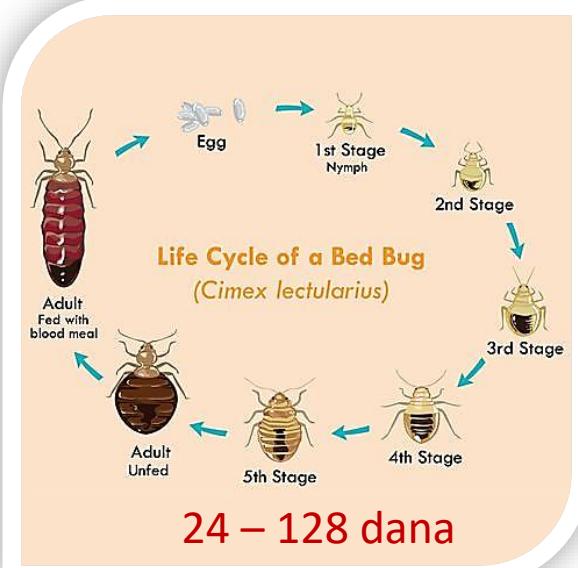


- Middle East – cohabitation in caves with bats
- Ancient Greece - 400 years before Christ



3500 yr. before Christ - a bed bug from clothes of farmer, village Amama, Egypt

- Caves, dwellings, nests, tree hollows
- Paper, wood, textile



24 – 128 dana

30 – 18 °C ideal conditions

5 – 6 months without food



Unfed



Fed

# Bed bugs – Cimicidae (*swallow bugs, bat bugs*)



- phototaxis



CO<sub>2</sub>

> 10 °C

anticoagulants + NO<sub>3</sub>



....27 human pathogens potentially can survive in bed bugs.....

*...secondary bacterial infection...*

Infestation symptoms:

- ✓ Pain and swelling
- ✓ Blood loss
- ✓ Anaphylaxis
- ✓ Erythema - rashes
- ✓ Anaemia
- ✓ Neurosis
- ✓ Insomnia
- ✓ Irritability
- ✓ Paranoia



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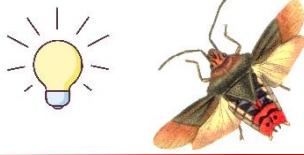
Bed bug



**!!often wrong diagnosis!!**

\* Froggett, 1919; Usinger, 1966; Doggett & Russell, 2008

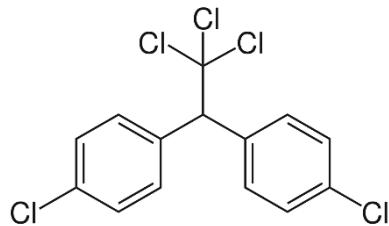
# Bed bugs – Cimicidae (*swallow bugs, bat bugs*)



!!resistence!!

Behavioural  
Physiological

!!population increase!!

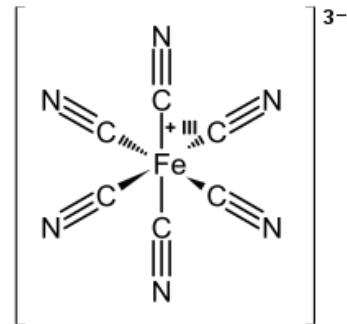


Dichloro-diphenyl-  
trichloroethane

DDT



Rachel Carson (1907 – 1964)



Hydrogen cyanide

2001. Stockholm Convention

chemical + mechanical control



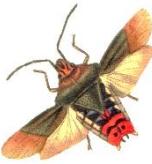
Pyrethroids  
Neonicotinoids



Vacuum  
Isolation of infected material

\* Froggett, 1919; Doggett & Russell, 2008

## Bed bugs – Cimicidae (*swallow bugs, bat bugs*)



Occasionally humans can be host to:

- ✓ Swallow bug
- ✓ Bat bug
- ✓ Mexican chicken bug



CO<sub>2</sub> TRAPS



Veterinary importance

**Damage in poultry**

INDICATION – faecal spots  
skin lesions  
decreased eggs production

# Bed bugs – Cimicidae (*swallow bugs, bat bugs*)



## Today - resurrection of bed bugs with significant increase of populations worldwide

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### NY bedbug epidemic spreads to the United Nations

By Reuters Staff

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UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - New York City's bedbug epidemic has spread to yet another landmark in the city that never sleeps -- the United Nations, officials at the world organization said on Wednesday.

The pests appeared at places like the Empire State Building and Bloomingdale's before reaching the city's center of international diplomacy on the East Side of Manhattan.

The U.N. press office said a bedbug-sniffing dog had confirmed the presence of bedbugs in furniture in the basement of the Dag Hammarskjold Library, where the offices of the team overseeing the U.N. headquarters' \$1.9 billion renovation project are housed.

### Bedbugs have joined the United Nations, again

By Margarita Noriega | margarita@voxx.com | Jan 24, 2010, 1:50pm EST

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A bedbug joins the United Nations. | Getty

The newest delegation to the United Nations is very small.



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## Bed Bugs Found At Bloomingdale's



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### Waldorf Astoria Bedbugs Drove Woman to Madness

By Jessica Pressler



Unlike the last two people who have filed suit against the Waldorf Astoria hotel, claiming they were attacked by bedbugs in their sleep, Svetlana Tendler did not bring the critters back to her home in Michigan. Her fate was worse. Not only did she suffer a "fungal face infection" and — good god — "severe facial folliculitis" related to the bites, but it ruined her vacation to Bermuda. And it also drove her *insane*.

"For the last 3 years I tried to recover from the bed bugs incident and forget about it," Tendler says. "But I felt like something very important was taken from my life that night and was never returned. I felt like I was eaten alive by bed bugs which have attacked my body." Her lawyer adds, "My client is terrified of staying at hotels after the incident and always carries bed bug spray, a magnifying glass and a flashlight to help her locate bed bugs whenever she is forced to stay at hotels. Mrs. Tendler developed anxiety and sleep disorders. She is always scared that she might bring bed bugs back to her family home after staying at a hotel."

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### BED BUGS DON'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST FIVE STAR HOTELS

It's a universal truth that there is some risk of encountering bed bugs while you are travelling and staying in high traffic areas like hotels and hostels. Bed bugs can be found in nearly every region of the world and all fifty states in the U.S. There are, however, some common misconceptions about the types of places you might find bed bugs, and what that says about the places they're found.

#### BED BUGS DON'T DISCRIMINATE AGAINST CLEAN HOTELS

Assuming you are safe from bed bugs simply because your hotel room is clean is a mistake. The idea that bugs are attracted to dirt and grime is wrong. Bed bugs are attracted to three main things: warmth, blood, and carbon dioxide. While cleanliness is certainly a good start to catching in potential bed bug infestations, it is not a foolproof way of prevention. Bed bugs don't discriminate against high class hotels either. From five star hotels to run down hostels, these pests can be found wherever their hosts take them.



### Five star hotels 'infested' with BED BUGS after major surge in blood-sucking insects across New York City

- Reports of bed bugs in New York hotels have increased by 44 per cent
- Even plush hotels such as the five star Waldorf Astoria have been affected
- Bed bugs were virtually wiped out following the Second World War
- Entomologists have warned that bed bugs now have pesticide immunity

By DARREN BOYLE FOR MAILONLINE

PUBLISHED: 11:26 GMT, 9 February 2016 | UPDATED: 16:26 GMT, 9 February 2016

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Tourists visiting some of New York's most prestigious hotels have reported being bitten by bed bugs despite their five star surroundings.

Guests at the Waldorf Astoria and Marriott Marquis hotel are among those to have been affected by the infestation. Reports of bed bugs in the city's hotels have jumped by 44 per cent over the past year.

According to the Bed Bug Registry, which lists reports of alleged incidents, there are almost 6,000 incidents in their databases relating to New York.



Reports of bed bugs in New York hotels have increased by more than 40 per cent between 2014 and 2015



NAPASNI KUKCI

## Riječki neboder vrvi stjenicama, građani očajni: "Ne može se spavati, djeca se boje uči u sobu." Stručnjakinja savjetuje kako se riješiti ovih krvopija

Nakon velikih europskih gradova, stjenice su stigle i u Rijeku. Očajni građani traže rješenje.

Više donosi reporterka Dnevnika Nove TV Katarina Jusić Mezga.



## POHARALE EUROPU

Poštast stjenica došla i u Hrvatsku, a evo gdje se pojavljuju i kako se šire

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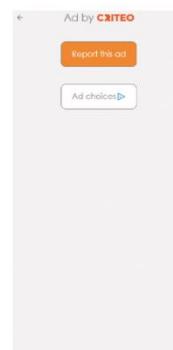
## Najezda stjenica i u Hrvatskoj: Kakvi su ovo kukci, jesu li opasni i kako se zaštiti?

Ana Kanazir 13. listopada 2023.

ZDRAVLJE

A- A+

Stjenice su se u kratkom vremenu razmnožile diljem Francuske, a pojavile su se i u Londonu, a nažalost ni Hrvatska nije ostala poštedena. Tako su se nastanile u nekoliko stanova jedne zgrade u Rijeci, a njihov broj se munjevitno širi. Ovi kukci su se nekada smatrali simbolom prijavaštine, dok se danas šire kod putovanja. Ne prenose bolesti, ali izazivaju kožne alergijske reakcije. Dobra vijest je da se mogu suzbiti uz pomoć stručnjaka.





2019-01-13 Hitchhiking Bed bugs

# Hitchhiking **BED BUGS** infest Quad-Cities, the world

A close-up photograph of a bedbug infestation on a pink fabric surface, showing numerous small, reddish-brown insects.



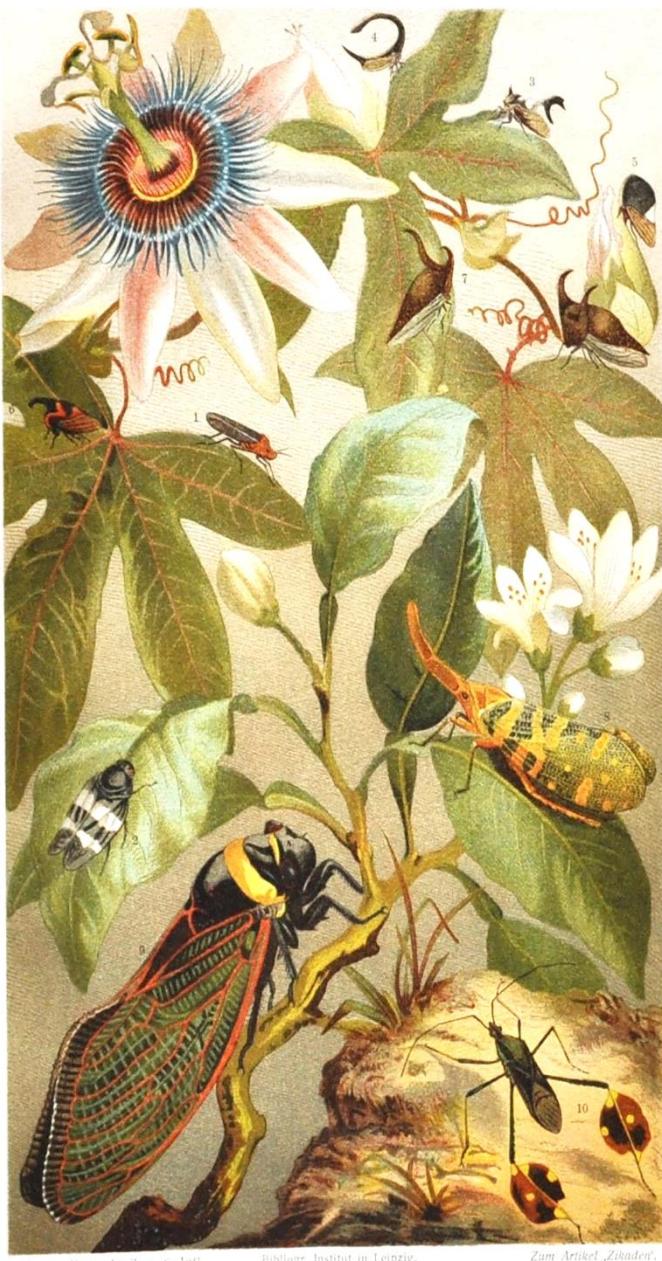
## PERSONAL HEALTH

# The Pandemic May Spare Us From Another Plague: Bedbugs

Given the drastic pandemic-induced reductions in travel, the chances of bringing home these uninvited guests have been greatly curtailed.



Gracia Lam



## What tomorrow brings?



...if pandemic continues – serious consequences on tourism and economy..

...costs in billions of dollars – replacement of electronic devices (computers, tv, radio..), furniture and textiles from households..

...higher energy consumption – minimum washing of textile at 60 °C ...

....increased use of insecticides and toxic chemicals as well as producing of waste...



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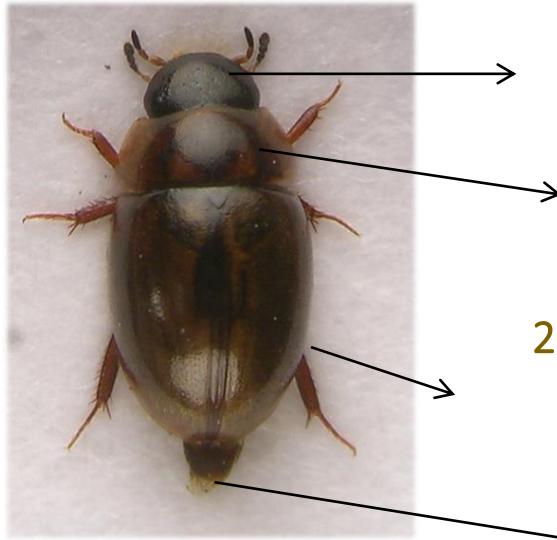
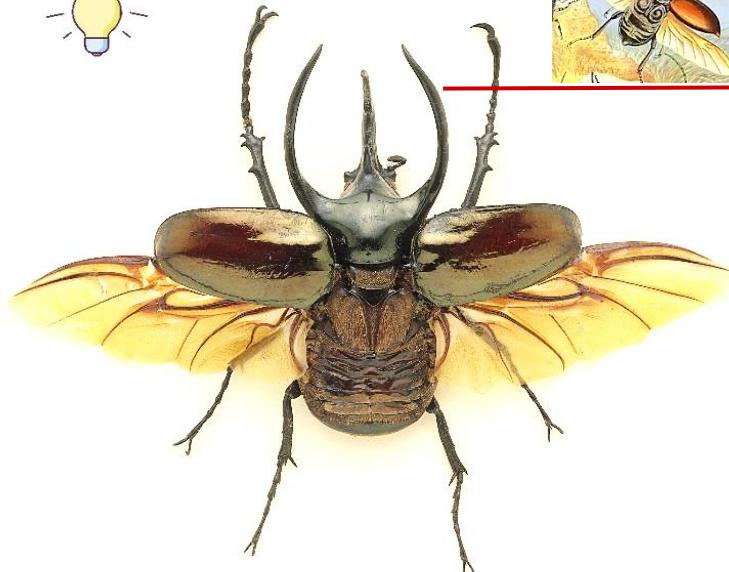
## COLEOPTERA



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# Order COLEOPTERA - beetles

- > 350 000 species
- holometabolous
- veterinary and medical significance < 100 species
- grč. *elytron* – cover, sheath
- antennae 11 segments; sexual dimorphism
- chewing mouthparts

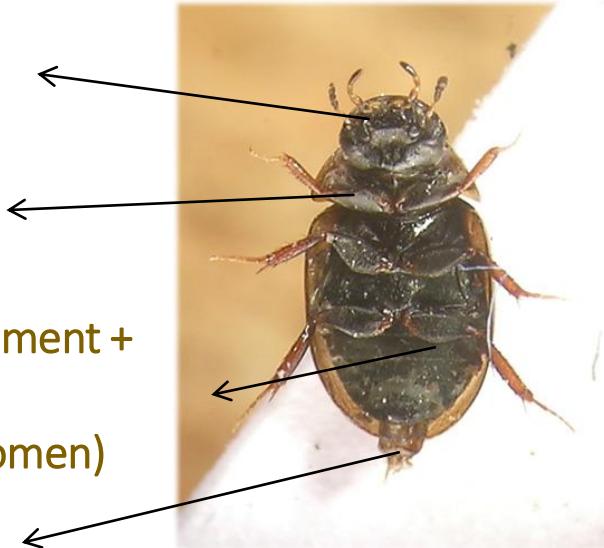


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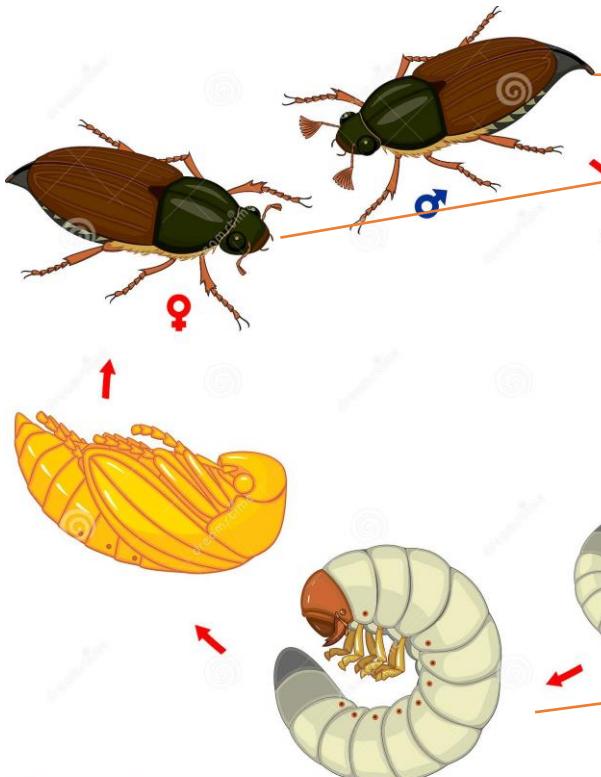
1. thorax  
segment  
(prothorax)

2. and 3. thorax segment +  
abdomen  
(pterothorax-abdomen)

genitalia



# Order COLEOPTERA - beetles



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scarabiasis

canthariasis

blisters

irritation

respiratory  
allergies

gastrointestinal  
disturbances

toxins

pathogen  
vectors

mechanical  
damage

intermediate  
hosts

# Order COLEOPTERA - beetles



*Alphitobius diaperinus* Panzer, 1797

Lesser mealworm

Virus of bird flu

Virus of chickenpox

Rotaviruses

pupae

vectors of  
pathogens

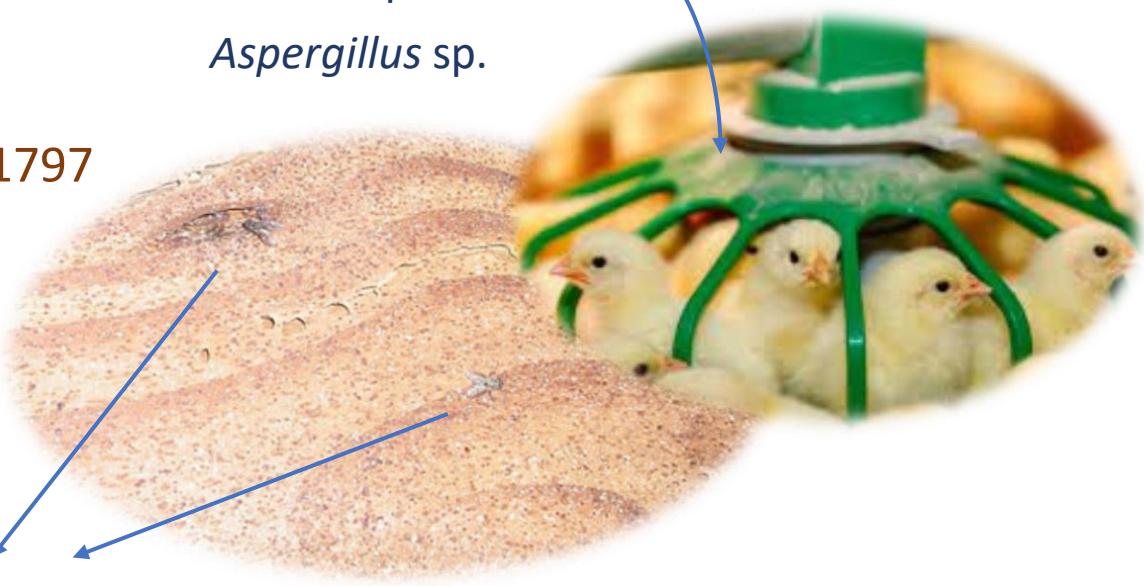
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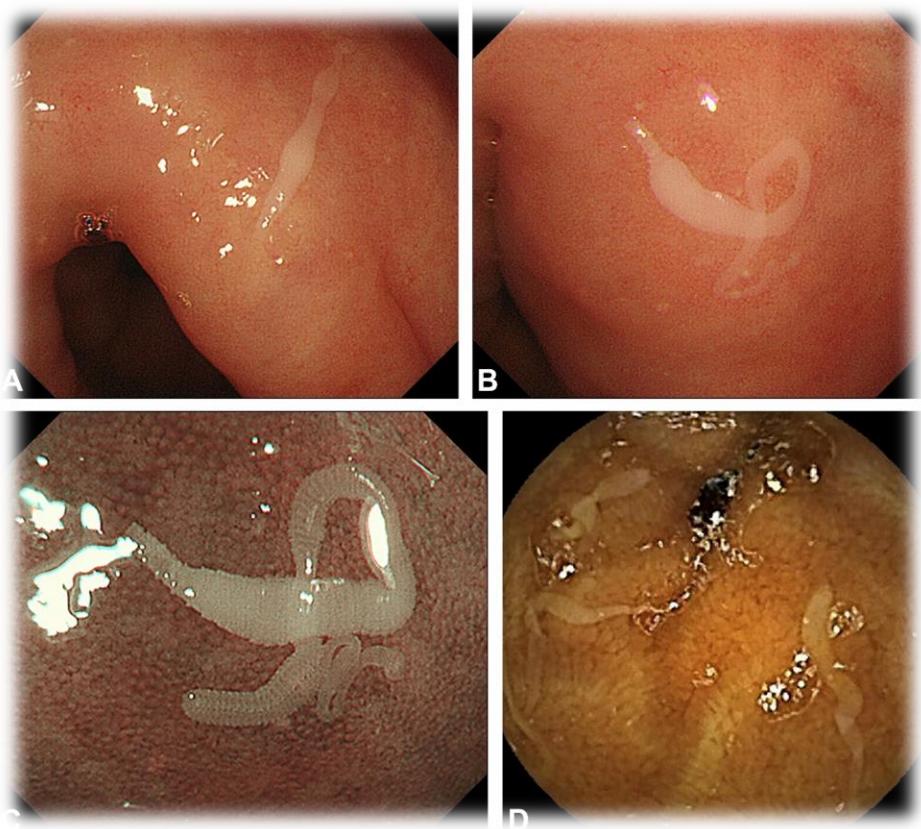
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*Hymenolepis diminuta* (Rudolphi, 1819)  
rat tapeworm



*Tenebrio molitor* Linnaeus, 1758  
mealworm

intermediate  
hosts



*Hymenolepis nana* Ransom, 1901 –  
dwarf tapeworm; human infection

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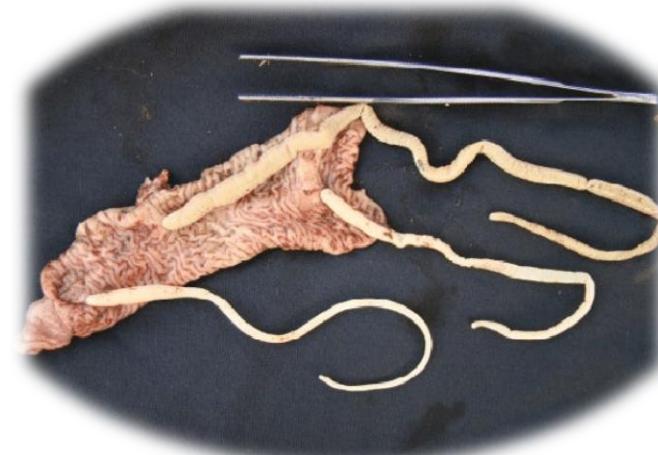
intermediate  
hosts



*Raillietina cesticillus* Molin, 1858  
broad-headed tapeworm



*Gongylonema pulchrum*  
Molin, 1857



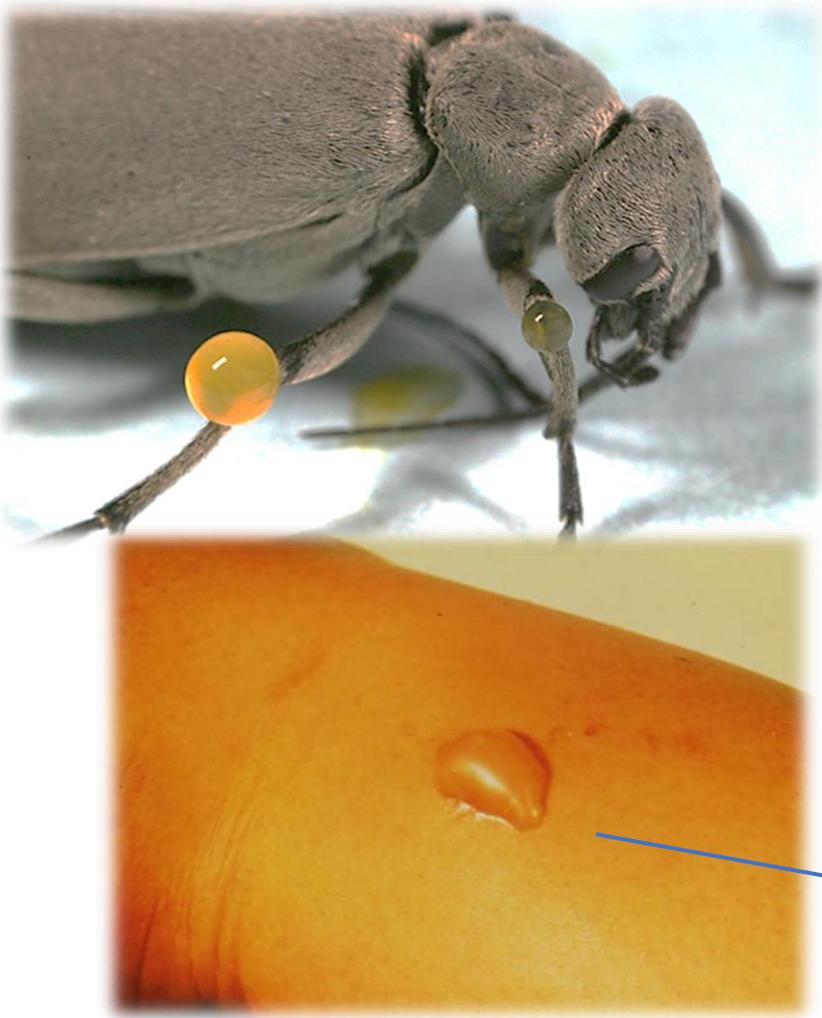
*Macracanthorhynchus hirudinaceus* (Pallas,  
1781) - the giant thorny headed worm



*Taenia saginata*  
Goeze, 1782 – cattle  
tapeworm

# Order COLEOPTERA - beetles

## Family Meloidae – blister beetles



toxins



*Lytta vesicatoria* (Linnaeus, 1758) – spanish fly

Cantharidin

18-24 hours after contact



# Order COLEOPTERA - beetles



## Family Staphylinidae – rove beetles

- toxin pederin – extremely strong – synthesis by *Pseudomonas spp.* (20 species) ♀
- irritation 24 – 72 hours after contact

Mirror irritations; purulent ulcers



*Paederus sp.*



# Order COLEOPTERA - beetles

## Dermestidae – skin beetles

mechanical  
damages



*Dermestes maculatus*  
De Geer, 1774 – hide beetle

## Scarabaeidae – scarab beetles



*Onthophagus* sp.



*Caccobius* sp.



*Copris* sp.

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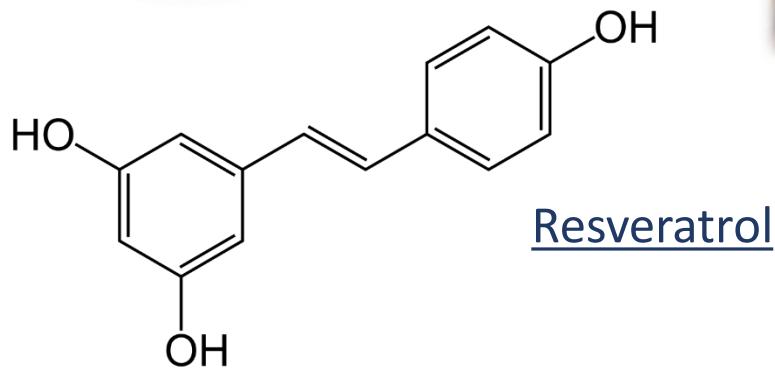


## Family Coccinellidae – ladybugs

Alkaloids



*Harmonia axyridis* (Pallas, 1773)



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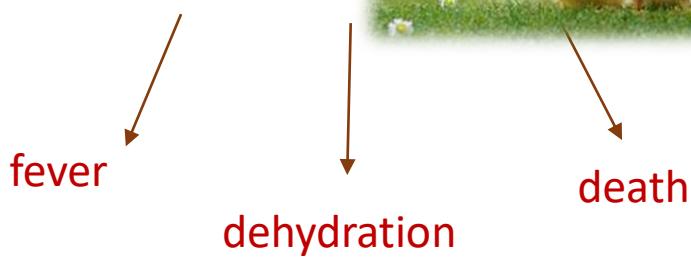
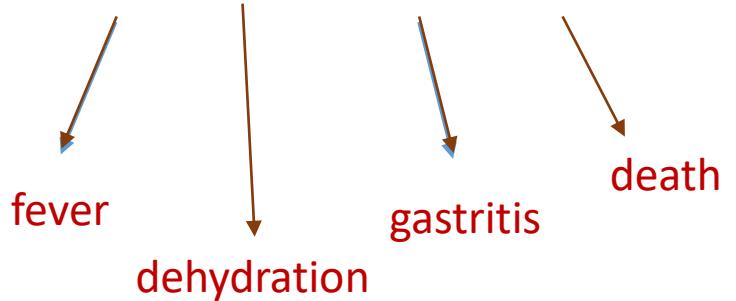


## Veterinary importance

ingestion



*Macrodactylus subspinosus* (Fabricius, 1775)



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