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Typical Location When Observed: In homes from fall through mid-spring.

Geographic Location: Statewide in association with pine trees

Importance/Damage: Nuisance pest in homes during cool season.

Distinguishing Features: Western conifer seed bugs are brown insects about 16-20 mm in length. The head is narrow and a prominent beak extends underneath. The hind legs are

long and there is a flattened area at the end. When disturbed these insects often produce a distinctive, somewhat piney odor.

Look-Alikes: Because of the narrow head these insects are commonly mistaken for assassin bugs (Reduviidae family). Unlike assassin bugs, the western conifer seed bug can not bite humans.

Resources: This insect is covered in more detail in Extension Fact Sheet 5.588 *Conifer Seed Bugs*.

Scientific Name: *Leptoglossus occidentalis*

Order: Hemiptera (Bugs, Aphids, Scale Insects, Cicadas, etc.)

Family: Coreidae (Leaffooted Bugs)

Actual Length

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