



INSECTS - BLISTER BEETLES

Applicable to all Blister Beetles:

Description: There are several species of blister beetles in Arizona. Most are noticed when they swarm onto a plant and quickly defoliate it. They can be deadly to horses and cause blisters on humans. <http://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/insects/blister-beetles-in-forage-crops-5-524/>

Management: Cover plants with light fabric if beetles are in the area; if only a few beetles, handpick wearing gloves. For swarms on plants, they'll knock off easily with a broom (step on them) or spray with an insecticide containing carbaryl, e.g. Sevin (kills on contact or by ingestion).



Item Name: Blister Beetle - (*Epicauta longicollis*)

Date: 7/25/01

City/Area: Prescott, Chino Valley, Skull Valley, AZ



Epicauta pennsylvanica

Source: Iowa State University



Lytta sp. photo courtesy Nora



Item Name: Red and Black Striped Blister Beetle (*Megetra* probably *vittata* sp.)

Date: 8/21/03

City/Area: Chino Valley, AZ