



killerplants.com | Renfield's Garden | [Free Newsletter Signup](#)

Control Chinch Bugs

Keep chinch bugs out of your yard. Bayer Advanced.



Kill Chinch Bugs

Kill chinch bugs! Use a faster, safer chinch bug killer. \$19.75



[killerplants.com](#)

[Web](#)

Site:

- [killerplants Home](#)
- [About killerplants](#)
- [Read our Privacy Policy](#)

Features:

- [The Potting Bench](#)
- [Plant of the Week Gallery](#)
- [Desktop Backgrounds](#)

Daily Newsletters:

- [Herbal Folklore](#)
- [Plants that Changed History](#)
- [Renfield's Garden](#)
- [Weird Plants](#)
- [What's in a Name?](#)

Subscribe Now: FREE!

Enter your e-mail address above and click 'Go'.



[Invite your friends to try killerplants!](#)

Manage Your E-Mail:

- [Change your address](#)
- [Change your format](#)
- [Unsubscribe](#)

Bazaar shopping:

- [AAA Fruit Baskets](#)
- [A&E Television Networks](#)
- [A&E Biography](#)
- [The History Channel](#)
- [Dutch bulbs from Breck's](#)
- [eCAMPUS Books](#)
- [National Geographic](#)
- [Perfume & Cologne](#)
- [Rugman Persian rugs](#)
- [Sea Eagle Inflatable Boats](#)
- [Springhill Nursery](#)

Awards:



What is a false chinch bug?

By [Chelsie Vandaveer](#)
February 11, 2004

Sponsored By:



The false chinch bug (*Nysius raphanus* Howard and other species) is a tiny "true bug" found across warmer temperate areas of North America. It is most frequently found west of the Mississippi River and in areas with dry to arid climates. False chinch bugs feed by piercing plant tissues and sucking the juices.

The insect preferentially feeds on wild brassicas--mustard, radish, and rockets. When the population is high or weeds have dried, the insect willingly feeds on many other plants and moves into gardens, crop fields, and orchards. The insect is less picky in cultivated plants--they will feed on most crops. The insects scar fruits making them unsalable and outright kill many ornamentals.

False chinch bugs are dark grayish-brown or black with transparent wings. The adults are 2 to 3 millimeters (1/16 to 1/8 inch). Their eggs are pink crescents laid in the soil or on plants. All stages of the false chinch bug survive over winter; adults are capable of laying their first eggs in late winter. The insects have four or more generations per year.

If weather permits, false chinch bugs get out of hand rapidly. The nymphs swarm to migrate and move in mass to new locations. If a building is in their path, the insects will enter and they are so small that window screening will not prevent entry. There are reports that swarms of the nymphs have had so many individuals the ground appears "in motion". Jay B. Karren and Alan H. Roe (2001) report that one swarm in Utah was two inches thick on the soil. Craig Kallsen (2001) reports that disturbed, swarms of the adults in California form clouds that make breathing difficult.

Killing false chinch bugs is easy. The bugs readily drown and can be killed with a hard stream of water. Their inability to survive in water may be the reason the bugs prefer dry habitats and are seldom found where heavy rain is frequent.

The University of Minnesota Extension Service has more information on the false chinch bug including a photograph of this tiny insect. To view the article by Bill Hutchison and David Ragsdale, click on the link:

<http://www.vegedge.umn.edu/mnvegnew/vol3/629chin.htm>

Kill Chinch Bugs

Kill chinch bugs! Use a faster, safer chinch bug killer. \$19.75

www.Diatect.com

Keeps Insects off Plants.

Liquid Garlic sprayed on garden & farm plants keeps insects off .

www.GarlicBarrier.com

Slug Control

What's The Secret To Slug Control? Visit Our Site & Learn The Answer!

www.MetaWorksBest.com

Cert. Organic Pesticides

USDA/NOP Certified Organic 2007 Certified Organic By Oregon Tilth

www.organicpesticides.com



Ezine-Tips 2001 ETOPA

(Compiled from: "[False Chinch Bug Suspected of Damaging Citrus Fruit](#)", Craig Kallsen, UCCE Farm Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension, 2001 and "[False Chinch Bugs, Factsheet 37](#)", Jay B. Karren and Alan H. Roe, Utah State University Extension, 2001)

Recent Renfield's Garden Updates:

- [How do firebush flower mites travel?](#)
- [How does the oleander aphid protect herself?](#)
- [What are swamp lanterns?](#)
- [What are Mexican jumping beans?](#)
- [Why do pillbugs turn into zombies?](#)
- [Why do starlings pick aromatic plants?](#)
- [Why are pillbugs important?](#)
- [Why do zebra swallowtails eat pawpaw leaves?](#)
- [How do alligators benefit prairie iris?](#)
- [Why do wood storks need old bald-cypress?](#)
- [What is a Lethal-Male Delivery System?](#)
- [What is a California sister?](#)
- [What is a false chinch bug?](#)
- [What is the Evil Weevil?](#)
- [Are soldiers defending your garden?](#)
- [What is a harlequin bug?](#)
- [\[more articles in the archives...\]](#)

Other Recent Updates:

- [What is a cashew apple?](#)
- [Plant of the Week: Oriental lily \(*Lilium*\)](#)
- [Desktops: Cypress in the Fog & Weird Plants](#)
- [Killer Savings on Persian rugs Shopping Bazaar!](#)
- [KillerPlants articles now read in 150 countries!](#)
- [Science News: Pest-resistant Eggplant Under Development For South Asia](#)
- [\[more articles and goodies...\]](#)

Featured Shopping



Discovery CHANNEL STORE

SEMI-ANNUAL **DVD SALE!**

Hundreds of DVDs from \$4.99

Shop Now 

Managed by
Heliarwerks



© 2001 - 2008 C. Vandaveer. All rights reserved.