

**TOPIC: European Firebugs****What do European Firebugs look like?**

European Firebugs have a red body with two black spots. They are often mistaken for Box Elder Bugs.

**Where did they come from?**

These bugs originated in Europe. They were first discovered in North America in Utah in 2008. They arrived in Canada in 2017 and their presence is expanding with increased sightings across Ontario.

**Are European Firebugs harmful?**

No. European Firebugs are harmless to humans and plants. They do not bite, transmit disease or damage plants.

**What do European Firebugs eat?**

They only eat seeds.

**I have spotted a European Firebug on my property. What should I do?**

No action is required. There is no need to report these bugs because they are harmless to humans and plants. However, if you wish to get rid of them, you can spray high-pressure water from a garden hose directly on the insect.