



## Pacific Pests, Pathogens & Weeds - Mini Fact Sheet Edition

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### Green vegetable bug (098)



Photo 1. Egg cases and first stage nymphs of the green vegetable bug, *Nezara viridula*.



Photo 2. Early nymph (probably 3rd instar), green vegetable bug, *Nezara viridula*.



Photo 3. Late stage nymph of the green vegetable bug, *Nezara viridula*.



Photo 4. Late stage nymph of the green vegetable bug, *Nezara viridula*.



Photo 5. Adult green vegetable bug, *Nezara viridula*.  
The bug is large, about 15 mm long.

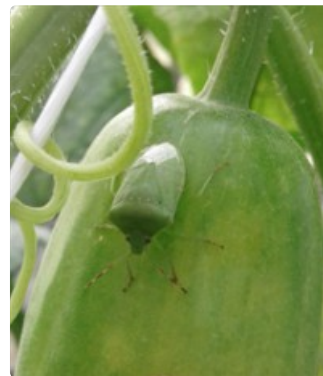


Photo 6. Adult green vegetable bug, *Nizara viridula* on cucumber.

### Summary

- Worldwide distribution. Tropical, sub-tropical and temperate countries. On brassicas, capsicum, cucumber and other cucurbits, and legumes, including yard long beans. It is also a pest of tomato. Many other plants, including weeds.
- A stink bug (15 mm), when disturbed they smell! Nymphs back becoming spotted in rows, and increasingly green. Adults fully green.

- The bugs suck sap from flower buds, fruits and seeds of many vegetables, food legumes (yard-long beans), fruits (tomatoes), and weeds. The bugs are strong flyers.
- Natural enemies: few; possibly natural enemies.
- Cultural control: avoid planting near older infected crops; weed; use trap crops, e.g., rattle pod, *Crotalaria*.
- Chemical control: PDPs: derris, pyrethrum, chilli, possibly neem; alternatively, use synthetic pyrethroids, but these are likely to kill natural enemies (mostly ants).

## Common Name

Green vegetable bug; green stink bug; green shield bug; southern green stink bug.

## Scientific Name

*Nezara viridula*

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Information from CABI (2017) *Nezara viridula* (green stick bug) Crop Protection Compendium ([www.cabi.org/cpc](http://www.cabi.org/cpc)); and *Nezara viridula* (Linnaeus) Entomology & Nematology. UF/IFAS, University of Florida. ([http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/veg/bean/southern\\_green\\_stink\\_bug.htm](http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/veg/bean/southern_green_stink_bug.htm)); and from Waterhouse DF, Norris KR (1987) *Biological Control Pacific Prospects*. Inkata Press. Photo © Cameron Prybol, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, The University of Georgia, USA.

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