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Bed Bug Identification Card

The Bed Bug Identification Card is a simple visual tool to help in identifying bed bugs. Showing the actual size of bed bugs and a couple of hiding places this small card can be carried in your wallet for when you need it the most.

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- Bed bugs are small insects, about the size of an apple seed. Adult bed bugs are flat, oval and reddish-brown in color. Bed bug eggs are tiny and very hard to see.
- Bed bugs feed on human blood, and are mostly active at night when people are sleeping.
- Some people have no reaction to bed bug bites; while others may get a small bump or large welt.

Signs of Bed Bug Infestations

Think you have bed bugs? visit www.bedbugs.umn.edu or call 612-624-2200 for more information

- Signs that bed bugs are present: bugs, fecal spots, eggs and shed skins.
- If you think you have bed bugs check for these signs in the following places:
 - Where you sit or sleep such as: mattresses, box springs, bed frames, bedding and furniture.
 - In cracks and crevices of floorboards, base boards, windows, door frames and electrical outlets.

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These are some of the areas you may find bed bugs in your hotel room.

Bed Bug Hotline: 1-855-644-2200

- *Assistance in over 100 Languages!*
- Found under the “resources” on UMN Bed Bug Site

Contact Us

For more information contact the bed bug

InformationLine:

612-624-2200 or 1-855-644-2200

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UW Insect Diagnostic Lab website: labs.russell.wisc.edu/insectlab/

UW Madison Department of Entomology
Insect Diagnostic Lab

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SAMPLE SUBMISSION FORM

Use our handy form when submitting physical specimens. Check the [sample submission page](#) for instructions.

RECENT BLOG POSTS

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February 5, 2017
- Wisconsin's Top Insect Trends of 2016 (#10 - #6)
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- State of the Lab Address 2016
January 12, 2017
- The "New" Japanese Beetle in the Midwest
November 22, 2016
- Japanese Beetles: 100 Years and Counting
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UW-Extension Horticulture: your expert source for horticulture information

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Insect Diagnostic Lab was established in 1978 to provide timely and accurate identification of insects and insect-damaged plant material from around Wisconsin. Part of the mission of the IDL is to provide support to the [county extension offices](#) throughout the state. In addition, the IDL provides diagnostic services for the general public, private companies, agricultural producers, pest control professionals, the green industry, medical professionals, and other groups.

The lab processes between over 2,000 samples each year. Home-owners are encouraged to check with their [local extension office](#) for help first because many samples can be handled in a more efficient manner locally. Mail in samples, e-mails (with pictures if possible) and walk in samples are all accepted. At the present time there are no charges for Wisconsin residents.

The IDL also provides outreach services for the [UW-Madison Department of Entomology](#).

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If #LifeGivesYouLemons just stick your tongue out at the situation and take a nap. This #bee has got it down: #EntomologicalWisdom
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@dravecoyle @biophilcbios Many #caterpillars in that family resemble your specimen, so larval ID is tough. Adults are easier to ID.
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@biophilcbios @dravecoyle I suspect something from the hairstreak family: Lycaenidae. Ant mutualism can be common. annualreviews.org/doi/full/10.11...