

# Shieldbugs of Ireland



Ireland's shieldbugs and other related bugs are members of the Order Hemiptera which includes aphids and planthoppers. These are 'true bugs' and possess tube-like mouthparts for sucking fluids from either plants or other animals for nutrition.

There are 18 species of shieldbugs and other related bugs presented here that are readily identified in the field. The National Biodiversity Data Centre wishes to find out more about where these 'true bugs' occur as currently their distributions are by and large still poorly understood. You can assist by recording your sightings at: [records.biodiversityireland.ie](http://records.biodiversityireland.ie)



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*Coreus marginatus*  
(Dock Bug)



*Leptoglossus occidentalis*  
(Western Conifer Seed Bug)



*Sehirus luctuosus*  
(Forget-me-not Bug)



*Thyreocoris scarabaeoides*  
(Scarab Bug)



*Eurygaster testudinaria*  
(Tortoise Bug)



*Palomena prasina*  
(Green Shieldbug)



*Nezara viridula*  
(Southern Green Shieldbug)



*Piezodorus lituratus*  
(Gorse Shieldbug)



*Dolycoris baccarum*  
(Hairy Shieldbug)



*Pentatoma rufipes*  
(Forest Shieldbug)



*Picromerus bidens*  
(Spiked Shieldbug)



*Troilus luridus*  
(Bronze Shieldbug)



*Rhacognathus punctatus*  
(Heather Shieldbug)



*Zicrona caerulea*  
(Blue Shieldbug)



*Cypostethus tristriatus*  
(Juniper Shieldbug)



*Acanthosoma haemorrhoidale*  
(Hawthorn Shieldbug)



*Elasmotethus interstinctus*  
(Birch Shieldbug)



*Elasmucha grisea*  
(Parent Shieldbug)