Western Conifer

“Western Conifer” is in New England. They are not much of a nuisance, but there are a lot of them this year. They are not native to New England. They actually came over from other places, such as China and the West, via the transportation and shipping industry. We are not used to seeing them.

Don’t let them spray you with pesticides! Pesticides kill; these bugs do not! If they are in your house and you want to get rid of them, they recommend vacuuming them up. They do “stink,” which is why they are called stink bugs, so just make sure to empty the bag out.

A bug that looks very similar is the kissing bug. They spread Chagas disease. They do bite, but local infection is uncommon. It is always good idea to keep an eye out.

