

Casual Invaders

Several casual invaders come into our homes at this time of year. One is the multicolored Asian lady beetle. The brown marmorated stink bug, or BMSB, and the camel cricket are two others. They all can be nuisances in large numbers. Camel crickets like cool, dark, moist areas like basements, crawl spaces, etc., whereas lady beetles and BMSBs generally seek crevices or corners in your home to hole up for the winter. Lady beetle secretions can stain fabrics and camel crickets unchecked will feed on stored fabrics if no other food supply is available.

Sealing doors, windows, dryer vents, and any other openings in your home will help to reduce the number of these pests seeking warm places inside. The link below will provide more information about these and other invaders.

<https://extension.umaine.edu/home-and-garden-ipm/fact-sheets/household-pests/>

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