

## Key to the Important Stink Bug Adults of South Texas

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- 1) -Base of mouthparts (Rosturum) freely articulating,  
somewhat thicker (side view necessary).....Predacious Stink Bugs  
*See Fig. 1*
- Base of mouthparts (Rosturum) apparently fused to  
underside of head.....Go to 2 (Plant-feeding stink bugs)  
*See Fig. 2*

### Plant Feeding Stink Bugs

- 2) -Green Colored Stink Bugs .....Go to 3
- Brown Colored Stink Bugs .....Go to 6
- 3) -Red line on back of thorax .....Go to 4
- No red coloration .....Go to 5
- 4) -Prominent abdominal spine .....Piezodorus guildinii (Westwood)  
*See Fig. 3 & 5 - Red-Banded Stink Bug*
- No abdominal spine.....Thyanta custator (Fab.) -  
*See Fig. 4 & 6 - Red-Shouldered Stink Bug*
- 5) -Scent gland opening (on metathorax) without long canal.....Nezara viridula (Linnaeus) -  
*See Fig. 7 - Southern Green Stink Bug*
- Scent gland opening (on metathorax) with elongate canal.....Acrosternum hilare (Say) -  
*See Fig. 7 - Green Stink Bug*
- 6) -Shoulders with spines, Body less than ½ as broad as long.....Oebalus pugnax pugnax (Fab.) -  
*See Fig. 8 - Rice Stink Bug*
- Shoulders with or without spines, Body broad at shoulders.....Euschistus spp. (E. servius -  
*See Fig. 9 - Brown Stink Bug, E. quadrator, E. crassus, E. ictericus*)

# Pictures to Key from Page 1



**Fig. 1**



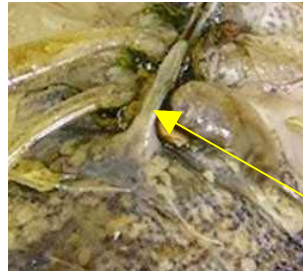
**Fig. 3 -**  
Piezodorus  
guildinii  
(Westwood)



**Fig. 4 -**  
Thyanta  
custator  
(Fab)



**Fig. 2**



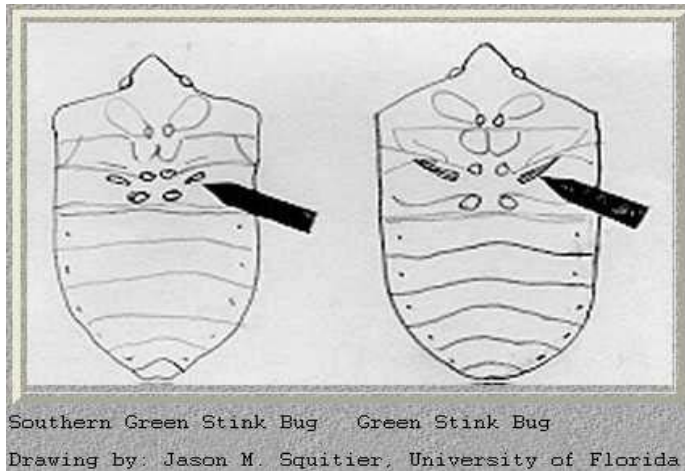
Abdominal  
spine

**Fig. 5. -**  
abdominal spine  
Piezodorus  
guildinii



Abdominal  
spine absent

**Fig. 6 -**  
abdominal spine  
Thyanta  
custator



**Fig. 7**



**Fig. 8 -** Rice  
Stink bug



**Fig. 9 -** Brown  
Stink bug