

Ragweed Plant Bug

Often found in sweep net collections of hemp is a small (ca 2mm) black plant bug, *Chlamydatus associatus*. Although known as the "ragweed plant bug" because of its common association with many weedy plants, it is not a plant feeder. Instead it is a generalist predator, feeding on small insects such as aphids and thrips.

Despite being regularly collected, breeding on hemp has not been confirmed as only adults have been recorded to date. It may be only a casual migrant or prove to do some limited reproduction within the crop.

Hemiptera: Miridae



Adults of the ragweed plant bug, a *Chlamydatus* species of plant bug that is commonly collected from hemp.