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Editorial: Blister Beetles!



This innocent looking little bug is a Blister Beetle. They look like lightning bugs that don't light up. Those of us who are familiar with them know that they can wreak havoc on your skin if you smush them.

They are beetles of the family Meloidae. Their defense mechanism is to secrete a blistering agent, cantharidin. Many of us have awoken and found blisters on our bodies that are the result of an interaction with the bug during our sleep. It looks like someone poured boiling hot water on us. There is a good chance they will leave a scar.

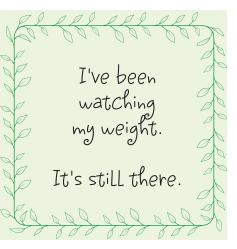
I know this firsthand; there is one on my knee from one of the disgusting creepy crawly critters. It is also not very pleasant of you happen to swallow one. You may need medical treatment!

How to avoid them?
Keep all your doors and
windows sealed shut and wear a
full body hazmat suit all summer long. You can't avoid them
during their season but you can
suffer less if you remember
never to smush them. Get in
the habit of gently brushing
them off of you.

You'll be glad you did.



When you see something at local store that costs a little more. try to remember that Amazon and eBay don't buy ads in the local football program, WalMart won't donate prizes to your silent auction and Target doesn't have kids playing little league in your community. Small business owners DO, and they offer better customer service because they do it face to face. Support your local small business owners, the backbone of this country!



Woodstock 2019 is happening. If you were nude at Woodstock in 1969 they kindly ask that you don't go nude to this one.

Trying to make protein shakes but they keep coming out as margaritas.

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