

INSECTS

Although Reclamation sprays insecticides only in limited situations, such as for spiders in buildings, our operations could affect insects by eliminating their habitat. This would be critical if the insect only lives upon specific plants and the plants are restricted to certain areas.

Creek or riparian (stream-side) areas and grasslands which have never been plowed could provide habitat favored by sensitive insect species.

MOLESTAN BLISTER BEETLE (*LYTTA MOLESTA*)



Description

These beetles are mostly black, with a reddish-orange pronotum (the area behind the eyes and in front of the

wings, on the back). They are about 1/2 to 7/8 inch (11-22 mm) in length.

Habitat

Information on this species is sparse, but some beetles were collected on filaree (*Erodium cicutarium*)

Range/distribution

These beetles are found in the Central Valley from Contra Costa County in the north to Tulare and Kern counties in the south.

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