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Legs slender, long.

Yellow markings extending horizontally on abdominal segments.



**Bionomics:** During daytime the triatomine bugs prefer to hide in dark crevices, which are abundant in unplastered cracked walls of mud or mud-brick. Other hiding places are behind pictures, among furniture, boxes, and clothes hanging from pegs in walls, and in beds. Some of the triatomine bug species find suitable resting places in areas surrounding houses, from which they may re-enter houses to feed. Resting occurs in all sorts of stored objects, such as firewood, lumber, tiles, stones and bags of food. Resting bugs are also found in animal quarters, such as chicken houses and goat corrals.

**Medical Importance:** Triatomine bugs are a type of reduviid bug that can carry the parasite *Trypanosoma cruzi* that causes Chagas disease.

