

Have you seen this bug?

The Red Seed Bug, *Scantius aegyptius*



Younger stage (nymph) feeding on Cheeseweed seed



Adult (about 1cm long)

- This European bug is being discovered for the first time this year in many Southern California localities.
- Usually found feeding on seeds of Cheeseweed, *Malva parviflora*
- Please report sightings (only with photographs, please, for definite identification) to pjbryant@uci.edu

It is easily confused with some other red and black bugs!:

Small Milkweed Bug



Large Milkweed Bug



Box Elder Bug



Fire Bug

