

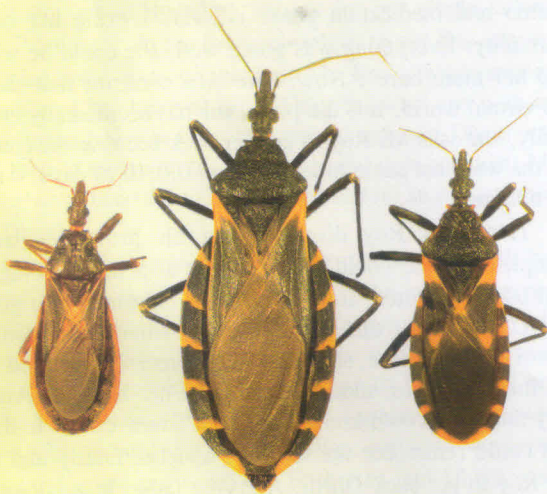
# Tiny Terrors

## The Most Deadliest Insects



### Tsetse fly — Vector of Sleeping Sickness

Sleeping sickness or Human African trypanosomiasis is a parasitic disease caused by *Trypanosoma* protozoans. These protozoans are transmitted to humans through bites from infected tsetse flies. These flies are found in sub-Saharan Africa, and only certain species are responsible for transmitting the disease. Rural populations involved in agriculture, fishing, and hunting are at the highest risk. Sleeping sickness leads to neurological issues if not properly treated.



### Kissing Bug — Chagas Disease

The kissing bug is a blood-feeding insect that tends to bite humans around the mouth. It transmits a parasite called *Trypanosoma cruzi*, which causes Chagas disease, or American trypanosomiasis, a chronic illness that can result in serious heart and digestive issues if it remains untreated. The parasite spreads to humans and animals through the feces of insects.



### Fire Ants — Pus-filled Blisters

Fire ants are aggressive insects and are known for their painful and venomous stings that cause burning sensations and itchy blisters. These are native to South America, but are invasive in many regions. They attack in swarms when disturbed and can pose health risks, especially for those with allergies.