



Lygus bugs (*Lygus* sp.) on sunflower (*Helianthus annuus* L. 'Ring of Fire') on September 8, 2022.

This September, I've got oodles of lygus bugs on my sunflowers. Not sure which species of lygus bug. When they are not doing damage to the plants (by puncturing their tissues and sucking out the sap), they huddle in the flowers for the night alongside bees.

Looking into lygus bugs further, I discovered their juvenile, nymph stages are small and green, and I believe I mistook them (on casual glance) for green aphids earlier this summer. Now the adults are out in full force!

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