



Pu'u Koa (Koa Bug) Facts

- Koa bugs are Hawai'i's largest true bug,
- Koa bugs live on Koa, a native tree in Hawai'i. They also live on Koai'a (a close cousin of the koa tree), a native shrub called A'ali'i and a non-native tree called formosan koa.
- Koa bugs can be green with red markings, red with green markings, or blue! No matter what color they are, they are all glittering and matallic!
- Koa bugs eat using their proboscis, a special mouth part use for peircing and sucking the sap out of young koa seeds.
- Unfortunately, koa bugs are becoming rare. Insect pests such as flies and wasps prey on the koa bug and its eggs. It is feared that the koa bug may dissapear forever.

Thank you for learning about Hawai'i's special true bug, the colorful and wonderful Koa bug!

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