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# Invertebrate of the Month

## February 2013



### Lace Bugs

Many insects never fail to astound. This species, looking like something out of a science fiction space program, belongs to the insect order Hemiptera (True Bugs) in the family Tingidae. They are more commonly known as lace bugs due to their distinctive reticulated wings and pronotum. These insects feed on plant fluids and can often be collected on the host plant from the underside of leaves. Some species restrict their feeding to a single host species (monophagous) while some feed of a variety of species that are usually closely related (oligophagous).