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## ABSTRACT

A Study of the Biology of Oebalus spp  
on Rice in Trinidad

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Oebalus species, commonly called the Rice Stink Bug in several rice growing areas, is a pest. The insect has been found to be a pest of rice in North, Central and South America and in the Caribbean. However there is no recent published study on Oebalus, and in particular, Oebalus poecilus.

A study of the various instars is presented. The external morphological characters of nymphs is discussed, and a description is given of each instar.