



## What's Eating Your Collection?

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### Australian spider beetle larva *Ptinus tectus*

Fully grown larva removed from food

Size: 1mm when first hatched to 5mm when fully grown.

Shape: Always in a C shape

Colour: White

Antennae: Not visible

Distinguishing features: All spider beetle larvae look very similar and are hard to identify to species.

Head and jaws are generally darker. Covered in translucent hairs, although these are difficult to see.

Larvae are pests of: Dried food, dried plants, found in birds' nests



## Related Objects



American spider beetle  
*Mezium americanum*



Australian spider beetle  
*Ptinus tectus*



Globular spider beetle  
*Trigonogenius globulus*



Golden spider beetle  
*Niptus hololeucus*



Shiny spider beetle  
*Gibbium psylloides*



Spider beetle damage to  
shelf



Spider beetle *Mezium*  
*affine*



White marked spider  
beetle *Ptinus fur*