



What's Eating Your Collection?

Brown carpet beetle or Vodka beetle larva *Attagenus smirnovi*

Full grown larva

Size: 1mm when first hatched to 10mm fully grown

Shape: Torpedo-shaped, tapering to the rear.

Colour: Dark brown bands

Antennae: Not visible

Distinguishing features: Hairs laid flat on back and there is a brush of long hairs at the tail end.

Empty cast skins or moults are often found, particularly on traps.

Very difficult to distinguish from *Attagenus pellio* larvae but tend to be a more ginger-brown.

Larvae are pests of: Wool, fur, feathers. Larvae are often found in organic debris in dead spaces in museums and houses.



Related Objects



Attagenus cast skins on
fluff bunny



Attagenus larvae and
cast skins on trap



Two spot carpet beetle
Attagenus pellio larva



Vodka beetle larvae
Attagenus smirnovi