



What's Eating Your Collection?

Museum nuisance larva *Reesa vespulae*

Full grown larva

Size: 0.5mm when first hatched to 5mm fully grown

Shape: Parallel sided oval

Colour: Cream with reddish-brown bands of hair.

Antennae: Not visible

Distinguishing features: Similar to *Anthrenus* carpet beetle larvae, but longer and with darker bands and wispy hairs at the back.

It is difficult to differentiate between *Trogoderma*, *Reesa* and *Anthrenocerus* larvae.

Larvae are pests of: Insect collections



Related Objects



Australian carpet beetle
larvae *Anthrenocerus*
australis



Museum nuisance
beetle *Reesa vespulae*



Reesa infestation in
beetle collection



Trogoderma angustum
larvae and cast skin