



What's Eating Your Collection?

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*