



# What's Eating Your Collection?

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## Varied carpet beetle larva *Anthrenus verbasci* Also called woolly bear

Full grown larva

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

Shape: Oval

Colour: Cream with dark brown bands of hair

Antennae: Not visible

Distinguishing features: Hairy, banded appearance with brush of darker hairs at the rear end. Empty cast skins or moults are often found, particularly on textiles.

Very similar to the larvae of *Anthrenus sarnicus* and they are very difficult to tell apart.

Larvae are pests of: Wool, fur, feathers, animal glue



## Related Objects



Sofa damaged by  
Anthrenus woolly bear  
larvae