



# What's Eating Your Collection?

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## 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 pelli* 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