



# What's Eating Your Collection?

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## Black ground beetle Carabid

Adult beetle. Not a pest species.

Size: There are hundreds of species of carabid ranging from 5mm to 30mm

Shape: Head, thorax and abdomen distinct. One species commonly found on traps is *Pterostichus* which is about 15mm long, shiny black, distinct head with large jaws and long antennae

Colour: Generally black, but some species are brightly coloured.

Antennae: Long

Distinguishing features: See shape

Adults eat: Other insects. Adults and larvae are predatory

Larvae are not pests

Damage: none

Often found on: Traps near exit doors. These are outdoor insects.



