What's Eating Your Collection?

Fungus beetle Cryptophagus acutangulus

Adult beetle

Size: 1-2mm

Shape: Parallel sided oval

Colour: Brown

Antennae: Medium with a club

Distinguishing features: Thorax has distinct shoulders but this is only visible under a microscope.

Larvae are pests of: mould and mould spores

Damage: Larvae can occasionally damage damp paper

Adults eat: Not known

They are indicators of high local humidity. One or two specimens do not indicate a problem, large numbers indicate that the damp source needs to be investigated.





Related Objects



Fungus beetle Corticaria sp



Fungus beetle Mycetophagus quadriguttatus



Hairy fungus beetle Typhaea stercorea



Plaster beetle Adistemia watsoni



Plaster beetle Enicmus fungicola