Australian spider beetle Ptinus tectus

Adult

Size: 3-4mm

Shape: round thorax, round body. Spider-like.

Colour: Dark brown

Antennae: Long, no club

Distinguishing features: Wing cases with lines and hairs, spider-like.

Larvae are scavengers of: dried food, dried plants.

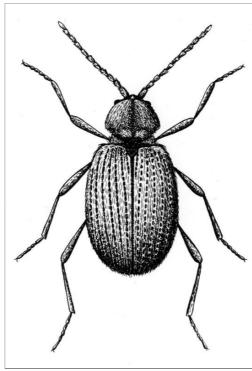
Damage: Round exit holes, tunnels in food, frass.

Adults eat: Very little but do drink water and are long lived

Often found on: bird's nests, dead animals and insects

Note: the larvae excavate cavities when they pupate, which they do in a silk cocoon. They may damage books, paper and wood.









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Australian spider beetle larva Ptinus tectus



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