



## What's Eating Your Collection?

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### Berlin beetle *Trogoderma angustum*

Adult beetle.

Size: 3-5mm

Shape: oval

Colour: dark brown with patches of white hairs.

Antennae: clubbed.

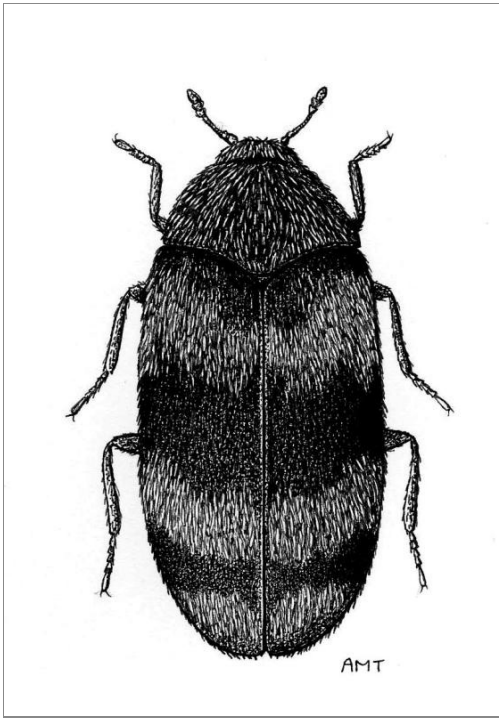
Distinguishing features: no scales. Three bands of white hairs on wing cases.

Larvae are a pest of natural history collections, including bird skins and dried plants.

Damage is accompanied by cast larval skins and gritty frass.

This pest is common in Scandinavia and parts of Europe. It has been found in a number of museums and herbaria in the UK in the last few years (2017).





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Trogoderma angustum  
larvae and cast skin



Trogoderma cast skins



Trogoderma cast skins  
on dried peas in an art  
installation



Trogoderma larva  
attacking slime mould  
specimen