What's Eating Your Collection?

White marked spider beetle Ptinus fur

Adult female beetle which is darker and more rounded than the male

Size: 3-4mm

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

Colour: Dark brown with white hairs

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

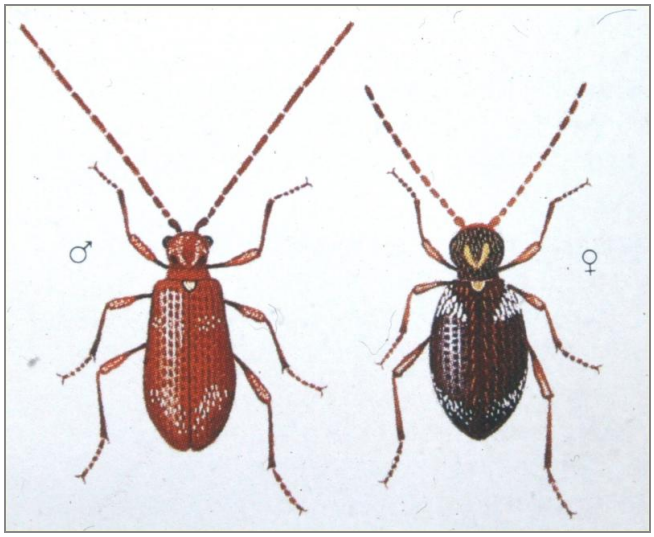
Often found on: bird's nests, dead animals and insects

Note: Less common than Australian or Golden, but increasingly found in historic houses.They may damage books and paper.









Related Objects



Australian spider beetle larva Ptinus tectus



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Six spot spider beetle Ptinus sexpunctatus