Museum nuisance larva Reesa vespulae

Full grown larva

Size: 0.5mm when first hatched to 5mm fully grown

Shape: Parallel sided oval

Colour: Cream with reddish-brown bands of hair.

Antennae: Not visible

Distinguishing features: Similar to Anthrenus carpet beetle larvae, but longer and with darker bands and wispy hairs at the back.

It is difficult to differentiate between Trogoderma, Reesa and Anthrenocerus larvae.

Larvae are pests of: Insect collections



Related Objects



Australian carpet beetle larvae Anthrenocerus australis



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Reesa infestation in beetle collection



Trogoderma angustum larvae and cast skin