

Fact Sheet #7 – German Cockroach



Nymph



Description

A small light brown flat insect with two dark stripes at the front of the head. German cockroaches will eat almost anything including built-up cooking grease. Although equipped with wings, adults do not appear to fly. Typically an adult is 10-15mm long.

Habitat

Usually found in warm areas containing food and moisture, typically the kitchen, pantries, cupboards, under sinks or near water heaters – particularly near human activity. If sighted during the day, these cockroaches are probably part of a very large local population.

Biology

German cockroaches are the most prolific breeders of all pest cockroaches and lay egg cases containing about 30-40 eggs. These cases are usually about 8mm long, 3mm high and 2mm wide. Egg cases are laid up to 4 times a year after the female reaches adulthood in only 40-60 days, typically after 6 moults, but only lives for about a further 6 months.

What you can do to limit infestation:

- Remove food residue in and around kitchen areas, especially near refrigerators.
- Store food in tightly sealed containers.
- Ensure work surfaces, cracks and crevices are free from food scraps.
- Empty rubbish bins regularly.
- Regularly remove accumulations of cardboard boxes.
- Steam clean soiled areas.
- Caulk or grout access cracks to roof and wall cavities.
- Eliminate harbourages such as rolled carpet and stacks of paper.
- Fix leaks, especially from hot water systems.







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