

# An ABC of pests

## Pests that infest food and textiles



### COCKROACHES

Omnivores. Can spread to households in groceries. 10-35 mm.



### FLOUR BEETLES

Mostly infest flour and grain products. 4-6 mm. The larvae can measure 10 mm.



### SPIDER BEETLES

Omnivores. Thrive in double flooring and the like. 3-4 mm.



### STORED PRODUCTS MOTHS

Feed on flour, dried fruit, nuts and the like. 14-25 mm (wingspan). Larvae can measure 10-15 mm.



### FUR BEETLES

The larvae damage, for example, silk and fur items. 4-5 mm. Larvae can measure 10 mm.



### CLOTHES MOTHS

The larvae infest silk and fur items. 12-14 mm (wingspan)



### RATS

Omnivore. Disease carrier. Body can measure 25 cm in length.



### MICE

Omnivores. Contaminate and damage material goods. Body can measure 10 cm in length.



### GRAIN BEETLES

Mostly infest flour and grain products. 2-3 mm.



### DRUGSTORE AND CIGARETTE BEETLES

The larvae prefer to live in hard groceries and spices. 2-4 mm.



### HOUSE AND GRAIN MITES

Multiply rapidly in damp environments. 0.5 mm.



### BLACK GARDEN ANT

Invades buildings and homes in search of food. 2-4 mm.



### PSOCIDS AND BOOKLICE

Psocoptera. Thrive in damp environments. 1-2 mm.



### SILVERFISH

Thrive in dark, damp places. 10 mm.



### LARDER BEETLES

Feed mainly on meat, cheese and dried fish. 6-12 mm.

## Pests that trouble humans



### LICE

Head, body and crab lice infest humans. 1-3.5 mm.



### FLEAS

Animal fleas are most common. They also infest humans. 2-4 mm.



### BEDBUGS

Bloodsuckers – especially at night. 5-6 mm.



### RED CHICKEN MITE

Can invade homes. Bites cause extreme irritation. 0.5-1 mm.



### WASP NESTS

Wasp stings can cause allergic reactions. Removing a wasp nest can be difficult and you may need professional help.



## Pests that infest wooden constructions



### CARPENTER ANTS

Build nests in, for example, construction timber. 6-18 mm.



### VIOLET CALLIDIUM

The larvae infests unbarked wood. 9-15 mm.



### JEWEL BEETLES

Similar infestations to those of the old house borer. 12-20 mm.



### LYCTUS BEETLES

Infest hardwood. 2-5 mm.



### PINE BARK ANOBIID

The larvae infests unbarked wood. 4-6 mm.



### FURNITURE BEETLE

The larvae infests construction timber and wooden furniture. 2-4 mm.



### OLD HOUSE BORER

Heavy wood damager – the larvae weaken construction timber. The beetles measure 7-20 mm.

## Other pests

The following can occasionally be found in large numbers or otherwise cause a nuisance.



### HOUSE CRICKET

14-20 mm.



### FUNGUS BEETLES

1-3 mm.



### CLOVER MITE

1 mm.



### WOOD LICE

Up to 18 mm.



### EARWIGS

10-14 mm.



### PLASTER BEETLES

1-3 mm.



### MILLIPEDES

Up to 50 mm.