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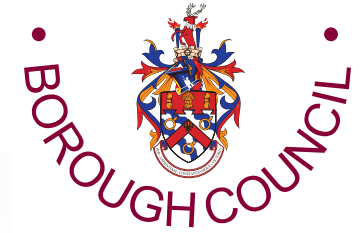
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Order: *Coleoptera Anobiidae*
Genus: *Stegobium paniceum*
Common name: *Drugstore / Biscuit Beetle*

Biscuit Beetles

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Description

2-3mm long, mid to dark matt brown in colour, finely ridged wing cases, three-segmented antenna. Biscuit beetles are very similar in appearance to furniture beetles/wood-worm.



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Distribution

The biscuit beetle is very common throughout the U.K. It is found in food stores (both domestic and commercial) infesting a wide variety of foods based on cereals, i.e. flour, bread, breakfast cereals, beverage concentrates, spices, biscuits, packet soups and drinks.



Life Cycle

The female lays its eggs either in the foodstuff or adjacent to it. The eggs hatch after about two weeks and commence feeding (larvae are able to penetrate packaging).



The larvae feed for two to five months. When they reach a length of 5mm they form a cocoon and pupate. This stage lasts for between two to three weeks but the now fully formed adult beetle may remain in the cocoon for a further two weeks. Mating takes place soon after the adults emerge and the life cycle begins again.

Significance

The beetles cause considerable damage to foodstuffs and are a particular problem due to their ability to penetrate packaging.

Control

Any infested foodstuffs must be removed. Birds' nests are a common source of the infestation (the larvae can feed on the materials used to construct the nest) and should be removed.

Food storage areas must be kept clean and food residues cleaned up on a regular basis. Ensuring good stock rotation is practised is also very important.

Pest control companies do offer treatments for biscuit beetle but these will only be effective for adult beetles, not larvae.