

Carpet beetle classification and details

Classification:

Varied carpet beetle Scientific classification

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Insecta
Order: Coleoptera
Family: Dermestidae
Genus: *Anthrenus*
Species: *A. verbasci*

Binomial name

Anthrenus verbasci

and narrow.

Common name: varied carpet beetle

Scientific Name: *Anthrenus verbasci* (varied carpet beetle)

Length: 2.0 to 3.0 mm long

Color: Varied pattern of white, brown, and yellow scales on the back. Scales are long



Occurrence of Carpet beetles

Carpet beetle is quite common in homes. The larvae cause serious damage to materials of animal origin such as fur, wool, feathers and hair. Carpet beetles feed on dead insects and found in homes with cluster fly infestations. Adult beetles can live outside. They feed also on plant pollen.

Identification and habitat

Mature carpet beetles can be spotted by their color. They have oval body and are circular (2.9 to 5 mm long). Color variation is from black with yellow patterns. The scales can be found on the head and wings. Larvae of carpet beetles have hairs along their body and may differ from pale-dark in color.

Carpet beetles causes damage to fabrics showing different holes from the adult and uneven holes in material from the larvae.

Prevention

Inspection of carpet should be frequently done before much damage to carpet and fabric. Generally efficient housekeeping reduced the chance of infestation. Carpet and furniture need to be vacuumed.

Clothing laundered or at least placed in a hot dryer for one hour.

Furniture should be pulled away from the edges of rooms.

Vacate house at service time and don't enter the house till after 4 hours.

Re-open windows for about one hour after re-entry.

No pregnant women, infants and patients suffering from kidney, respiratory problems should be allowed during treatment.

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Preparation guidelines for carpet beetle control



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