

Silverfish Classification and details

Classification:

Scientific classification

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Insecta
Order: Thysanura
Family: Lepismatidae
Genus: Lepisma
Species: *L. saccharina*

Binomial name

Lepisma saccharina

Common name: Silverfish

Scientific Name: *Lepisma saccharina*

Length: 13mm long when full-grown.

Color: Silverfish: uniformly silver in color;



Firebrats: are grayish, mottled with darker gray scales

General information on silverfish

Silverfish have two slender antennae, three long stiff appendages at the tip of the abdomen. They are silver in color; firebrats are grayish, mottled with darker gray scales. Female of both insect lay 10 to 100 eggs in undisturbed corners and crevices or in the open. The newly hatched young look like the adults. It takes 1 to 3 years to reach full size. Females lay eggs when they are 3 months old. Silverfish can survive for more than 300 days without food.

These insects are found in many types of buildings like apartment and office buildings, dwellings, bakeries, and libraries, especially in warm secluded places. Silverfish like dwelling in basements. Silverfish are nocturnal and are active at night.

Firebrats can often be seen in furnace rooms and bakeries, close to radiators pipes, and in other warm locations. Silverfish have preference for temperatures between 22 to 27degrees Celsius; firebrats live well at 27 to 41degrees Celsius, with high relative humidity. Silverfish and firebrats eat vegetable, starch and sugar, glued paper or bookbinding and wallpaper. They eat bonding glue in wood-processing plants, and are carried to construction sites on wallboard. Silverfish and firebrats damage cotton, linen, or rayon.

Preventative measures

Silverfish and firebrats prefer undisturbed places for long periods. If you have fabrics on which they can feed, dry them in the heater. Do not let trash accumulate in your home. SPCP have special container we can place in your home, apartment, office to trap them.

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