

American cockroach

Classification:

Scientific classification

Kingdom: Animalia
Phylum: Arthropoda
Class: Insecta
Order: Blattaria
Family: Actinopterygii
Genus: *Periplaneta*
Species: *P. americana*

Common name: American cockroach

Scientific Name: *Periplaneta americana*

Length: 30-40mm

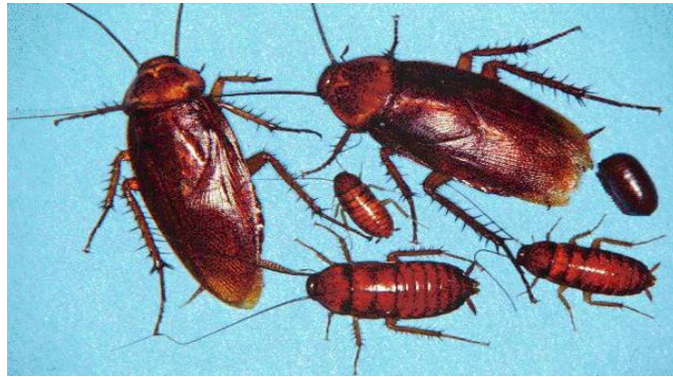
Colour: Shiny red brown with a pale yellow around the pronotum

Binomial name

Periplaneta americana

Some other body features:

The American cockroach is the largest of the common cockroach. Fully developed tegmina extend beyond the tip of the abdomen in the male, but only just over the abdomen of the female.



General:

Five species of cockroach are found in Ontario, only American cockroach is described here. The American cockroach prefers warm environments.

Reproduction cycle:

The egg case contains 16 eggs, which are indiscriminately dropped by the female cockroach. The incubation period range from 24-60 days. Young cockroach undergoes seven to ten moults before reaching maturity. The adult lifespan can be up to two years. Within this period the female can produce 10-15 eggs.

Food preference/ harborage:

They feed on wide variety of stored food substances. Cockroach are attracted to food, water and shelter, almost anything is food for them, any foodstuff, paper, cloth, plants and even glue used for binding books. Harborage locations include crevices, under sinks, beneath service counters, within electrical fuse box, inside telephone, under broken plaster and motor compartments. They prefer some kind of damp environment. Cockroaches are active at night; many people may be completely unaware of their presence in their home.

Diseases transmission:

Cockroaches are known to carry *Salmonella* bacteria which are responsible for food poisoning. It is a public health concern in homes, hospitals and restaurants.

Method of elimination:

Cockroach control is a process that requires intensive professional knowledge. Superior Pest Control (SPCP) has Exterminators and Technicians you may consult for complete elimination. We guarantee complete extermination or money back.

Preventative measures

Little can be done to prevent an infestation; the practice of good sanitation and the elimination of accessible food are ways to reduce the extent of the infestation. Check items thoroughly before bringing them to homes, restaurants, hospitals and food companies.

SPC will send preparation guideline sheet to client/customer upon request.

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