



COMMAND PEST CONTROL

Information sheet number 43 - Larder beetle



Appearance:

7 to 9 mm, all black with a whitish transverse band with black flecks, very short clubbed antennae, convex elongate-oval in shape.

Breeding:

200 to 800 eggs laid each is 2mm long, these hatch in approx. 7 days, larvae are full grown in 6 to 8 weeks, 5 to 6 moults occur and larvae are full grown at 10 to 15 mm. The larvae burrow into a hard material such as wood to pupate, these burrows can be up to 30cm long. They will also pupate in their foodstuffs. Pupation lasts 2-4 weeks. From the time of hatching the adult beetle lives for 3 months. The whole life cycle can be 2-12 months depending on temperature. But at 25°C it is 2 months.

Food:

Animal and animal by-products, hides, guts, dried egg yolk, cured and dried meats, dog biscuits, cheeses, bacon and meat, pork scratchings.

Where do Larder beetles live?

Butchery, meat processing, meat by-products and offal producers, egg products manufacturers. It is also found in butcher's shops, cheese retailing premises, tanneries and skin processing plants.

Damage:

They will infest stored food causing spoilage and often seen as a foreign body contaminant.

For more advice and control recommendations contact us on 01787 248049