



COMMAND PEST CONTROL

Information sheet number 22 - The Brown House Moth



Appearance:

Male 7-10 mm, and the female is 10-13mm, Uniformly shiny gold flecked with dark brown, noticeable fringe of hairs on wing tips when at rest. The larvae are pale green to glossy white. The pupae is yellowish brown in a parchment cocoon.

Breeding:

Eggs laid singly and are oval tapered, 100-500 are laid, the larvae hatch 10-40 days depending on temperature, larvae feed and moult for 2-5 months, they grow to 19mm long. Pupae formed and hatch in 2-8 weeks. An RH of 80% is preferred.

Food:

Principally a textile pest damaging carpets, wool and non-man made fibres. It will consume dry vegetable matter and cereal products.

Where do Brown house moths live:

They are often found in clothes, collections of stuffed animals and with tapestries. Sometimes encountered in warehousing, flour and provender mills, cereal processing.

Damage:

The larvae will damage packaging materials and have been known to even bore into corks. The adult moth will drop to the ground if disturbed; the larvae are seldom seen or discovered.

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