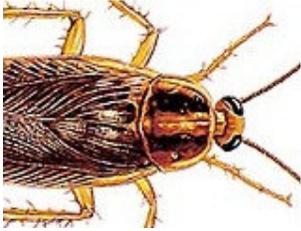


## Pest Fact Sheet Cockroaches



1. Cockroaches have been around since the time of dinosaurs!
2. A cockroach can live almost a month without food.
3. A cockroach can live about two weeks without water.
4. Some female cockroaches only mate once and stay pregnant for life!
5. A cockroach can live for up to one week without its head!
6. Cockroaches can hold their breath for up to 40 minutes!
7. Cockroaches can run up to 3 miles an hour.

### American Cockroach



The American cockroach is the largest cockroach found in houses. Females can hatch up to 150 offspring per year. Cockroaches don't get their wings until they become adults.

**Size:** 2"

**Shape:** Oval

**Color:** Reddish brown, with a yellowish figure eight pattern on the back of their head

**Common Name:** American Cockroach

**Kingdom:** Animalia

**Phylum:** Arthropoda

**Species:** *Periplaneta americana*

**Legs:** 6

**Wings:** Yes

**Antenna:** Yes

**Class:** Insecta

**Order:** Dictyoptera

**Family:** Blattidae

**DIET:** American cockroaches will eat just about anything, including plants and other insects.

**HABITAT:** American cockroaches live in warm, dark, wet places, because they need to be near water. They are often found in sewers and basements, around pipes and drains.

**IMPACT:** Cockroaches crawl through dirty areas and then walk around our homes tracking in lots of bacteria and germs. They can **contaminate** food by shedding their skins. Their cast off skin and waste by-products are **allergens** that can trigger **allergic reactions**, **asthma** and other illnesses, especially in children.

**PREVENTION:** Keep cooking, eating and food storage areas clean and dry. If you see cockroaches, it is best to call a pest management professional due to the illnesses they can spread.

## Brown-banded Cockroach



Brown banded cockroaches get their name from the two light bands they have across their dark brownish bodies. The male's wings are larger than the female's wings. Brown banded cockroaches often hide their eggs in or under furniture. They usually live 5-6 ½ months.

**Size:** 1/2"

**Shape:** Oval

**Color:** Brown, with light bands of color across wings

**Common Name:** Brown-banded cockroach

**Kingdom:** Animalia

**Phylum:** Arthropoda

**Species:** Supella longipalpa

**Legs:** 6

**Wings:** Yes

**Antenna:** Yes

**Class:** Insecta

**Order:** Dictyoptera

**Family:** Blattellidae

**DIET:** Brown-banded cockroaches prefer to eat starchy foods, such as wallpaper paste and book bindings. Sometimes they'll eat non-organic things, like nylon stockings!

**HABITAT:** Brown-banded cockroaches prefer warmer, drier, and higher locations than most cockroaches. While most cockroaches prefer to live in kitchens and pantries, Brown-banded cockroaches will live in any room in the house. They do not need much moisture and avoid light whenever the can.

**IMPACT:** Cockroaches crawl through dirty areas and then walk around our homes tracking in lots of bacteria and germs. They can **contaminate** food by shedding their skins. Their cast off skin and waste by-products are **allergens** that can trigger **allergic reactions**, **asthma** and other illnesses, especially in children.

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## German Cockroach



German cockroaches can be found all over the world. They are the most common cockroach in the United States. Each German cockroach can live about 100-200 days.

**Size:** 1/2" to 5/8"

**Shape:** Oval

**Color:** Brown to Dark Brown

**Common Name:** German Cockroach

**Legs:** 6

**Wings:** Yes

**Antenna:** Yes

**Class:** Insecta

**Kingdom:** Animalia  
**Phylum:** Arthropoda  
**Species:** Blattella germanica

**Order:** Blattodea  
**Family:** Blattellidae

**DIET:** Cockroaches are attracted to sweet and floury foods. They also eat non-**organic** items such as toothpaste and books!

**HABITAT:** German cockroaches live in warm and damp places, like kitchens, bathrooms, and places where people eat and drink.

**IMPACT:** Cockroaches crawl through dirty areas and then walk around our homes tracking in lots of bacteria and germs. They can **contaminate** food by shedding their skins. Their cast off skin and waste by-products are **allergens** that can trigger **allergic reactions**, **asthma** and other illnesses, especially in children.

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### Oriental Cockroach



Oriental Cockroaches probably get their names from trade ships but they are actually from Africa. They are large and very dark compared to other cockroaches. They usually travel through sewer pipes and drains. They prefer dirty places and cooler temperatures than other cockroaches. An Oriental cockroach creates a strong smell and is considered one of the dirtiest of all the cockroaches.

**Size:** 1"  
**Shape:** Oval  
**Color:** Dark brown, almost black  
**Common Name:** Oriental Cockroach  
**Kingdom:** Animalia  
**Phylum:** Arthropoda  
**Species:** Blatta orientalis

**Legs:** 6  
**Wings:** No  
**Antenna:** Yes  
**Class:** Insecta  
**Order:** Dictyoptera  
**Family:** Blattadae

**DIET:** Oriental cockroaches feed on all types of garbage and other organic material.

**HABITAT:** Oriental cockroaches also live in sewers and wet, decaying areas, such as basements and crawlspaces, firewood and piles of leaves.

**IMPACT:** Cockroaches crawl through dirty areas and then walk around our homes tracking in lots of bacteria and germs. They can **contaminate** food by shedding their skins. Their cast off skin and waste by-products are **allergens** that can trigger **allergic reactions**, **asthma** and other illnesses, especially in children.

**PREVENTION:** Keep your home clean and dry. Vacuum often and seal cracks in and around your house. If you see cockroaches, it is best to call a pest management professional due to the illnesses they can spread.