



# What's Eating Your Collection?

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## Cigarette beetle *Lasioderma serricorne*

Adult beetle

Size: 2-3mm

Shape: rounded oval

Colour: reddish brown, shiny

Antennae: medium length, segments are serrated like saw teeth.

Distinguishing features: shiny, head often not visible from above. Not as hairy as Biscuit beetle.

Adults eat: very little

Larvae eat: materials high in starch such as dried plant material and pet food

Damage is: small round exit holes and copious frass

Other info: this species requires a higher temperature than Biscuit beetle and is often found in tropical countries. It has been found in the UK in hot herbaria and pet food factories.



## Related Objects



Biscuit beetle  
*Stegobium paniceum*