



What's Eating Your Collection?

Plaster beetle *Adistemia watsoni*

Adult beetle

Size: 1-2mm

Shape: Very thin, abdomen notably larger than head and thorax

Colour: Orangey brown

Antennae: Medium with a loose club

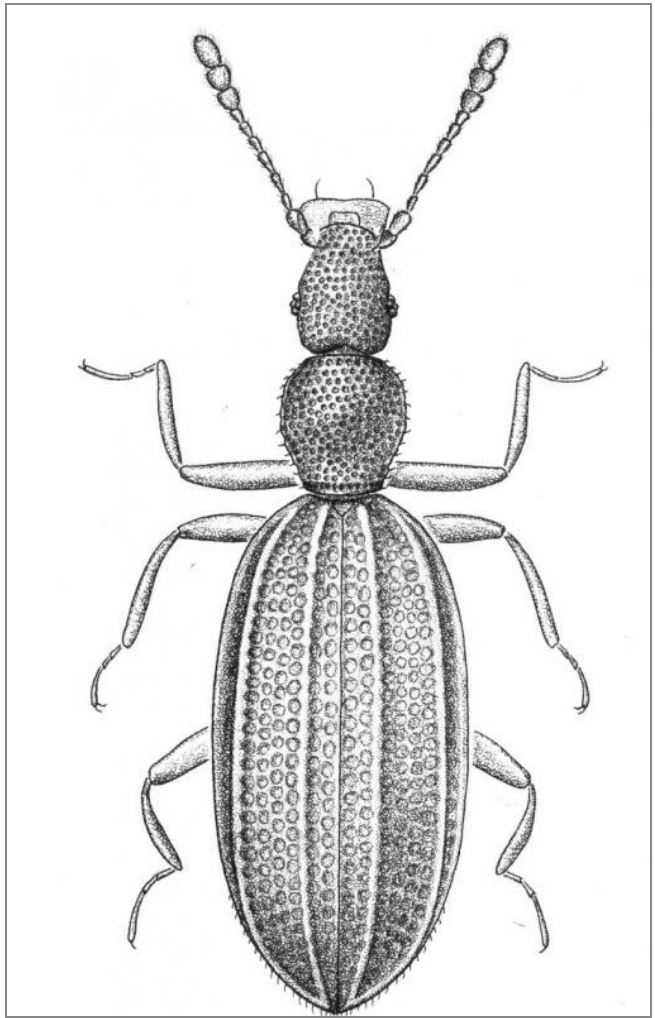
Distinguishing features: Large abdomen relative to rest of the body.

Larvae are pests of: mould and mould spores

Damage: Larvae can occasionally damage damp paper

Adults eat: Not known

They are indicators of high local humidity. One or two specimens do not indicate a problem, large numbers indicate that the damp source needs to be investigated.



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