



What's Eating Your Collection?

Mealworm larva *Tenebrio molitor*

Fully grown larva lives in old flour mills and bird nests

Size: 5-15mm

Shape: Cylindrical

Colour: Yellow with brown bands

Antennae: Not visible

Distinguishing features: Quite leathery in appearance

Larvae are pests of: Old cereals but are also found in birds' nests

These are not museum pests

Often found: From birds' nests and disused chimney flues, particularly in late spring/early summer. In museums with live lizards and snakes they may be used as food and escape.



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