



What's Eating Your Collection?

Devil's coach horse *Ocypus olens*

Adult rove beetle.

A predator

Not a pest species.

Size: There are hundreds of species of rove beetles ranging from 5mm to 30mm. This species is large, up to 30mm.

Shape: Head, thorax and abdomen distinct. Often long and narrow, some species have a more pointed abdomen.

Colour: Generally black, but some species are brightly coloured.

Antennae: Long

Distinguishing features: Wing cases only cover the first few segments, segments on the abdomen are visible.

Adults eat: Other insects. Adults and larvae of Devil's coach horse are predatory

Larvae are not museum pests

Damage: none

Often found on: Traps near exit doors. These are outdoor insects.

