



What's Eating Your Collection?

Two spot carpet beetle *Attagenus pello* larva

Full grown larva

Size: 1mm when first hatched to 10mm fully grown

Shape: Torpedo-shaped, tapering to the rear.

Colour: Dark brown bands

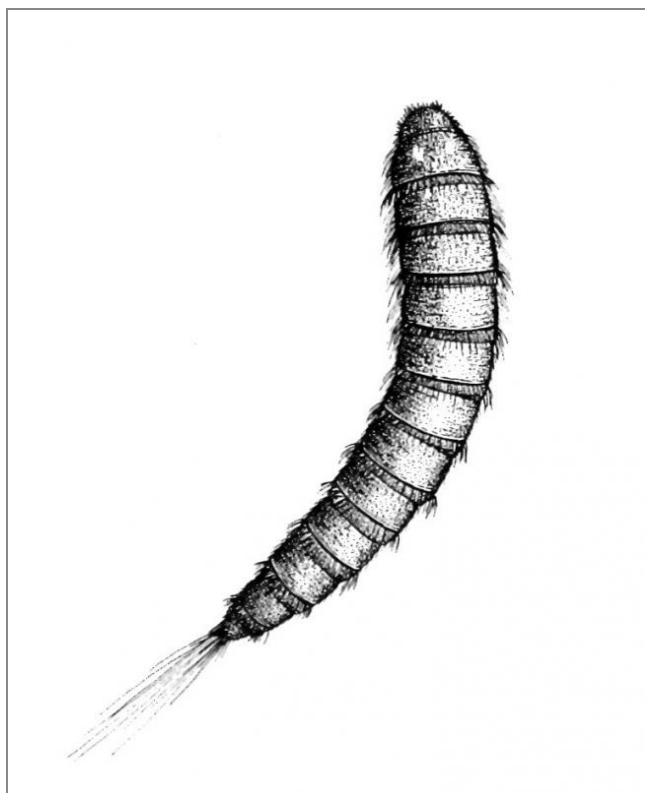
Antennae: Not visible

Distinguishing features: Hairs laid flat on back and there is a brush of long hairs at the tail end.

Note: These are extremely difficult to distinguish from vodka beetle larvae, *Attagenus smirnovi*.

Empty cast skins or moults are often found, particularly on textiles.

Larvae are pests of: Wool, fur, feathers. Larvae will eat insects and are common in historic houses



Related Objects



Brown carpet beetle or
Vodka beetle larva
Attagenus smirnovi



Museum nuisance
beetle *Reesa vespulae*



Two-spot carpet beetle
Attagenus pello



Vodka beetle larvae
Attagenus smirnovi