



# What's Eating Your Collection?

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## Varied carpet beetle *Anthrenus verbasci*

Adult beetle.

Size: 2-4mm

Shape: rounded

Colour: variegated white, black and gold scales.

Antennae: small, tight club.

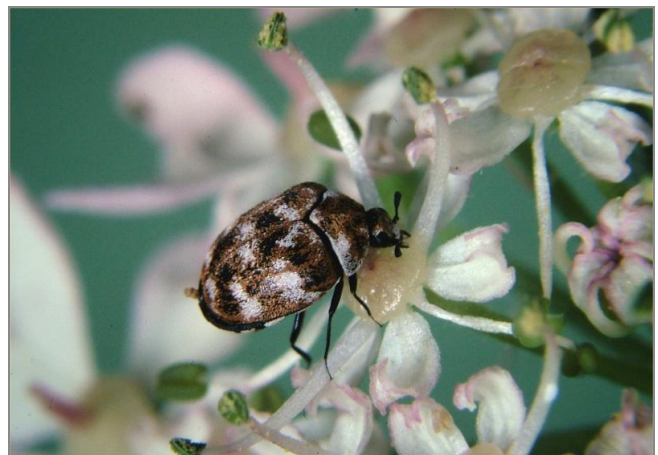
Distinguishing features: scales are petal-shaped.

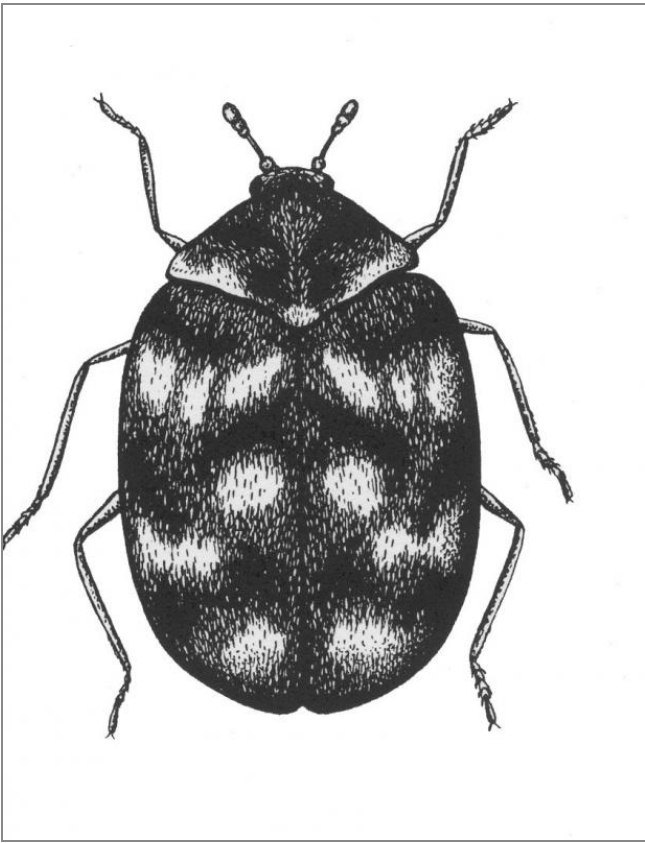
Larvae are a pest of wool, fur, feathers and other animal protein.

Damage is small neat holes often with cast larval skins and gritty frass.

Adults eat pollen and nectar.

Often found on windowsills





## Related Objects



Anthrenus cast larval skin on trap



Anthrenus cast skin of larvae



Anthrenus cast skins in butterfly case



Dark carpet beetle  
Anthrenus fuscus



Furniture carpet beetle  
Anthrenus flavipes



Guernsey carpet beetle  
Anthrenus sarnicus



Small Anthrenus larva



Sofa damaged by  
Anthrenus woolly bear  
larvae