



What's Eating Your Collection?

Varied carpet beetle *Anthrenus verbasci*

Adult beetle.

Size: 2-4mm

Shape: rounded

Colour: variegated white, black and gold scales.

Antennae: small, tight club.

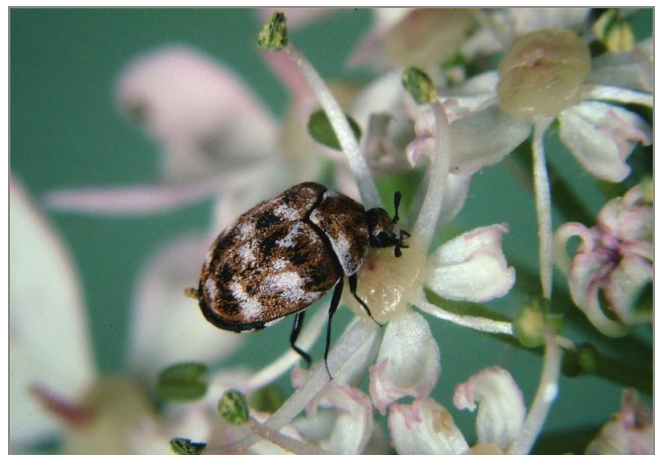
Distinguishing features: scales are petal-shaped.

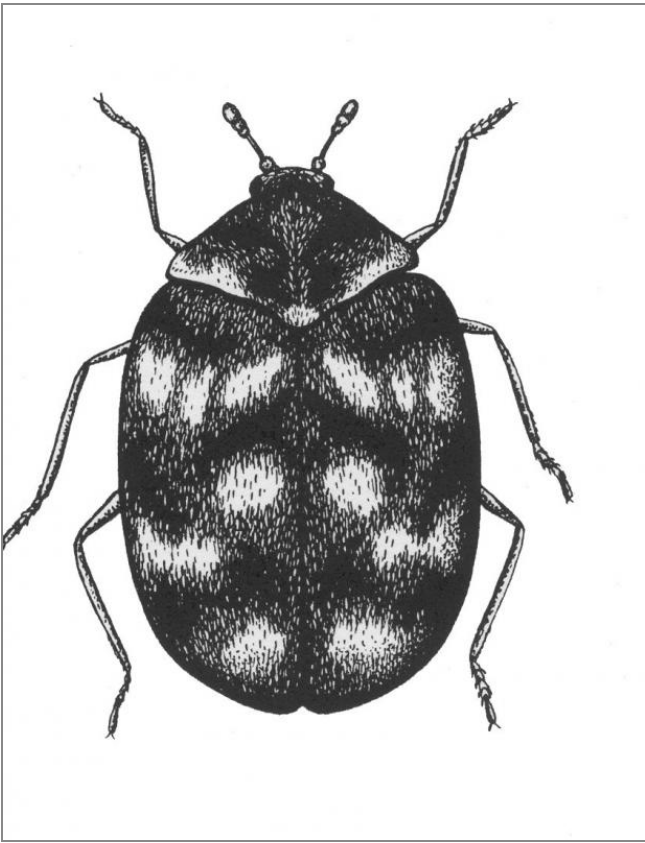
Larvae are a pest of wool, fur, feathers and other animal protein.

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