



What's Eating Your Collection?

Two-spot carpet beetle *Attagenus pelli*

Adult beetle.

Size: 4-8mm

Shape: oval.

Colour: black with two white spots on wing cases.

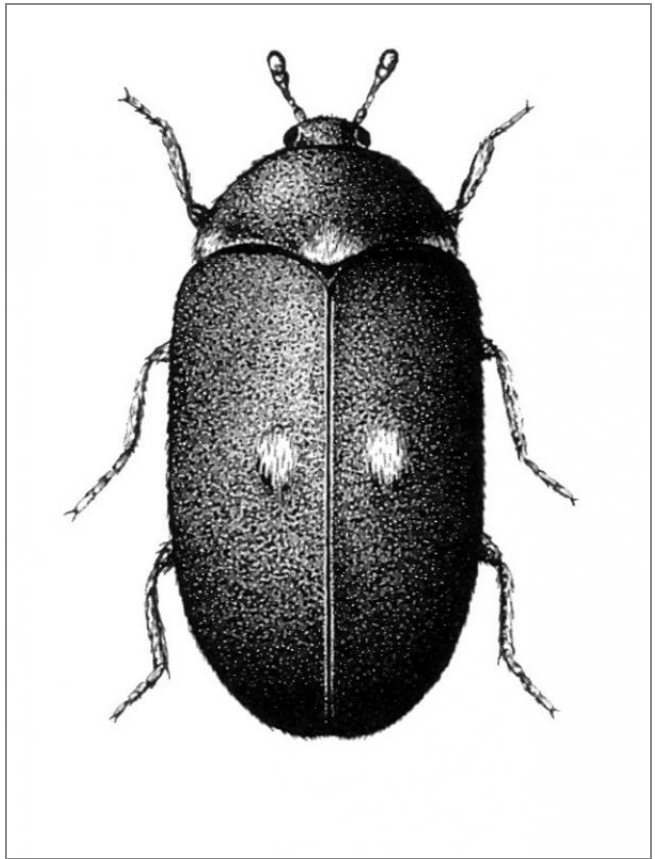
Antennae: long club.

Distinguishing features: two white spots on wing cases.

Often found on windowsills.

Larvae eat dead insects but are also pests of wool, fur, feathers and other animal protein. Damage is often with cast larval skins and gritty frass.

They are more common in historic houses than museums.



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Attagenus larvae and
cast skins on trap



Brown carpet beetle or
Vodka beetle *Attagenus
smirnovi*



Hide or leather beetle
Dermestes maculatus



Two spot carpet beetle
Attagenus pello larva