What's Eating Your Collection?

Peruvian Hide beetle Dermestes peruvianus

Adult beetle

Size: 10mm or over

Shape: Oval

Colour: Shiny black with gold hairs on underside

Antennae: short, 3 segmented club

Distinguishing features: none

Larvae are pests of: dried animal protein

Damage: occasionally tunnels in wood for pupation

Adults eat: very little

Often found: associated with human food debris in mess rooms and eating areas. Pest of refuse collection areas of housing blocks. This is largely a city pest.

This species is very difficult to distinguish from Dermestes haemorrhoidalis.





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Dermestes larva



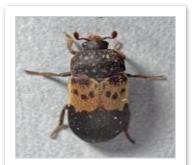
Dermestes peruvianus larva and cast skins



Hide beetle Dermestes haemorrhoidalis



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