

## “Carpet Beetles” - *Trogoderma* spp.



Larvae and adult of a *Trogoderma* species of dermestid (carpet) beetle.

**Typical Location When Observed:** In homes, with adults most commonly seen in late spring. Outdoors common on certain flowers (e.g., *Spirea*).

**Importance/Damage:** Common in homes and the most common species of dermestid beetles found in stored foods. Larvae develop on seeds, grains, herbs, spices and other materials of plant origin.

**Distinguishing Features:** Adults are oblong bodied, about 3-4 mm long and generally dark bodied. Wavy bands or faint patches mark the wing covers of some species. Larvae are elongate bodied and tend to be lighter colored than most other dermestids.

**Look-Alikes:** The black carpet beetle is generally similar but adults are uniformly dark colored.

**Resources:** Management of the household species of dermestid (carpet) beetles are discussed in Extension Fact Sheet 5.549, *Carpet Beetles*.

**Scientific Name:** *Trogoderma* spp.

**Order:** Coleoptera (Beetles)

**Family:** Dermestidae (Hide and Carpet Beetles)

Actual Length  
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