

A Bug's Life Brown-banded cockroach

Supella longipalpa

Fun facts

- Found throughout the US, but not commonly encountered
- Preference for hot (80°F), high and dry places, like ceilings and walls, throughout structures
- Known to infest electrical appliances, motors, light switches, furniture, closets, and picture frames
- Spend most of the time hiding
- Males readily fly, but females cannot fly

Identification

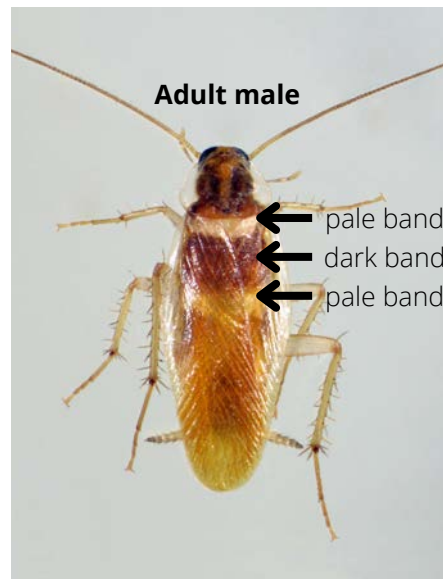
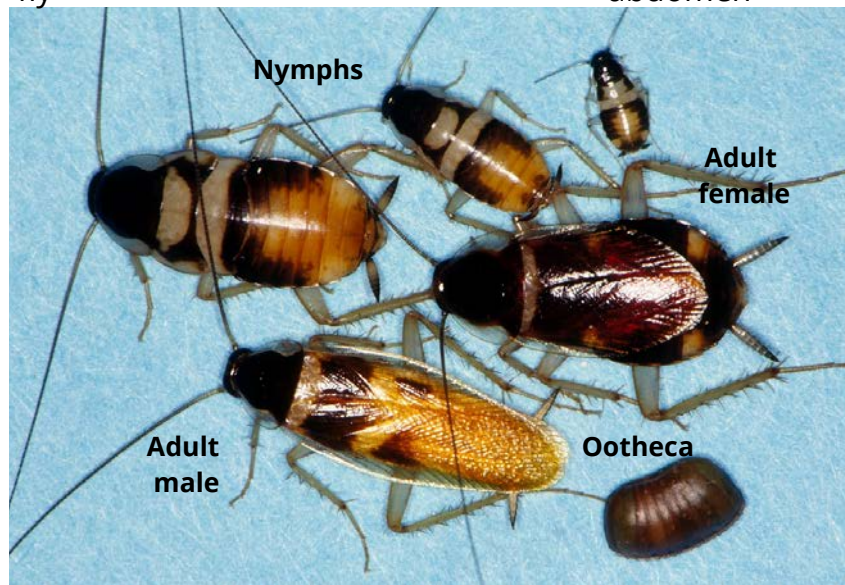
Ootheca/egg capsule: 1/4" long, brown, contains 14-18 eggs

Nymphs: Oval shape, dark brown to black with pale lateral margins, 2 thick white bands across body

Adult: 1/2" long, light brown to dark brown, wings darker at the base and paler at the tips, pale band at base and 1/3 of the way from base; males' wings extend past the tip of the abdomen

Management

- Inspect incoming items, especially electronics and appliances
- Bait hiding spots to effectively reduce population
- Large populations of roaches can be removed with HEPA vacuum
- Use sticky traps to monitor population level and evaluate IPM program
- Contact property management or pest management company for service



Photos: UNL Department of Entomology