

# A Bug's Life Imported longhorned weevil

*Calomycterus setarius*

## Fun facts

- Nuisance pest indoors in summer when outdoor populations are high
- Larvae feed on roots of many plants, but cause no significant damage
- Adults emerge in the June, feed on vegetation (pest of soybeans)
- Play dead if disturbed
- Only female beetles exist
- Reproduce without mating

## Identification

Habit: Often found clustering in large numbers on walls, ceiling, window screens, furniture and hitchhike on people's clothing

Weevil: 1/8" long, furry, mottled gray, lightbulb-shaped body, long elbowed, clubbed antennae, longitudinal lines and grooves on wing covers, short and broad snout

## Management

- Chemical treatment not needed; beetles cause no damage or harm
- Remove with vacuum cleaner or sweep them up
- Exclude by sealing cracks and fixing gaps under doors and windows
- If numbers are high, residual insecticide treatment to exterior perimeter may be warranted



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