

A Bug's Life Oriental cockroach

Blatta orientalis

Fun facts

- Also called waterbug or black beetle
- Worldwide distribution
- Preference for cool, dark, damp places
- Found outdoors under porch and wall voids, concrete slabs, and debris
- Enter buildings under doors, around utility pipes, and through floor drains
- Feed on decaying organic matter with high starch content
- Nocturnal and does not fly

Identification

Ootheca/egg capsule: 3/8" long, reddish-black, contains 16 eggs

Nymphs: Oval shape, shiny reddish-brown to black

Adult: Shiny black but may look reddish-brown to black

Male: 1" long, and wings only cover 75% of abdomen, leaving end of abdomen exposed

Female: 1-1/4" long, and no wings, only wing pads

Management

- Sanitation in damp areas like laundry rooms, basements, crawlspaces, and anywhere with floor drains
- Use sticky traps to locate entryways
- Install door sweeps, seal cracks, crevices, screen floor drains
- Baits effective to reduce populations
- Outdoor perimeter treatments may be necessary for outdoor populations
- Contact property management or pest management company for service

