

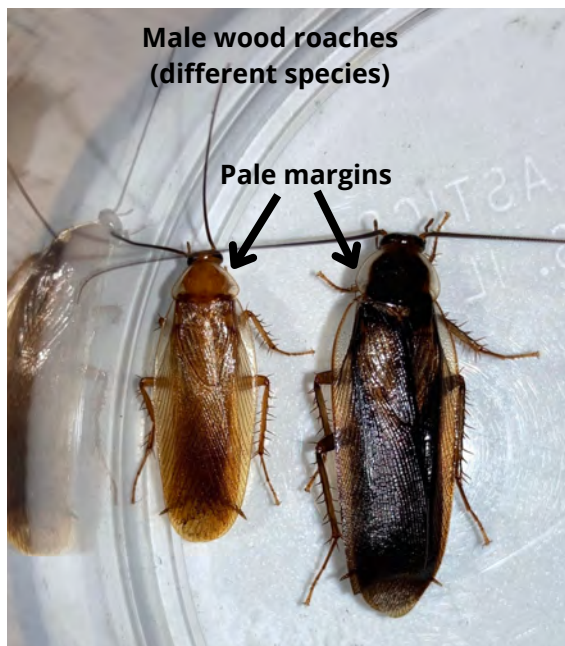
A Bug's Life

Wood cockroach

Parcoblatta spp.

Fun facts

- Several species are known as wood roaches (visually indistinguishable)
- Live outdoors in leaf litter, firewood, rotting wood, and under loose bark, and wood siding
- May be attracted to porch lights at night and occasionally get inside
- Males are able to fly, but females are flightless



Identification

Adult: 3/4" to 1" long, oval shape, flattened, variable color ranges from light- to reddish- to dark brown, long antennae, spiny legs

Male: Long wings and pale margins on pronotal shield (behind head) and wings

Female: Depending on species, may have short wings or only wing pads



Management

- Wood roaches do not survive indoors
- If found indoors, catch and remove
- Turn outdoor lights off or replace bulbs with less attractive yellow lights
- Install window screens, door sweeps, seal cracks, crevices, utility openings to exclude roaches from entering building
- Remove leaf litter from gutters
- Inspect firewood before bringing inside



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