

Indian Meal Moths

QUICK STATS:

Color: Copper reddish coloring on outer part of wings

Shape: Elongated Oval

Size: 5/8 inches long



OVERVIEW

The Indian meal moth was given its name after an insect scientist found it feeding on corn meal, also known as Indian meal. From wing tip to wing tip, adult moths measure from five-eighths of an inch to three-fourths of an inch long.

HABITS

Indian meal moths like to feed on dried fruits, grains, seeds, nuts, chocolate, candies, bird seed, dog food, powdered milk, dried red peppers and candy.

THREATS

Indian meal moths infest foods and can contaminate food products.

PREVENTION

- Dried food products should be inspected thoroughly for signs of Indian meal moth infestations. Discard infested foods in outdoor trash bins. Clean infested cupboards thoroughly with a vacuum and soap and water. Store food in sealed containers.
- If you suspect you have an Indian meal moth infestation, contact a licensed pest professional for fumigation.

DID YOU KNOW? Indian Meal Moths...

are attracted to lights. These bugs are found worldwide in areas where food is stored, such as grocery stores.