

Varied Carpet Beetle

QUICK STATS:

Color: Black centers, with white, brown and yellow patches in an irregular arrangement

Shape: Round

Size: 1/16 inch long



OVERVIEW

Varied carpet beetles get their name from the rainbow of color on their back surfaces. Varied carpet beetles are found in homes in attics, Oriental carpets, tapestries and wood-based wall-to-wall carpeting.

HABITS

These pests enjoy dining on carpets, woolen fabrics, dead insects, furs, hides, feathers, horns, hair, silk and bones.

THREATS

Varied carpet beetles feed on dead insects, but also feed on upholstery and carpet, so they can damage those materials. They can also damage clothing fabric.

PREVENTION

- As with moths, to avoid varied carpet beetle infestations, store clothing in plastic containers.
- Dry clean clothing thoroughly before storing for long periods of time.

DID YOU KNOW? Varied Carpet Beetle

It can take 249-354 days to three years for varied carpet beetles to grow from an egg to an adult.