

BROWNBANDED COCKROACH INFO SHEET

FAST FACTS

- Cockroaches have been around for over 200 million years, since the time of dinosaurs!
- A cockroach can live almost a month without food.
- A cockroach can live about two weeks without water.
- A cockroach can live for up to one week without its head!
- Cockroaches can hold their breath for up to 40 minutes!
- Cockroaches can run up to 3 miles an hour.
- Some female cockroaches only mate once and stay pregnant for life!

General Information

Brownbanded cockroaches get their name from the two light bands they have across their dark brownish bodies. The male's wings are larger than the female's wings.

Brownbanded cockroaches often hide their eggs in or under furniture. They usually live 5-6 ½ months.

Size	2"	Common Name	American Cockroach
Shape	Oval	Kingdom	Animalia
Color	Reddish brown, with a yellowish figure eight pattern on the back of their head	Phylum	Arthropoda
Legs	6	Class	Insecta
Wings	Yes	Order	Dictyoptera
Antenna	Yes	Family	Blattidae
		Genus Species	Periplaneta americana

Diet

Brownbanded cockroaches prefer to eat starchy foods, such as wallpaper paste and book bindings. Sometimes they'll eat non-organic things, like nylon stockings!

Habitat

Brownbanded cockroaches prefer warmer, drier, and higher locations than most cockroaches. While most cockroaches prefer to live in kitchens and pantries, Brownbanded cockroaches will live in any room in the house. They do not need much moisture and avoid light whenever they can.

Impact

Cockroaches crawl through dirty areas and then walk around our homes tracking in lots of bacteria and germs. They can **contaminate** food by shedding their skins. Their cast off skin and waste byproducts can also trigger **allergic reactions, asthma** and other illnesses, especially in children

Prevention

* Keep cooking, eating and food storage areas clean and dry.

* If you see cockroaches, it is best to call a pest management professional due to the illnesses they can spread.

To learn more about this and other cockroaches, visit <http://www.pestworldforkids.org/cockroaches.html>