Roach Identification Guide

What Does a Cockroach Look Like?

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OVERVIEW



What does a cockroach look like? There are five major pest species of roaches in the US and they all differ in characteristics.

The five different species are:

- German Roach
- Oriental Roach
- Brown Banded Roach
- American Roach
- Smoky Brown Roach

These species are a nuisance because they infest homes, businesses and other structures and they are able to spread disease and cause other health issues. Most indoor roach infestations are treated in the same manner and with the same roach control products, regardless of the species. It is important to be sure you are dealing with roaches and not a beetle infestation as the treatments are very different for these two pests.

Click on one of the topics below to learn more about it, or continue reading to learn how to identify roaches.

- Size of Roaches
- Shape of Roaches
- Colors of Roaches
- Where Roaches Live

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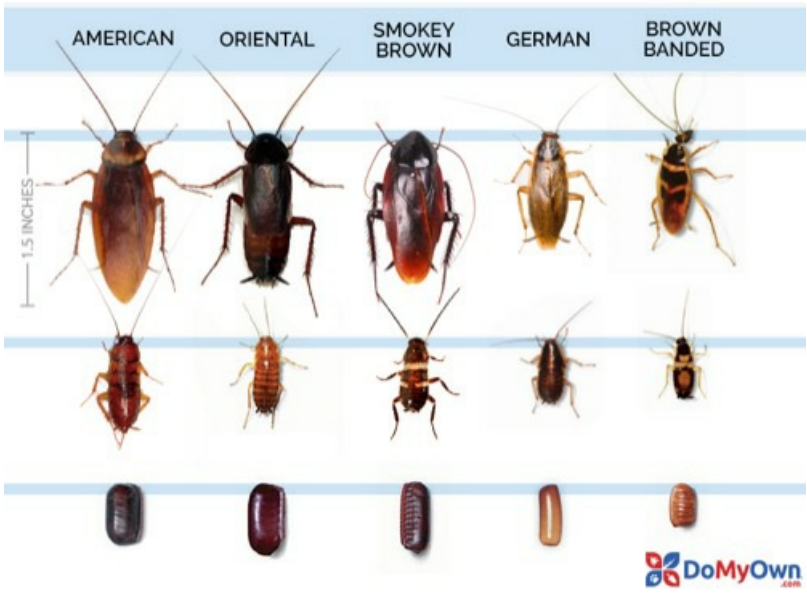
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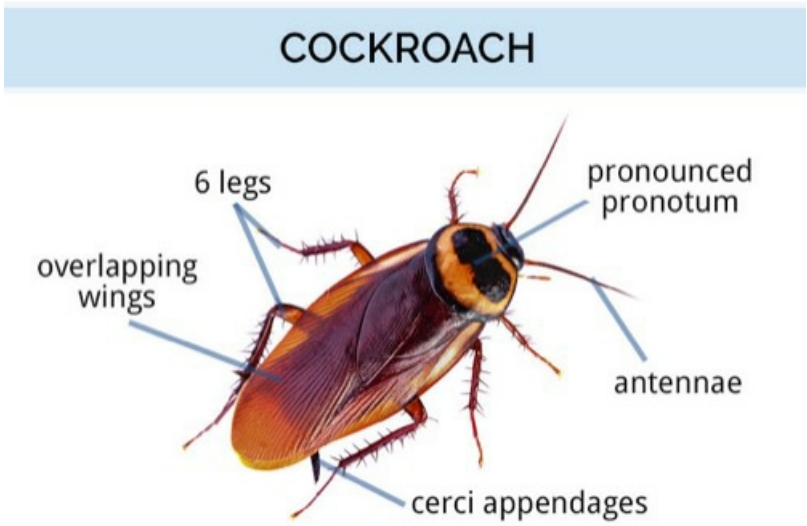
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SIZE



Roaches grow in size after they hatch from an oothicae otherwise known as an egg case. Depending on the species, immature roaches can vary from 2mm-5mm. Adult roaches can vary in size from about .25 inch to 2 inches. Knowing the different sizes of the roach during each stage of its life can help you perform a successful cockroach inspection.

SHAPE

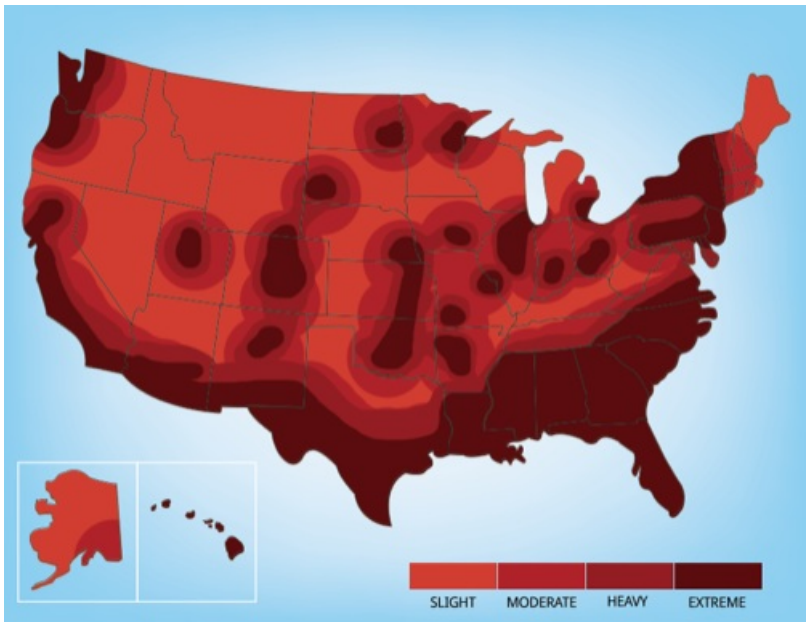


- Roaches are flat and oval shaped
- Roaches have 6 legs
- Roaches have two antennae, which will vary in length depending on species
- Roaches have wings, though not all roaches will use them to fly

COLOR

- Roaches can be light tan to dark brown.
- Some species have have stripes or bands on their backs or heads.

RANGE



Roaches can be found in every state of the US. Roaches thrive in warm conditions where food is plentiful.