

## Wood Roach

**Size:** Males            1" long.  
          Females        3/4" long.



**Description:**

- Colour is mostly dark brown with whitish to yellowish margins on body outline.
- Head is partially concealed under pronotum.
- Extremely soft to touch when handling as specimen.
- Adult males can fly, adult females are wingless.
- Young Nymphal stages have stubby wingpads.

**Biology and Habits:** The Wood Roaches only food source is decaying organic matter. In some wooded communities of Ontario these roaches are very abundant along the exterior of homes. They can be observed in loose bark, mulch, damp crevices around buildings and firewood etc. Accidentally, in summer months some roaches might enter a home, but due to low moisture conditions and no food sources they will dehydrate and not survive more that a week.

**Control:** By eliminating as much mulch, moisture and organic material directly around your home, you will reduce the population of wood roaches. If you find the summer population still too abundant we can complete ground cover exterior perimeter treatments to your property to reduce the Wood Roach population significantly.