

# ORIENTAL 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**

Oriental Cockroaches probably get their names from trade ships but they are actually from Africa. They are large and very dark compared to other cockroaches. They usually travel through sewer pipes and drains. They prefer dirty places and cooler temperatures than other cockroaches. An Oriental cockroach creates a strong smell and is considered one of the dirtiest of all the cockroaches

<p><b>Size</b> 1"</p> <p><b>Shape</b> Oval</p> <p><b>Color</b> Dark Brown, almost black</p> <p><b>Legs</b> 6</p> <p><b>Wings</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Antenna</b> Yes</p>	<p><b>Common Name</b> Oriental Cockroach</p> <p><b>Kingdom</b> Animalia</p> <p><b>Phylum</b> Arthropoda</p> <p><b>Class</b> Insecta</p> <p><b>Order</b> Dictyoptera</p> <p><b>Family</b> Blattadae</p> <p><b>Genus Species</b> Blatta orientalis</p>
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## **Diet**

Oriental cockroaches feed on all types of garbage and other organic material.

## **Habitat**

Oriental cockroaches also live in sewers and wet, decaying areas, such as basements and crawlspaces, firewood and piles of leaves.

## **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 your home clean and dry.
- \* Vacuum often and seal cracks in and around your house.
- \* 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>