

# Pest Bio

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## Earwig



Earwigs get their name from an old myth, it states that if you slept on the ground an earwig would crawl into your ear, lay their eggs and tunnel into your brain causing you to go insane.

Did you know that there are nearly 2,000 species of earwigs across the world? They can be found all over the world and have a lifespan of 1-3 years. Earwigs reach adulthood in just 20 days and the females are unusually maternal for an insect staying with the hatched infants until they are about to feed and defend themselves.

**Call Barrier for help managing your earwigs**

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### Earwig Facts:

Size: About 1"

Shape: Long/Narrow

Color: Dark Brown

Legs: 6

Wings: No

Antenna: Yes

### Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Pylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Insecta

Order:

-Dermaptera

Family:

-Forficulidae

Species:

-Forficula Auricularia

### DIET

Earwigs feed on flowers, fruits, leaves, mold and other insects.

### HABITAT

Earwigs like to live in dark, moist areas. In the winter they hibernate, burrowing up to 6 feet underground, however they would much prefer to take shelter in your home.

### BEHAVIOR

Earwigs are nocturnal and are commonly seen at night, however you can find large groups hiding under objects during the day.