# **Pest Bio**

#### **Providing All Your Pest Facts**

# American Cockroach



# Despite their name, American Cockroaches are native to Africa and the Middle East.

American Cockroaches have the longest life cycle of any other species, up to 700 days. The American Cockroach is also considered on the the fastest running insects. It has a pair of large compound eyes, each having over 3,500 individual lenses. Nymphs are capable of limb regeneration. American Cockroaches have an odorous secretion that can alter the flavor of food. They can also pick up disease causing bacteria such as salmonella on the legs and deposit them on food.

#### Call Barrier for help managing Cockroaches

208-463-4533

#### DIET

American Cockroaches are omnivores and opportunistic feeders that eat cheese, beer, tea, leather, bakery products, starch in book bindings, glue, hair, dead skin and animals and plant matter.

## HABITAT

American Cockroaches generally live in moist areas but can survive in dry areas if they have access to water. They are common in basements, crawlspaces, foundations and walkways by buildings.

### BEHAVIOR

American Cockroaches are nocturnal. Adults have useful wings and can fly for short distances however they are not regular fliers and are more likely to scatter on foot when frightened.

#### American Cockroach Facts:

Size: 4cm

Shape: Oval

Color:

Legs: 6

Wings: Yes

Antenna: Yes

#### **Scientific Name**:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Pylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Insecta

- Order:
- -Blattodea

Family:

-Blattidae

Genus:

-Periplaneta