

Darkling Beetles

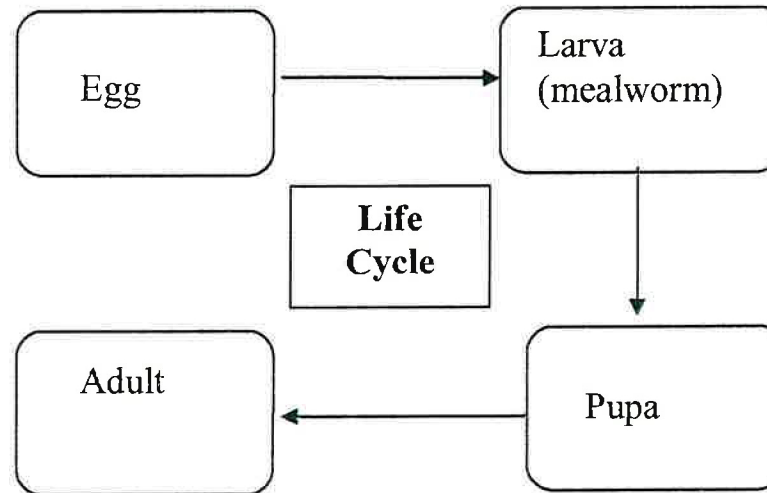
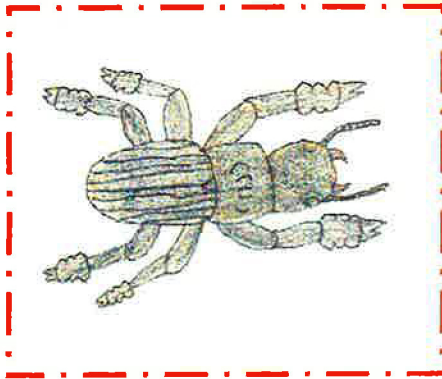
Habitat

You can find darkling beetles in the USA, Mexico, and Europe. You should look in dark corners, barns and in cereal and grain. The best time to look for them is at night because darkling beetles are **nocturnal**.



Predators

One of the darkling beetles predators are spiders. Lizards also eat darkling beetles predators. Rodents are their predators too. Even other beetles eat darkling beetles.



What do darkling beetles eat?

The darkling beetles eat little pieces of grain. They eat sticks and falling leaves that are rotting. The darkling beetles also like eating poop.

Interesting Facts

- Each female can lay about 275 eggs.
- Mealworms don't have lungs. They have **spiracles**.
- Mealworms are insects not worms.

Characteristics

Darkling beetles are so small and hard to see. They have a head, thorax abdomen. Their antennas are next to their eyes. The Darkling beetles are black or brown or yellow.