

POWDER POST BEETLE

INFO SHEET

FAST FACTS

- Adult beetles have two sets of wings.
- Female beetles usually lay dozens or hundreds of eggs.
- Most beetles only live for a year.
- Beetles can't see very well, so they communicate using **pheromones**, sounds or vibrations.
- Some beetles aren't considered pests. "Ladybugs" are beetles and are considered to be good luck in many cultures. "Fireflies" and "Lightning bugs" are also beetles. They glow in the dark to communicate.

General Information

There are 11 species of Powder Post beetles in the United States. They have long, narrow, flat bodies. Adult beetles fly and are attracted to light.

Size: 1/8" to 1/4"	Common Name: Powder Post Beetle
Shape: Narrow, Oval	Kingdom: Animalia
Color: Reddish brown to black	Phylum: Arthropoda
Legs: 6	Class: Insecta
Wings: Varies	Order: Coleoptera
Antenna: Yes	Family: Lyctidae
	Genus Species: Lyctus brunneus

Diet

Lyctid Powder Post beetles usually feed on hard woods.

Habitat

Lyctid Powder Post beetles lay their eggs in cracks of wood. They are found in hardwood floors, timbers and crates, antiques and other things made of hard wood.

Impact

Lyctid Powder Post beetles dig holes in wood. They can kill or damage trees and things made from wood like furniture. There are even documented cases that powder post beetles have destroyed houses!

Prevention

* Paint or seal any exposed or raw wood in your home.

To learn more about this and other beetles, visit <http://www.pestworldforkids.org/beetles.html>