

## COCKROACHES



### Surinam Cockroach

This tropical cockroach usually is not noticed until large numbers have populated an area. They remain inside cracks and crevices, under leaf litter, and mulch during the day and come out at night to feed upon plants. Surinam cockroaches are plant feeders and can severely damage plants in greenhouses and atriums. They also are commonly found in potted plants, planters, and other humid, hot situations outdoors. The Surinam cockroach burrows into the soil to a depth of three to four inches, where they construct a burrow containing nymphs, (adolescents), and females incubating their egg capsules. These egg capsules produce from 14 to 42 eggs each. Surinam cockroaches are unique, in that there are NO males of the species found in the United States. The females reproduce parthenogenetically without mating with a male. Surinam cockroaches are 3/4" to 1" long, are brown in color, and have an obvious dark brown to black head.

To control this insect, it is critical to remove harborage areas, such as excessive leaf litter, excessive mulch, unneeded landscape timbers, stones, or other objects close to the foundation of your building. Residual materials should be applied to foundations, plantings, woodpiles, potted plants, mulch and any infested areas. Barrier treatments can substantially reduce Surinam cockroach populations around your home.

Certified Pest Control of Naples can control these outdoor pests with our Certified Full-Home Service. We can thoroughly treat all your inside cracks and crevices and complete the service with a broadcast spraying of the eaves, soffits, flower beds, entry ways, and 5 to 10-foot perimeter around your home.



## [German Cockroach](#)

Certified Pest Control of Naples is Southwest Florida's Certified Pest Professional. The German Roach is the most common household insect pest found in the United States. They are usually found infesting in food preparation areas, kitchens, and bathrooms. In severe infestations, they have the capability of living in any portion of a heated structure. They favor warm, humid atmospheres where temperatures are around 70 to 75 degrees. The German Roach is most active at night and hides in secluded areas such as cupboards, behind cabinets, wall voids, and motor housings of appliances. The adult German Roach is about ½ inch long, brown, and has two dark longitudinal bands or streaks on the top the thorax (just behind the head). German Roaches are regularly carried from place to place in such things as bagged potatoes, onion bags, beverage cartons, grocery bags, handbags, and in the folds of clothing.

The German Roach has the highest reproductive potential of all common pest cockroaches. Female German Roaches produce about 30 to 50 eggs at a time. The eggs are contained in a capsule with is attached to the tip of the abdomen and carried throughout most of the incubation period. The eggs hatch in about 28 days at room temperature, and reach maturity in 40 to 125 days. Adult female German Roaches live about 200 days producing 6 to 8 egg capsules or 180 to 400 eggs.

Sanitation is the cornerstone to effective and long lasting German Roach control. Accessible water and food material must be eliminated as much as possible. Hiding and harborage areas need to be sealed off where possible. Remove hiding areas like open trashcans, old newspapers, rag piles, unused grocery bags, unused boxes, excess grease and food around appliances, and any place a roach could hide or eat.

Certified Pest Control of Naples can control regular infestations of German Roaches with our Certified Full-Home Service. If the infestation is severe, we must apply our thorough German Roach Clean Out Treatment to all parts of your home. Both services treat the cracks and crevices inside your home as well as the perimeter, mulch beds, soffits, eaves, and entryways outside effectively and quickly.



## [Florida Woods Cockroach](#)

Certified Pest Control of Naples is Southwest Florida's Certified Pest Professional. The Florida woods cockroach is a large roach up to 1 1/2 inch long with an oval shaped body. This roach prefers to live outdoors in debris and decaying vegetation. It often can be controlled by removing its resting places- debris. It is a dark brown to black with very short wings; it also has lines on its abdomen. When disturbed, this large roach secretes a sweet undesirable odor.

Certified Pest Control of Naples can control these outdoor pests with our Certified Full-Home Service. We can thoroughly treat all your inside cracks and crevices and complete the service with a broadcast spraying of the eaves, soffits, flower beds, entry ways, and 5 to 10-foot perimeter around your home.



## [Asian Cockroach](#)

Certified Pest Control of Naples is your Southwest Florida certified pest professional. The Asian Cockroach was introduced into Florida as a new species in 1986. It has spread over at least one third of the state, from the center of Florida to Collier County and Southwest Florida.

The Asian Roach is a rural and suburban pest that mainly infests single family, suburban houses and yards. The Asian Roach is abundant outdoors, where populations of 30,000 to 250,000 per acre have been found. The adults are strong fliers and can fly up to 120 feet in a single flight.

Adult Asian Roaches take flight even during the day if disturbed. At dusk, there is a frenzy of activity when adults are active in grass and mulch. These active pests invade any opening in a house, such as a lighted doorway or window. Once inside, they crawl on illuminated television screens and walls while the lights are on during the evening.

The Asian Roach is almost identical in appearance to the German cockroach. Many people confuse this outdoor pest with the most common of indoor infestations, the German Roach. The wings of the Asian Roach are usually longer and are lighter brown in color than most German Roaches. Asian Roaches are found mostly outdoors but can be seen inside around windows, doors, illuminated lighting and away from food areas. The German Roach is always found inside and around food areas. The female Asian Roach can produce an egg capsule with 40 eggs every 28 days. The nymphs will mature to adults in about 6 to 7 weeks.

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## [American Cockroach](#)

The American Cockroach is one of the largest roaches found in Southwest Florida growing to a length of about 1 ½ inches. It is identified by an auburn to brown color with a white ring around its pronotum (that's the area behind the head) and well developed wings with rounded tips, but rarely fly. They can open their wings and glide for a considerable distance. This is the first monster of the night to be called a Palmetto bug, mostly because it is large and lives outside.

Here in Southwest Florida the American Cockroach is abundant in alleyways, yards, hollows of trees, and all types of palm trees. They are also found in sewer drains and around manhole covers. The American Cockroach prefers moist shady areas to live and feed. They feed upon a variety of decaying organic matter, book bindings, glue, soap, clothing, paper, sweets, sugar, syrup, fruit, and vegetables, and when their environment puts stress on them will even eat their own.

The female American cockroach produces an egg capsule containing 15 eggs as fast as every 7 days. There is no known chemical that the American Cockroach has resistance to. Our Certified Full-Home Service including a perimeter power spray will control most American Cockroach problems.