

BOOKLICE



Booklice received their common name as they are typically found among old books. They are tiny, soft body insects, ranging from approximately 1mm - 2mm in length. Booklice are not true lice. They **do not bite and/or transmit disease**. However, they can be annoying when present in a large number.

Booklice are associated with damp (relative humidity: 75-90%). It can be established due to drying out of new plaster, condensation from lacking of good ventilation in the kitchen and bathroom, or a leaking water pipe.

Booklice feeds on microscopic mold that grow on:

- Glue of book-bindings
- Damp cardboard
- Surfaces close to damp plaster inside buildings (which is commonly found in brand new house)

Besides causing damage to paper products, they also infest food storage areas, where they feed on dry starchy materials.



Booklice infested pancake flour

Booklice Prevention

- Prevent mold & mildew by ensuring susceptible rooms (such as kitchen & bathroom) are well ventilated & dry.
- Clean kitchen cabinets consistently & ensure that it's fully dried before placing the food items.