

EARWIG

THE 'PINCHER BUG'



Earwigs received their name from the myth that they burrow into human's ear while sleeping and tunnel into the brains. However, this is a statement without any scientific proof.

Earwigs are active at night. They prefer hiding in dark and damp areas such as cracks and crevices during the day. They live under rocks, logs, and mulch.

They feed on decaying vegetation such as composting leaves or plants and other small insects. As they are attracted to light, they move indoors through tiny holes and gaps (such as poorly sealed doors or windows) to hunt for food or new habitat due to the change of weather.

... ARE EARWIGS POISONOUS

When earwigs are spotted, they alarm and cause fear to people due to their pincers. Earwigs use their pincers for defence. The pinch can be painful for some, but there is no venom and the pinch rarely break the skin.



... HOW TO PREVENT EARWIG

One of the effective methods to control earwigs is to eliminate their hiding spots. Eliminate their hiding places and ensure the areas free of mulch, dead leaves and any other organic material. Trim trees and shrubs that could cause damp condition to the structure.