



The Dirty Dozen of Museum Pests



<p>1. Webbing Clothes Moth <i>Tineola bisselliella</i></p> <p>Brown head capsule with no case around body</p> <p>Tuft of reddish orange hair Uniform 10K gold/buff color</p>	<p>2. Case-making Clothes Moth <i>Tinea pellionella</i></p> <p>Brown or Black head</p> <p>Larvae carry a cocoon like case with them</p>	<p>3. Varied Carpet Beetle <i>Anthrenus verbasci</i></p> <p>Three segmented club</p> <p>Elongated scales of varied colors</p> <p>Enlarged tuft of hairs</p>
<p>4. Black Carpet Beetle <i>Attagenus</i> spp.</p> <p>Long body with tuft of hairs</p> <p>Spear shaped antenna club</p> <p>Range of black to brown colored body</p>	<p>5. Hide Beetle & Larder Beetle <i>Dermestes maculatus</i> & <i>Dermestes lardarius</i></p> <p>Distinctive Brown Band with Black Spots</p> <p>Small points at end of larvae and adult</p> <p>Curved points at end of larvae</p>	<p>6. Warehouse / Cabinet Beetle <i>Trogoderma</i> spp.</p> <p>Mottled color pattern with no scales.</p> <p>Four pairs of tufts of hairs and a short tail.</p>
<p>7. Cigarette & Drugstore Beetles <i>Lasioderma serricorne</i> <i>Stegobium paniceum</i></p> <p>Saw-toothed antennae</p> <p>Last three segments of antennae elongated</p> <p>Deep pitted lines on wings</p>	<p>8. Silverfish and Firebrats <i>Lepisma saccharina</i> & <i>Thermobia domestica</i></p> <p>Long antennae</p> <p>three tail filaments</p> <p>Silvery (Silverfish) or mottled in color (Firebrat)</p>	<p>9. Psocids or Booklouse Psocoptera</p> <p>Constriction at thorax</p> <p>Less than 1/8 inch in length</p>
<p>10. Powderpost Beetle <i>Anobium punctatum</i> – Wood Boring Pest</p> <p>Small ridge on thorax</p>	<p>11. Cockroaches <i>Blattella germanica</i> <i>Periplaneta americana</i></p> <p>Two black bars on shield</p> <p>Light shading on shield</p> <p>1/2 inch in length 1.5 inches in length</p>	<p>12. House Mouse <i>Mus musculus</i></p> <p>Tail as long or longer than body</p> <p>Large ears</p> <p>Dark brown to grey body color, light grey underneath</p> <p>©1998 Craig Robbins</p>