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IDENTIFICATION CLUES

- 1/3 - 2 1/3 inches long
- body oval and flattened
- brown or black and waxy on hardened forewings
- long, thin and very mobile antennae
- thin legs; fast runners

Where to Look:
Cockroaches like warmth and moisture. They can be found just about anywhere including our homes where they hide in dark places during the day and come out at night.

Who Eats It?
Roaches are eaten by parasitic wasps as well as many different vertebrates including birds and rodents.

What It Eats.
In the wild, cockroaches are primarily scavengers of decaying animal and plant matter. In our homes, they eat everything from paper and glue to food scraps and crumbs.

Did You Know
There are more than 3500 species of cockroaches. They are among the most primitive of the winged insects, appearing about 350 million years ago.

Role in the Ecosystem
Cockroaches are important recyclers.

ORDER: Coleoptera
SUPERFAMILY: Blattodea

LIFE CYCLE
INCOMPLETE METAMORPHOSIS
Most cockroaches lay eggs in hardened capsules called ootheca which they either hide or carry with them. Young are born white and wingless but quickly darken and look like small adults.