1. PaDIL Species Factsheet

Scientific Name:
Anobium (Anobium) punctatum (De Geer, 1774)
(Coleoptera: Anobiidae: Anobiinae)

Common Name
furniture beetle
Live link: http://www.padil.gov.au:80/pests-and-diseases/Pest/Main/135789

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Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia
2. Species Information

2.1. Details

**Specimen Contact:** Museum Victoria - discoverycentre@museum.vic.gov.au  
**Author:** Walker, K.  
**Citation:** Walker, K. (2006) furniture beetle(*Anobium (Anobium) punctatum*) Updated on 10/21/2011 Available online: PaDIL - http://www.padil.gov.au  
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2.2. URL

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2.3. Facets

**Status:** Exotic Species Establishment in Australia  
**Group:** Beetles  
**Commodity Overview:** Forestry  
**Commodity Type:** Timber  
**Distribution:** USA and Canada, Central and South America, Europe and Northern Asia, Mediterranean Basin, Africa, Australasian - Oceanian

2.4. Other Names

- *Anobium amplicolle* Broun, 1889  
- *Anobium caelatum* Mulsant & Rey, 1864  
- *Anobium latreillei* Dufour, 1843  
- *Anobium ruficolle* Herbst, 1793  
- *Anobium ruficorne* Broun, 1880  
- *Anobium striatum* Olivier, 1790  
- *Birrhus domesticus* Geoffroy in Fourcroy, 1785  
- *Hadrobregmus pumilum* LeConte, 1865  
- *Ptinus cylindricum* Marsham, 1802  
- *Woodworm*

2.5. Diagnostic Notes

Adult beetles range between 3-5 mm long and usually chocolate brown with reddish-brown legs. The head is concealed beneath the hooded prothorax and the antennae end in a three-segmented club. The beetle is covered with fine yellowish hairs and has longitudinal rows of pits on the forewings. The characteristic shape of the head and prothorax readily distinguish the common furniture beetle from the powderpost beetles, Lyctus spp. Source: See weblink QDPI Fact Sheet

2.6. Web Links

**Australian Insect Common Names:** http://www.ento.csiro.au/aicn/name_s/b_245.htm  
**CSIRO fact sheet:** http://www.csiro.au/csiro/content/standard/pspu,,.html#B3  
**Image of larvae:** http://www.scienceimage.csiro.au/index.cfm?event=site.image.detail&id=1872
Images of larvae and damage:
http://www.arkive.org/species/ARK/invertebrates_terrestrial_and_freshwater/Anobium_punctatum/
New Zealand Fact sheet: http://www.kiwicare.co.nz/experts-pestinfo.asp?id=3#item
Taxonomy & European Distribution: http://eunis.eea.europa.eu/species-factsheet.jsp?idSpecies=104062&idSpeciesLink=104062
3. Diagnostic Images

Australia: Victoria, Melbourne
**Antenna Image:** Clare McLellan Museum Victoria

Australia: Victoria, Melbourne
**Dorsal Image:** Clare McLellan Museum Victoria

Australia: Victoria, Melbourne
**Elytra Image:** Clare McLellan Museum Victoria

Australia: Victoria, Melbourne
**Head Front Image:** Clare McLellan Museum Victoria

Australia: Victoria, Melbourne
**Head Side Image:** Clare McLellan Museum Victoria

Australia: Victoria, Melbourne
**Lateral Image:** Clare McLellan Museum Victoria
Australia: Victoria, Melbourne
**Posterior Image:** Clare McLellan Museum
Victoria


**Pronotum Image:** Sarah McCaffrey Museum
Victoria

Australia: Victoria, Melbourne
**Thorax Side Image:** Clare McLellan Museum
Victoria


**Ventral Image:** Sarah McCaffrey Museum
Victoria
Note the honeycomb effect caused by the feeding larvae; this causes structural weakness in the service timber. **Damage symptoms:** Lucinda Gibson & Ken Walker Museum Victoria

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**Dorsal Image - Larva:** Clare McLellan
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**Lateral Image - Larva:** Clare McLellan
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**Ventral Image - Larva:** Clare McLellan
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