

## Pest Profile



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**Common Name:** Camel Cricket

**Scientific Name:** *Ceuthophilus spp*

**Order and Family:** Orthoptera: Rhaphidophoridae

**Size and Appearance:**

	Length (mm)	Appearance
<b>Egg</b>		
<b>Larva/Nymph</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Similar in appearance to adults, but smaller and lacking reproductive organs.</li></ul>
<b>Adult</b>	12 - 33 mm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Hunchbacked appearance and wingless.</li><li>● Color variable, but usually tan to brown with mottled appearance.</li><li>● Elongated legs, both femora and tibia typically longer than body.</li><li>● Thin antennae longer than body.</li><li>● Females with ovipositor more than half body length.</li></ul>

**Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.):** Chewing.

**Host/s:** The diet of the members of *Ceuthophilus* is diverse, with species being omnivorous, herbivorous, and scavengers. Natural food sources include fungi, persimmons, insect eggs, and dead insects. Prey items include millipedes, pseudoscorpions, earthworms and crickets. Species have also been documented feeding on a variety of baits, including cheese, oatmeal, bread, peanut butter, molasses, fruit, pet food, and wheat germ.

**Description of Damage (larvae and adults):** Although not typically known to cause damage, various species have been observed chewing holes in clothing and drapery. Accumulations of dead bodies have been implicated in polluting well water. Fecal matter from heavy infestations can result in staining.

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