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- **Body**
- **Thorax**
- **Wings**
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- **Feces**

**Habitat**

- Warm, moist areas. Prefers kitchens and bathrooms. Likes to squeeze into tight cracks.
- Throughout the house, prefers high locations. Also in closets, under furniture, and in heat-generating appliances.
- Below ground level, in damp crawl spaces, basements, and floor drains. Can overwinter in cracks and other protected outdoor areas.

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**Can’t I live with a few roaches?**

Perhaps they don’t disgust or embarrass you, but there are good reasons to exclude cockroaches from your home. A cockroach will travel through many types of wastes then walk over, and defecate on, your kitchen counters, plates, silverware, and any accessible food. Cockroaches are known to carry disease-causing bacteria, although their ability to transmit disease to humans is under study. They’re still a significant health concern because they trigger allergies that contribute to asthma.

Finding even one roach warrants action. All roach problems start small, but roaches reproduce rapidly, so early intervention is highly recommended. Look inside for a common-sense approach to cockroach management.

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