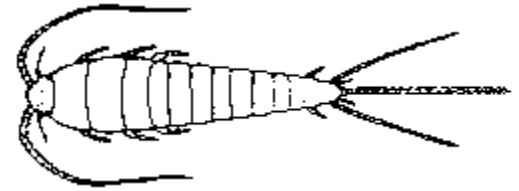


# Silverfish

Scientific Name: Lepisma saccharina and Ctenolepisma lineata



## Identification Tips:

<b>Color</b>	Covered in silver or gray scales
<b>Legs</b>	6
<b>Size</b>	Adults measure 1/2 to 3/4 inch, not including their tails
<b>Identifying Characteristics</b>	Long antennae in front with three bristle like appendages on the rear of their body; teardrop shape

## Characteristics of this insect:

- This insect prefers dark, humid areas (50 to 75% relative humidity) with temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees
- They feed on starchy substances such as flour, starch, glue, paste, and starch sizing on textiles. This insect can digest cellulose fibers
- They build up around feeding areas. Their feeding leaves irregular shaped, yellow stained holes in textiles and paper, surfaces removed from corrugated cardboard and irregular areas grazed off cloth-bound books. Damaged products may have fungus growing due to humidity and fecal deposits
- Silverfish lays 1 to 3 eggs per day or close to 1,000 per year. Most silverfish can live up to 3 years

## Is this insect harmful to me?

This occasional invader is not considered dangerous, although it may contaminate food, damage paper goods, or stain clothing.



## Why are they in my structure?

There is no particular reason why your structure or nearby surroundings were chosen to be a nesting site. There may be conditions that exist that introduce or help retain moisture in the dwelling or nearby landscape sites.

## Can I treat the problem myself?

Due to the conditions that help perpetuate this insect and the many places it can reside in a dwelling, silverfish are not easily eradicated by the owner of the structure. Please remember that products may be harmful to you and your family if they are misused or misapplied and should be handled by a professional.

## What can Apex do for me?

An Apex representative will spend time interviewing the homeowner in order to ascertain where the presence of silverfish is located. That being said, Apex can provide you with a one-time application or a preventative maintenance plan.

**One-Time Treatment:** An interview with the homeowner is conducted along with a detailed inspection of both the inside and outside of the structure. Time is spent determining the most effective application and then a targeted application of product is made to rid your home or surroundings of these unwanted guests. A 90-day guarantee is provided with free service calls if needed.

**Pest Prevention Plan:** Quarterly inspections and treatments are performed to keep your dwelling pest free year around. Free service calls are provided whenever a pest outbreak occurs. Being that a variety of general insect problems are covered, this is a cost effective way to maintain the integrity of your home and is the **recommended treatment of Apex.**

***Is the treatment safe for my children and pets?***



Since 1969, Apex has always operated with one goal in mind: *“The safety of people, pets, places, and the environment is our first concern.”* Therefore, we will utilize crack and crevice and spot applications, baits, monitors, habitat modification recommendations, and natural products as a method of treatment when possible. When conventional treatments are required, our licensed technicians are trained to apply the products so as to not pose a problem to people or their pets. All conventional products are EPA registered and our technician will advise you of any necessary precautions.

***What should I do now?***

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