

Pest Profile



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Common Name: Ring-legged Earwig

Scientific Name: *Euborellia annulipes*

Order and Family: Dermaptera, Anisolabididae

Size and Appearance:

	Adult	Egg	Larva/Nymph	Pupae (if applicable)
Length (mm)	12-18mm	1.5mm		
Appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Brown to black in color- Flat- Have pinchers or “forceps” protruding from abdomen-No wings-Light yellow with brown rings or “armbands”-Antennae have 14-16 segments and are black with white or pale rings on the third or fourth segment from the end	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-White in color	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Similar appearance to adults-Grayish in color-No pinchers-No wings	

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

Host plant/s: The ring-legged earwig is nocturnal and lives in gardens and fields where they can be found living in the soil under debris, rocks, or under bark in dry and damp places. Sometimes they are seen climbing plant stems in order to find aphids, termites, leafhoppers, caterpillars, small slugs, beetle larvae, and other small insects to eat.

Description of Damage (larvae and adults): Ring-legged earwigs are considered a pest as they occasionally will eat crops, such as lettuce and strawberries. They can also find their way into

homes, therefore, are labeled a pest. However, they are usually more helpful than harmful since they eat other pests.

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