



## Exopest F.A.Q.'s about Native and Bush Cockroaches

### How do I know what type of cockroach I have?

*Most bush cockroaches are very distinctive large black in colour, have a flat appearance and are about 2-3cm in length.*

### Are they disease carrying or a health risk?

*Unlike the very small German variety which ranges from ant size to 2cm, is light brown in colour and often found in restaurants, industrial kitchens, bars, hotels and in some residential homes, this Native or Bush type of cockroach **does not pose a health risk***

### Why do I see bush cockroaches in my home?

*They appear spasmodically inside perhaps 1 a day or a few a week, usually after severe changes in weather have occurred. Drought, extreme heat or following rains will often drive these cockroaches inside or they may be seeking water, which is why kitchens, laundries, and bathrooms are prime locations. Also a lot of mulching has occurred in gardens recently and these cockroaches feed on decaying matter and along with humid weather conditions is why they are more prevalent in the summer months.*

### What can I do to stop them?

*Usually we do not recommend treatment by application of chemical as these cockroaches perform a valuable function in helping to break down leaf and timber matter helping to fertilise the ground. It is suggested you simply place a glass jar over the cockroach slide paper underneath then tip cockroach into the jar and release outside.*

### What if I still want to spray?

*You can still have a spray if you have a phobia, but Exopest would point out that we could not guarantee that any further cockroaches would enter the building as they can walk 30-40ft before dying. Our serviceman will spray external perimeter, treat likely harbourages including subfloor and internal skirtings and doorways.*

### What do they look like?



Bush cockroaches

### What if I am still unsure?

*Contact our office on 03 8696 9000 or visit our website on [www.exopest.com.au](http://www.exopest.com.au) for further clarification*

### When are Bush cockroaches most active?

*Usually in summer months when humidity is high and where mulch or grass and leaf matter such as compost is prevalent. Sometimes located around pools and ponds*