



Dead Leaf Skeletonising Beetle

This is a common native Tenebrionidae beetle called *Ecnolagria grandis* – the Dead Leaf Skeletonising beetle. At this time of the year, you can find literally hundreds of these larvae on eucalypt trees.

They are no bother at all, even though the larvae do look a bit like a Dermestes larva!



Identification

The Brown Darkling Beetle is golden to brown with short hairs over the body. The shape of the thorax makes the head look like it is on a long neck.

Other Names

Honeybrown Beetle

Habitat

They are found amongst leaves and in long grass in forest, woodland, suburban gardens

Exopest see no need to treat these but usual pyrethrums for garden pests could be researched and labels checked to see if they are suitable and registered for use.

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Classification

Class:	Insecta
Order:	Coleoptera
Family:	Tenebrionidae
Genus:	<i>Ecnolagria</i>
Species:	<i>grandis</i>
Common Name:	Brown Darkling Beetle