

# Native Earwigs

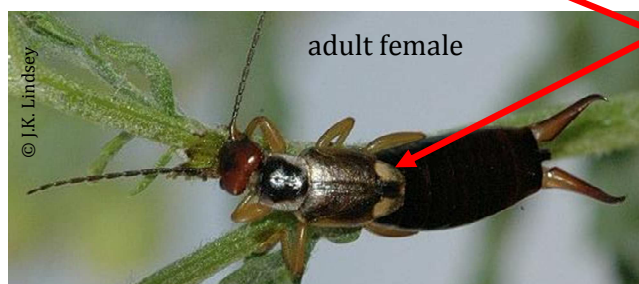
## Common Earwig – *Forficula auricularia*



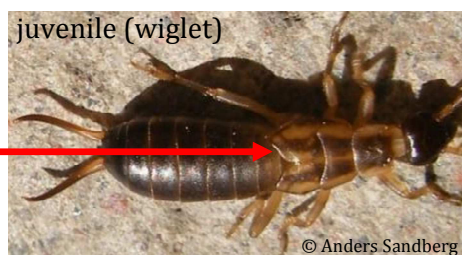
- adults 12-20mm long, dark chestnut brown
- in males, pincers curved, widened and toothed at base; widened part of pincers makes up less than half of their total length

### Habitats:

- hedgerows, scrub, woodland
- long grass, heathland
- marsh, waterside vegetation



- ends of the folded wings visible in both sexes
- in females, pincers almost straight
- in juveniles, wing buds form a 'W' shape
- juvenile pincers very slim



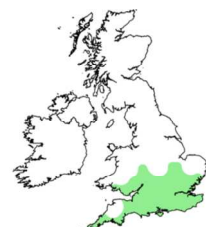
## Lesne's Earwig – *Forficula lesnei*



- adults 8-10mm long, light brown
- no wings visible in either sex
- barrel-shaped abdomen
- in males, pincers curved, widened and toothed at base; the widened part of the pincers makes up about half their total length
- in females, pincers almost straight

### Habitats:

- oak woodland
- chalk scrub
- hedgerows, nettlebeds
- rough herbage on sea cliffs



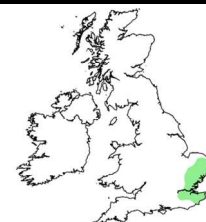
## Short-winged or Hop-garden Earwig – *Apterygida media*



- adults 8-20mm long, reddish brown with light brown wing covers
- no wings visible in either sex
- in males, pincers very long, curved, with 1 or 2 teeth

### Habitats:

- hedges, thickets, woodland-edge scrub in warm localities



- females very similar to female Lesne's Earwig, but larger and darker in colour



## Lesser Earwig – *Labia minor*



### Habitats:

- dung heaps, compost, rubbish tips
- needs warmth and humidity



- very small, not much bigger than an ant: adults 5-7mm long, dull yellow-brown
- ends of folded wings visible in both sexes
- pincers slender in both sexes, gently curved in male

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# Native Cockroaches and Naturalised Stick-insects

## Tawny Cockroach – *Ectobius pallidus*



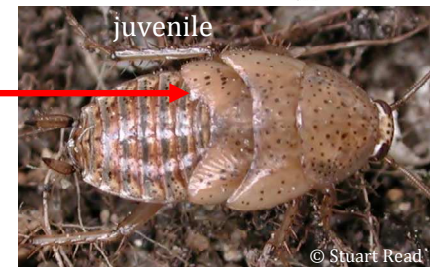
- adults 8-9.5mm long, golden-yellowish brown all over; only in females a bit of dark brown on underside of abdomen
- both sexes fully winged
- partly nocturnal, may come to light traps

### For juveniles of all cockroach species:

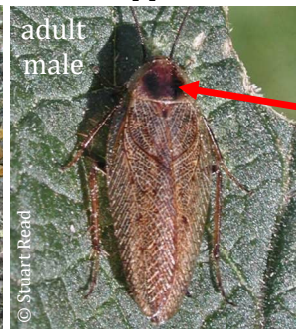
- wing buds visible in late instar juveniles; they are shorter and appear thicker than adult wings
- left and right wing buds do not overlap (adult wings overlap left over right wing)

### Habitats:

- woodland rides and clearings
- heathland
- dunes



## Dusky Cockroach – *Ectobius lapponicus*



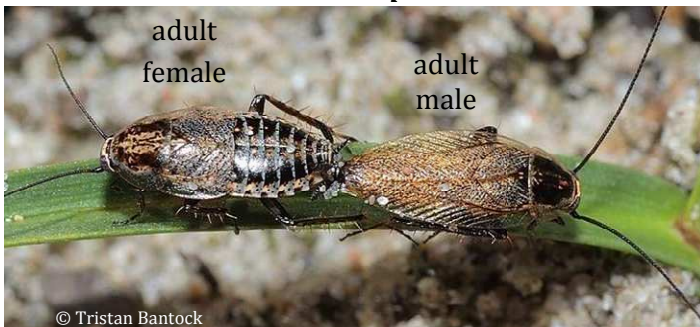
- adults 7-11mm long, light brown colour
- usually a dark brown shoulder shield (pronotum) in males
- underside of females is mainly dark brown
- wings in males reach end of abdomen or beyond, wings in females a bit shorter

### Habitats:

- scrub, coarse herbage, clearings
- scrubby heathland



## Lesser Cockroach – *Ectobius panzeri*



- adults 5-8mm long, smallest native cockroach
- darkish brown with speckled patterning on pronotum of both sexes, and on abdomen of female
- males fully winged
- females short-winged, wings covering less than half the abdomen

### Habitats:

- scrub on coastal cliffs and rocks
- sand dunes
- vegetated shingle
- dry heathland



## Prickly Stick-insect – *Acanthoxyla geisovii*



- adults 80-100mm long; usually green but occasionally brown
- head and thorax always covered with many black spines, often also parts of the abdomen
- lateral lobes on abdominal segments (4 and) 5 and 6
- males not known here or in its native New Zealand; females reproduce by parthenogenesis

### Habitats:

- only in public or private gardens in very mild, moist areas



## Unarmed Stick-insect – *Acanthoxyla inermis*



- lateral lobes on abdominal segments 4-6 absent or very small
- males not known here or in its native New Zealand

- adults 95-115mm long; green or brown
- there may be a few scattered, small spines on head and thorax – but these are not black as in the Prickly Stick-insect

### Habitats:

- only in public or private gardens in very mild, moist areas

