

*Blatta orientalis*, the Oriental cockroach:



The Oriental cockroach is more closely associated with damp areas than the other common cockroaches. These insects are often considered the filthiest of the house-infesting cockroaches. Adult Oriental cockroaches are dark brown or black and have nonfunctional wings incapable of flight.

A peculiar exception of the Oriental cockroach to other species, is their attraction to light as opposed to darkness

The male and female differ in size and shape. Females are about 1-1/4 inches long broad and have only little pads for wings. Males are about one inch long, more slender and have wings not reaching the tip of the abdomen.

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The print at left shows the disparity between the size of female and male. Smaller Images:  
 1, 3, 4 = female 5, 6, 7 = male  
 2 = ootheca (eggs)

