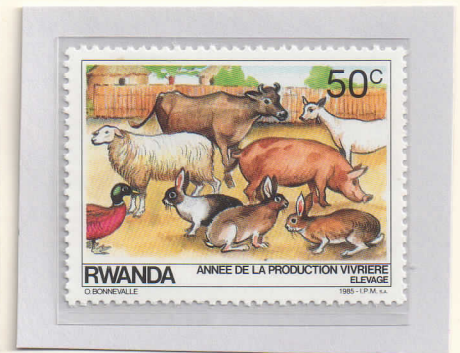


### 3.2 THE COCKROACH'S HABITS

Bad name

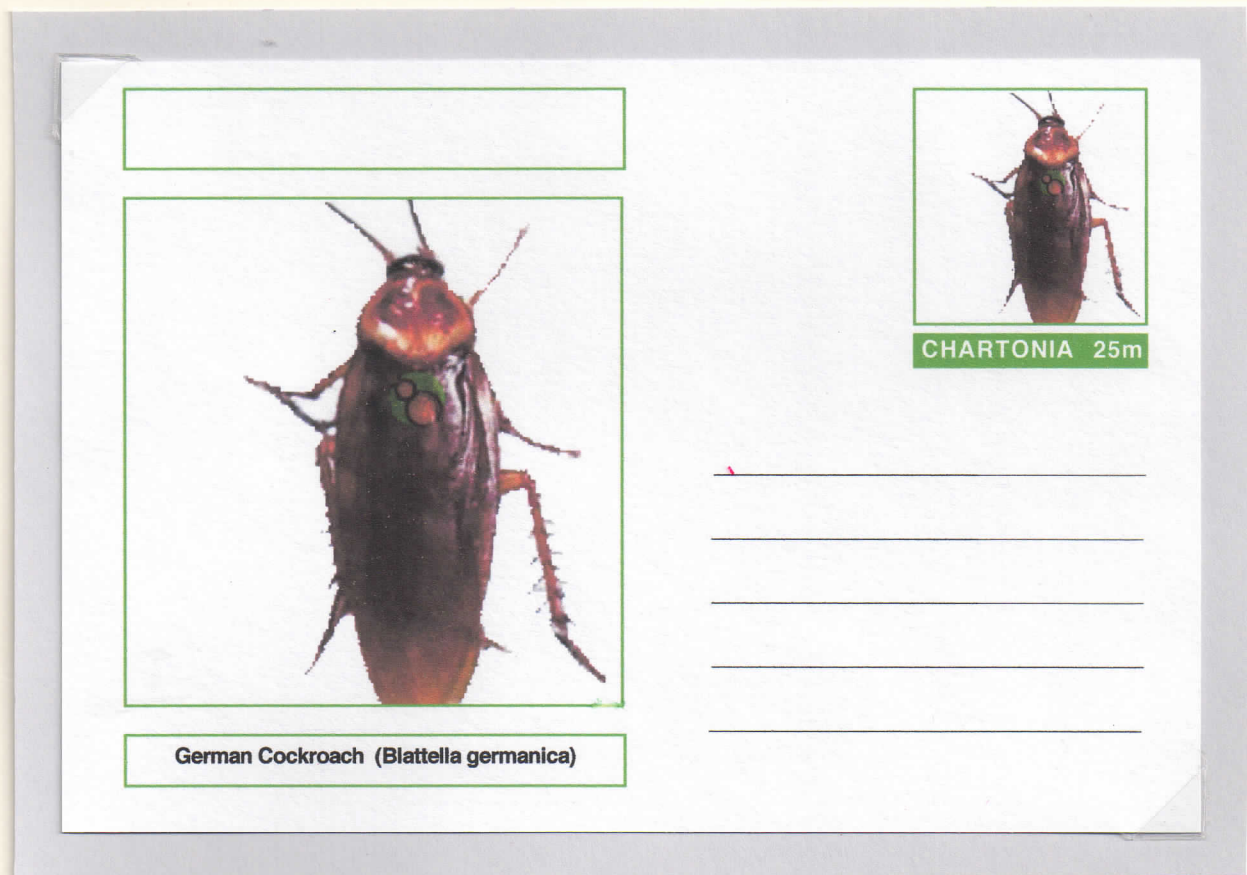
#### *Blattella germanica*, the German cockroach

The German cockroach is the cockroach of concern; this species gives all other cockroaches a bad name. They are fond of inhabiting restaurants, food processing facilities, hotel rooms, and nursing homes. They do not tolerate the cold so they will move in with humans or any living creature.



The German cockroach is originally from Asia. It is also very closely related to the Asian cockroach to the extent that it appears nearly identical and one may be mistaken for the other. Their favorite foods are starch, sugary foods, grease and meats. **There is no evidence that the German and Asian cockroach cross-breed.**

The male and female are both 10 to 15 mm long, are brown to dark brown in color and have two distinct parallel bands running the length of the body. The male, however, has a thin body; the posterior abdomen is tapered, terminal segments of abdomen are visible and has no wings. The female's body is stout, posterior abdomen is rounded, and entire abdomen covered by wings.



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