

# WOOD DESTROYING BEETLES



Anobids  
Bostrochids  
Lyctids  
Old House Borer



## ANOIBIDS

**Color:** Reddish brown to black

**Shape:** Elongated, cylindrical

**Size:** 1/8 - 1/4 inch

**Region:** Found throughout the U.S.

### Habits

Anobids attack hardwoods and softwoods, and mostly the sapwood. They also attack manufactured products, lumber, structural timbers. In structures, usually wood older than 10 years is attacked.

### Threats

Anobids can cause structural damage for homeowners.

### Prevention

First try to determine if the infestation is active. If so, then apply a localized pesticide application or contact your local exterminator.



## BOSTROCHIDS

**Color:** Reddish brown to black

**Shape:** Elongated, cylindrical

**Size:** 1/16 - 1 inch

**Region:** Throughout the U.S.

### Habits

Bostrochids usually attack manufactured products, new hardwood lumber, and wood that is less than 10 years old. While mostly attacking sapwood, they also attack both softwoods and hardwoods.

### Threats

Bostrochids can cause structural damage for homeowners.

### Prevention

First try to determine if the infestation is active. If so, then apply a localized pesticide application or contact your local exterminator.



## LYCTIDS

**Color:** Reddish brown to black

**Shape:** Elongated, narrow, flattened, and parallel-sided

**Size:** 1/32 - 1/4th inch long

**Region:** Found throughout the U.S.

### Habits

Lyctids attack sapwood and hardwoods less than 10 years old but can also attack structural timbers. This wood is usually infested during drying time or storage.

### Threats

Lyctids can cause structural damage for homeowners.

### Prevention

First try to determine if the infestation is active. If so, then apply a localized pesticide application or contact your local exterminator.



## OLD HOUSE BORER

**Color:** Brownish black to black but covered in gray pubescence

**Shape:** Elongated, slightly flattened

**Size:** 5/8 - 1 inch

**Region:** Found throughout eastern and central U.S.

### Habits

Old house borers attack only softwoods, primarily pine but only the sapwood. They also attack structural timbers and lumber less than 10 years old.

### Threats

Old house borers can cause structural damage for homeowners.

### Prevention

First try to determine if the infestation is active. If so, then apply a localized pesticide application or contact your local exterminator.