

***Lasioderma serricorne*, the Cigarette beetle (Anobiidae)**

A serious pest on stored tobacco and cocoa but it attacks a variety of foodstuffs including cereals, cereal products, oilseeds, oilcakes, ginger, turmeric, raisins, pepper, dried fish, dates, drugs, garlic bulbs, herbarium, and medicinal plants like dry rhizomes of *Acorus calamus*. Adults, 3–4 mm size, brown, globular with long antennae having 11 saw-like segments (serrated). Elytra smooth with fine hairs. Adults look hump-backed. Adults are active fliers, do not feed but can perforate tobacco leaves. They drink readily. They are short-lived (2 to 6 weeks), the time depending mainly on temperature and slightly on humidity. The life span of adults is 30 days at 25°C and 70% RH and 25 days at 30°C. Females lay on an average 110 eggs loosely on the commodity. The larvae are white and scarabaei form. They make a pupal cell out of fragments of food and waste.

