

### **Spider beetles, *Ptinus tectus* & *Niptus hololeucus***

They resemble small spiders. Spider beetles are secondary pests and scavengers occurring worldwide, in particular temperate regions. Adults long-legged globular beetles (2-4.5 mm) with hair-like long antennae long-lived & feed; active during night. Presence of spider beetles is a sign of poor sanitation in the premises.

In *Niptus hololeucus* adult body fully covered with light-brown hairs. In *Ptinus* spp, pronotum and elytra covered with brown or golden hairs. Males of Most *Ptinus* spp fly but not the females. Monthly rate of increase is lowest (1 or 2)