



Giant Burrowing Cockroach

Description

The Giant Burrowing Cockroach is the heaviest cockroach species in the world. They are bulky shiny brown cockroaches with spiny legs. This wingless cockroach lives underground and is not a pest species. They burrow into these oil to depths of up to a metre. Males have a scoop in the thorax above the head, and females do not.

Other Names

Giant Litter Bug, Rhinoceros Cockroach

Size

Length to 80mm. Weight to 35g

Food

feeds on dead leaves and other fallen vegetation. It is beneficial to the environment by recycling organic matter.

Breeding

Female Giant Burrowing Cockroaches give birth to live young with up to 30 in a clutch - they do not lay eggs. The young cockroaches grow by moulting 12 or 13 times before reaching full adult size. Immediately after a moult, the cockroach appears all white except for the eyes.

Range

The Giant Burrowing Cockroach is found mainly in tropical areas of Queensland.



Classification

Species:	Rhinoceros
Genus:	Macropanesthia
Family:	Blaberidae
Order:	Blattodea
Class:	Insecta
Phylum:	Arthropoda
Kingdom:	Animalia