

Insect Attack



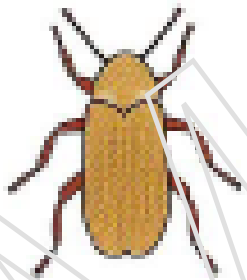
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Types of Wood Boring Insects

Furniture Beetle (Woodworm)

- ☞ The most common pest in Irish household wood
- ☞ Attacks both hard and soft woods, such as mahogany, oak and pine
- ☞ Generally only attacks sapwood
- ☞ In April to August about 80% of insect damage in Ireland is caused by this beetle



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(woodworm)



Other Types



Deathwatch Beetle



Powder Post Beetle



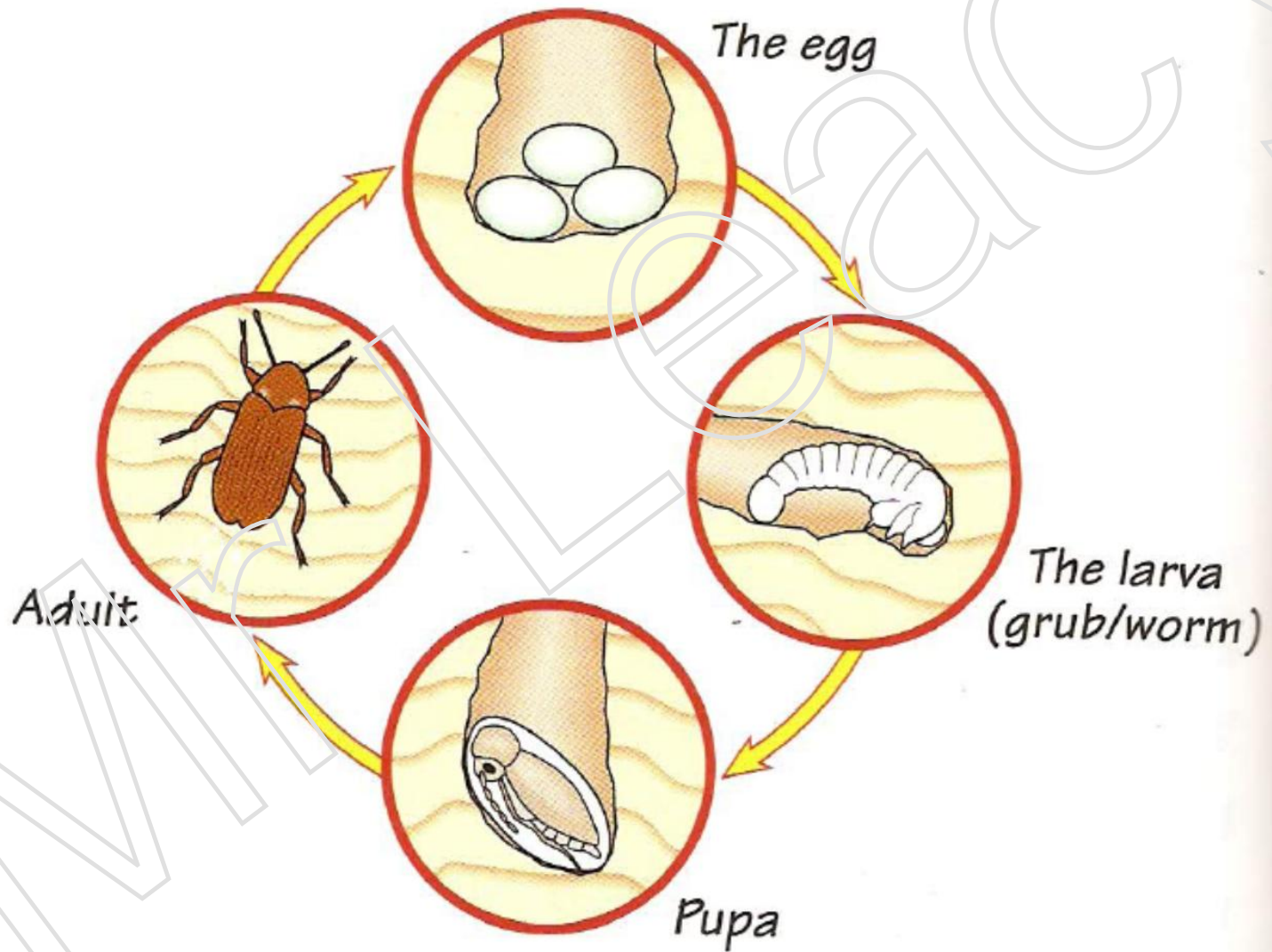
Wood Boring Weevil

Lifecycle and Treatment

Lifecycle

1. The female beetle lays its eggs in the cracks and crevices in the wood
2. Eggs hatch into larva (grubs)
3. Larva eats its way into the wood causing great damage (can live from 2 to 10 years in the wood)
4. The larva changes into a pupa, for about a month (like when a caterpillar goes into its cocoon and becomes a butterfly)
5. As a pupa it develops wings
6. The adult beetle bores its way to the surface and emerges from small holes (1-3mm in diameter)
7. Beetle flies off and lays eggs

Lifecycle Diagram



Treatment

- ☞ If noticed thoroughly clear the whole area of debris. Dust removal may involve the use of an industrial vacuum cleaner
- ☞ Apply an insecticide liberally
- ☞ Apply to adjoining wood also in case it is infected

Prevention

- ☞ Timber that has been pre-treated with a preservative that contains an insecticide is resistant to attack by wood-boring insects
- ☞ Keep the moisture content of wood below 10% (where practical)

