

# Khapra beetle

## *(Trogoderma granarium)*

- ❑ Native to India, Ceylon and Malaysia, found almost worldwide now due to human introduction through commerce of stored grains; eradicated from CA.
- ❑ Hosts: Stored produce such as grains, flour mixes, rice, peanuts, dried animal skins and dog food; also found in ears and seams of burlap bags and wrappers, baled crepe rubber, glue of corrugated boxes, bags of bolts, soiled linen and oil paintings.
- ❑ Field ID: Adult about 1.6-3 mm long, oval, brown to reddish with **indistinct markings on elytra**, hairy; they do not fly. Larvae yellowish or reddish-brown, with **tufts of long hairs**. Larvae not recognizable from Warehouse beetle in the field (they differ in number and position of hairs at base of antennae). Considered one of the worst pantry pests, because they can survive for several years without feeding while hiding in cracks, crevices and behind paint scales, are tolerant to low moisture and to some insecticides, and build up in huge numbers when uncontrolled.

