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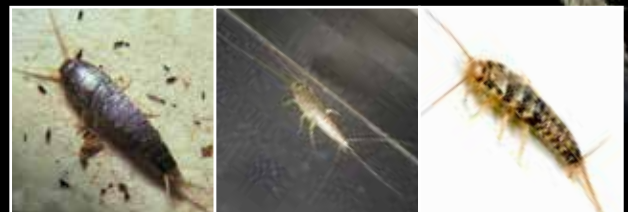
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Silverfish: Facts

- There are three types of Silverfish in the UK. *Ctenolepisma longicaudata*, *Lepisma saccharina* and the firebrat *Thermobia domestica*.
- The first record of *Ctenolepisma longicaudata* in the UK was from 2014 and published in 2016.
- The common silverfish and the firebrat are British species.
- The grey silverfish has been recorded recently in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany.
- The grey silverfish activity is being dealt with by the use of desiccant dust.
- *C. longicaudata* appears to survive and cause damage at lower humidities than *L. saccharina*.
- Different species of silverfish survive under different humidity's .



	Silverfish <i>Lepisma saccharina</i>	Grey Silverfish <i>Ctenolepisma longicaudata</i>	Firebrat <i>Thermobia domestica</i>
UK Occurrence	Widespread	London, Reading, initially but now thought to be widespread.	Widespread, uncommon
Body colour	Uniform grey	Uniformly grey	Patterned, yellowish with dark transverse bands
Body Length (adults)	<10mm	<15mm	<11mm
Antennae	Shorter than body	Longer than body	Longer than body
Head	Scales pointing backwards; few scattered hairs on front margin	Scales pointing forwards; head with numerous setae on front margin	Scales pointing forwards; head with numerous setae on front margin
Tails	Shorter than body	Longer than body	Longer than body

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