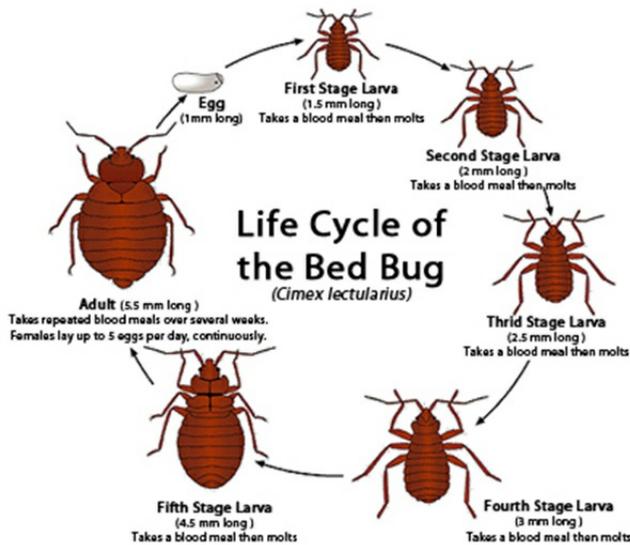


Bed Bug Life Cycle

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Note: Bed bugs take 3-10 minutes to complete feeding

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Bed bug eggs are white to a pale creamy color. The bed bugs eggs are barely visible to the naked eye. They are anywhere from a millimeter or shorter in length. When they emerge from the egg stage they are around one to one in half millimeters. So can you see bed bugs? The answer is that they are difficult to spot at any stage. Baby bed bugs or young bed bugs emerge and go through five nymph or larva stages.

It is more specifically called “gradual metamorphosis,” meaning they will grow progressively larger with each stage only requiring a blood meal to molt into the next nymph stage. After the fifth stage, the bed bugs reach adulthood. The entire life cycle can take between five weeks to four months, depending on conditions and food sources available. Adult bedbugs can live anywhere from 12 to 18 months. Females will reproduce as long as they are able and can lay up to 500 eggs in a lifetime. They lay eggs in the same place they harbor.