



Homeowner's Quick Pest ID Checklist

Honest Answers for Homeowners. No Sales Pitch. No Stings.

Rodents (Mice & Rats)

Look For:

- Small, black droppings (rice-shaped)
- Chewed wires, food packaging
- Grease marks along walls
- Scratching noises at night

Smells:

- Musky odor in closed areas

Squirrels

Look For:

- Larger droppings than mice
- Chewed entry holes near roofline or eaves
- Daytime scratching/scampering sounds
- Torn insulation, nesting materials (paper, leaves)

When?

- Mostly active during daylight

Raccoons

Look For:

- Large, tube-shaped droppings
- Paw prints around attic/yard (hand-like)
- Damaged soffits, vents
- Overturned trash cans

Loud?

- Heavy thumping at night



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Bats

Look For:

- Tiny, black droppings (crumbly)
- Oily stains near attic entry points
- Chirping at dusk/dawn

Clue:

- Flying in/out around sunset

Carpenter Ants

Look For:

- Piles of sawdust-like material (frass)
- Rustling noises in walls
- Winged ants near windows

Pro Tip:

- Ants are BIG (1/4 to 1/2 inch)

Termites

Look For:

- Mud tubes on foundation/walls
- Hollow-sounding wood
- Winged termites near windows
- Bubbling paint or small pinholes

Wing Check:

- Wings are equal in size

Cockroaches



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Look For:

- Droppings (tiny dark specks)
- Shed skins
- Musty odor
- Scurrying when lights turn on

Hiding Spots:

- Kitchens, bathrooms, basements

Mosquitoes

Look For:

- Standing water sources
- Mosquito larvae in water
- Bites around ankles/arms

Action:

- Check buckets, birdbaths, clogged gutters

Wasps & Hornets

Look For:

- Paper-like nests (under eaves, trees)
- Flying in/out of ground holes (yellowjackets)
- Aggressive behavior near nests

Beware:

- Don't disturb nests without a plan

Common Signs of Wildlife Entry

Signs & What They Mean:



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- Grease marks: Rodents/squirrels rubbing entry holes
- Torn vents/screens: Raccoons, squirrels, birds
- Droppings in attic: Rodents, bats, raccoons
- Footprints (dust/mud): Wildlife sneaking in/out
- Nighttime noises: Rodents, raccoons, bats

What's Next?

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