



7th October

WANTED

Lice

Also known as 'Buffalo Bill and his Gang of Wild Cowboys'

- Description:**
- Length: 1-6mm.
 - Small, parasitic insects. Dorso-ventrally flattened (not very tall)
 - Six short legs possess large claws for grasping host
 - Wingless
 - Antennae are short and segmented
 - May possess either sucking or biting mouth parts, depending on habit and host species
 - Colour ranges from pale to reddish-brown in colour
 - Incomplete metamorphosis. Nymphs are similar to adults, though smaller

Likely to be found: External parasites of birds or mammals. Found in association with the host species, throughout Australia.

Last seen: Crawling through the hair of a primary school aged child, with an itchy head. Take a good magnifying glass, if you want to see them.



Photo: lice on the teeth of a comb

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