

Pest Profile



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Common Name: Sunflower Headclipping Weevil

Scientific Name: *Haplorhynchites aeneus*

Order and Family: Coleoptera: Curculionidae

Size and Appearance:

	Adult	Egg	Larva/Nymph	Pupae (if applicable)
Length (mm)	10mm		5mm	
Appearance	-Shiny black -Slightly hairy -Have a pronounced proboscis (snout)	-Laid in hanging sunflower heads	-Cream colored -Grub liked -C-shaped	

Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.): Chewing

Host plant/s: Sunflowers

Description of Damage (larvae and adults): The adult weevil, especially the females, will girdle the flower's peduncles and leaf petioles, leaving the partially severed flower or leaves to hang from the stem. The female will then crawl into the sunflower's head to eat pollen and mate, and then will lay her eggs at the base of the head. The larvae will feed on the flower, pollen, and decaying tissue after the flower head has fallen to the ground.

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