

Pest Profile



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Common Name: Pea aphid

Scientific Name: *Acyrtosiphon pisum*

Order and Family: Hemiptera: Aphidae

Size and Appearance:

	Length (mm)	Appearance
Egg	0.085 mm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• light green• before hatch, turns shiny black
Larva/Nymph	< 2.0 mm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• smaller than the adult but similar in appearance of the wingless adults
Adult	2.0 – 4.0 mm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• light green• reddish eyes

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

Host plant/s: Sweet peas, sweet clover, alfalfa, some leguminous weeds, vetch and crimson clover.

Description of Damage (larvae and adults):

The feeding can cause deformation, wilting or death of the foliage depending upon the infestation level. Wilted plants will appear brownish

References:

North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension. Pea aphid. Retrieved from:
http://ipm.ncsu.edu/AG271/forages/pea_aphid.html