

Pest Profile



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Common Name: Agave weevil

Scientific Name: *Scyphophrus acupunctatus*

Order and Family: Coleoptera; Curculionidae

Size and Appearance:

	Adult	Egg	Larva/Nymph	Pupae (if applicable)
Length (mm)	1/2 – 3/4 inch		3/4in	
Appearance	-Black snouted beetle. A dull brown/black that has a downward curved long snout	-Laid in tunnels	-Larvae are a creamy white color that do not have legs.	

Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.): Chewing for both adults and larvae

Host plant/s: Yucca and agave plants

Description of Damage (larvae and adults): Adults make feeding punctures in young leaves. Most damage is caused by the larvae tunneling at the base of the flowering stalk. With this damage the larvae makes, the plant is more likely to get infections, causing the plant to die.

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