

Pest Profile



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Common Name: Cactus longhorn

Scientific Name: *Moneilema armatum*

Order and Family: Coleoptera, Cerambycidae

Size and Appearance:

	Adult	Egg	Larva/Nymph	Pupae
Length (mm)	25 mm			
Appearance	Black, flightless beetles that have long antennae that stick up like horns.		Pale with prominent ridges on its body and it has a brown head.	

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

Host plant/s: Various types of cacti

Description of Damage (larvae and adults): Adults feed at night on young cactus pads or oozing sap. Females will glue eggs to the cactus pad. Larvae tunnel into the cactus, causing it to ooze with sap. The larvae feed on sap and then later enter the plant. The sap will eventually turn black and the plant will die if left untreated.

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