

## Pest Profile



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**Common Name:** Raspberry sawfly

**Scientific Name:** *Monophadnoides rubi*

**Order and Family:** Hymenoptera; Tenthredinidae

### Size and Appearance:

	Length (mm)	Appearance
<b>Egg</b>		
<b>Larva</b>	10-18 mm	- Smooth, pale green bodies, dark brown stripes down their backs and are covered with white bristles
<b>Adult</b>	6 mm	-Black insect with a yellow band on the abdomen and smoky wings
<b>Pupa</b>		-Cocoon in soil

**Type of feeder:** Chewing

**Host plants:** This insect primarily feeds on raspberry plants but can also be found on loganberry, blackberry, and gooseberry plants.

**Description of Damage:** Minor damage (small holes) will be on the leaves due to feeding by the larvae of the raspberry sawfly. Occasionally there will be heavy infestations where the leaves are completely skeletonized, leaving only the leaf veins. These leaves are often described as having a lacey texture. The damage only occurs in early summer and individual primocanes can often outgrow the damage. Gardeners may find the middle of canes with damaged leaves, while the tops and bottoms of the same canes have normal, healthy leaves.

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