

## Pest Profile



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**Common Name:** Radish root maggot

**Scientific Name:** *Delia planipalpis*

**Order and Family:** Diptera: Anthomyiidae

### Size and Appearance:

	Length (mm)	Appearance
<b>Egg</b>		Small and white, deposited 50-200 at a time near stems of host plants at soil line.
<b>Larva/Nymph</b>	8-9 mm	Yellowish to white in color, lacks distinct head and legs, cylindrical tapering towards head.
<b>Adult</b>	6-7 mm	Dark gray to brown, similar in appearance to small houseflies.
<b>Pupa (if applicable)</b>		Pupation occurs within the root of the host plant or the surrounding soil.

**Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.):** Rasping, sucking mouthparts

**Host plant/s:** Cruciferous plants such as cabbage, radish, turnip, Chinese cabbage, and various mustard-family weeds.

**Description of Damage (larvae and adults):** After hatching, larvae feed on the roots of mainly cabbage, radish, and Chinese cabbage.

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