

Plum Weevil (*Conotrachelus nenuphar*)

A **beetle** pest of **fruit crops** such as **apple**, **blueberry**, **cherry**, **pear**, **plum** and **quince**, which can cause serious damage in orchards and soft fruit.

Native to North America, in areas with a temperate climate.

Most likely to enter the UK on **imported plants for planting** from the USA or Canada.

Adult beetles:

- are between 3.5 and 6mm in length
- mottled **brown, grey and white** in colour, with **humps on the elytra** (hardened wing case)
- feed on **fruit, tender twigs, flower buds and leaves**
- lay **eggs** into fruit with **C-shaped wounds**

Look out for premature fruit drop, or scarring causing fruit deformation.

The larvae are damaging to fruit as they feed internally.

If you suspect it, report it by visiting <https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/> or use the QR code.



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