

**Insect pests of leaves and shoots**

**Blueberry flea beetle**

Eggs overwinter in leaf litter in spring and feed on developing buds and foliage. Larvae are dark brown, grow to 6 mm long, and take 2-3 weeks to develop. The adult beetle is oval, 5 mm long, with a shiny bronze color. It causes notching damage to leaves during summer and may also chew holes in the leaves. The beetles have a distinctive jumping behavior when disturbed.

