

**Insect pests of fruit**  
**Plum curculio**

Adult beetles have a rough-surfaced brown body and distinctive snout. There is one generation per year in northern regions. Adult beetles overwinter in leaf litter and become active during late bloom, laying eggs in young berries. A white maggot develops under the crescent-shaped scar they left when the egg is laid. Scouting for this scar indicates the level of infestation, typically greatest near woods and at field borders. Injured berries color prematurely and may drop off bushes before harvest. In early varieties, larvae may be harvested with berries.



Adult plum curculio  6 mm



Curculio maggot.  5 mm

Left, half-moon scar from curculio injury.