

Insect pests of fruit

Three lined flower beetle

This beetle emerges in spring, feeding on young buds and flowers. The beetles are about 1/4 inch long, with females being gray and males more tan-colored. Both sexes have wing coverings with patches of more dense hairs on them, making a lined pattern across the body.



10 mm



These beetles leave ragged feeding marks on flowers or buds and tend to be most abundant at field perimeters. There is one generation per year, and the adult activity period can last from bud swell through bloom. They are also attracted to white monitoring traps and may be first detected there.

Feeding damage on flower buds.