

Bean fly

Delia florallega

What crops does it affect?

Onions, leeks, garlic, *Brassicaceae* species, tomatoes, potatoes and corn.

What does it look like?

Adults: The adults are long and thin with grey bodies. They are about 6mm in length, with black legs and clear wings. Their eyes are large and reddish purple.

Eggs: Enclosed within a hardened, darkened larval skin, that are oval, red-brown and 8mm long.

Larvae: Creamy yellow to white 8mm long when fully grown. The body tapers toward the head end but lacks a distinct head and legs.

Which part of the plant will be damaged?

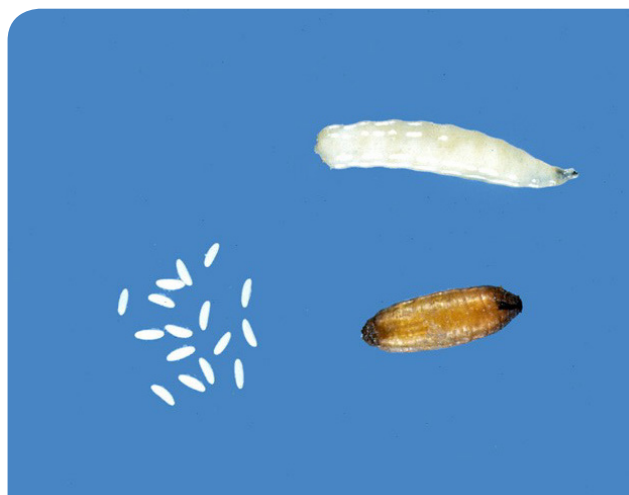
Bulbs, seedlings.

What should I look for?

Primarily a borer in the lower leaf, but the larvae can make corridor-like excursions into the upper leaf. The mines may be distinguished from other similar flies because the mines of bean fly harbour several larvae.

How does it spread?

Infested soil and plant material.



Bean fly at various life stages – eggs on left and larvae on right.

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Adult bean flies.

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