

WIREWORMS

(*Limonium* and *Ctenciera* spp.)

Description

Wireworms are the larvae stage of click beetles. Wireworms are reddish-brown or golden in colour, about 25 mm long and narrow, with a hard, segmented outer shell. They feed on corms and roots of hosts, causing shoots to turn yellow, become deformed and stunted.

Life Cycle

Larvae overwinter in the soil at a depth of 30 to 60 cm, returning to the surface in spring to feed. This cycle continues from 2 to 4 years after which they pupate in the soil and develop into adult click beetles. They remain in the soil until the following spring when they emerge, mate, and lay eggs.



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