

# Weevil



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# WEEVIL

FAMILY: Curculionidae

ORDER: Coleoptera (means "sheath " wings)

## IDENTIFICATION CLUES



- ◆ small, 1/8 - 1/4 inch long
- ◆ body egg-shaped and dark gray or brown
- ◆ long slender head forms a long 'snout'
- ◆ wing covers are rough and pitted
- ◆ antennae are 'elbowed' and 'clubbed'



## Where to Look

Weevils are found on plants or sometimes under bark or in the wood of dead trees. In Georgia, cottonfields are a good place to look for weevils.

## What It Eats.

Weevils are plant feeders. They chew holes in roots, stems, leaves and flowers. They will also attack nuts, fruits and seeds. Some are considered pests, in particular the cotton boll weevil.



## Life Cycle

COMPLETE  
METAMORPHOSIS

Weevils lay their eggs in plant tissue where the larvae develop and pupate. Adults will overwinter in soil litter.

## Who Eats It?

Weevils are eaten by birds, toads, frogs and spiders.



## Did You Know...

The mouthparts of weevils are strong enough to pierce through the hard shells of nuts and seeds.

## Role in the Ecosystem

Weevils are an important part of the food chain as well as important recyclers of dead wood.