



## Identification of Common Insects on Sunflowers in Manitoba

### Defoliators

Sunflower Beetle



Adult



Larva

Thistle Caterpillar



(produces silk webbing on leaves)

### Stem and Head Feeders

Sunflower Bud Moth



Feces in leaf axil from larva



Larva



Adult

Sunflower Maggot



Larvae commonly found in stem



Adult

Sunflower Seed Maggot



Pupa on sunflower head

Sunflower Receptacle Maggot



Black Sunflower Stem Weevil



### Sap Feeders

Aphids on sunflower leaf





Insects on Sunflower Heads

Red Sunflower Seed Weevil



Banded Sunflower Moth



Larvae can have several color forms



Adult (Dark triangular patch)

Lygus Bugs



Nymph



Adult

*Chlamydatus associatus* or "Black Plant Bug"



Do not confuse with Lygus  
Not known to be economical

Predators and Parasites

Thrips



Common some years  
Not known to be economical

Minute Pirate Bug



Adult (Predator)

Top Red Sunflower Seed Weevil  
Bottom Minute Pirate Bug Nymphs



Minute pirate bugs eat insect eggs, small caterpillars, thrips etc. Do not confuse with seed weevils.

Lady Beetle



Long-Legged Fly



Adult flies prey on small insects

Parasitic Wasps

