

Epitrix (flea beetle) species, life cycles and detection method



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Research consortium

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Objectives

• Establish and maintain viable cultures of Epitrix spp. under laboratory conditions.

• Undertake short literature review to determine most appropriate chemicals for flee beetle control.

• Select most appropriate chemicals for assessment.

- Screen chemicals against various life stages of the flee beetle.
- Assess impact of potential soil drenches (chemical and/or biological) against soil dwelling life stage of beetle.

Development of diagnostic assays

Key outputs and results

Project ongoing; no specific results to report as yet

Goals

To develop and determine molecular identification techniques. To successfully establish viable cultures of Epitrix spp. under laboratory conditions