

Cabbage Stem Flea Beetle (*Psylliodes chrysocephala*)

Host Plants:
Brassicacae e.g. Oilseed Rape

Adults migrate to emerging Oilseed Rape plants



Adult grazing causes the characteristic damage to young leaves



Eggs are laid in the soil and young larvae emerge to enter the plant, boring into leaf petioles and stems



Larvae pupate in the soil in late Spring and emerge as adults in the Summer

Different Crops: Different Flea Beetles – The Full Story

OSR crop sown & emerging

AUGUST/
SEPTEMBER

Adults hibernate in deciduous woodland

OCTOBER/
NOVEMBER

JANUARY/
FEBRUARY

Adults emerge after the first extended period of warm weather (10 to 15°C)

OSR stem extension

Spring Linseed sowing

MARCH/
APRIL

Adult grazing causes the characteristic damage to young leaves of Spring sown Linseed

OSR flowering

Spring Linseed grows away from damage

MAY/ JUNE

Larvae develop and pupate in the soil in late June/July

OSR Harvest

JULY/
AUGUST

Adults emerge in September and migrate to woodland to hibernate

Spring Linseed harvest