

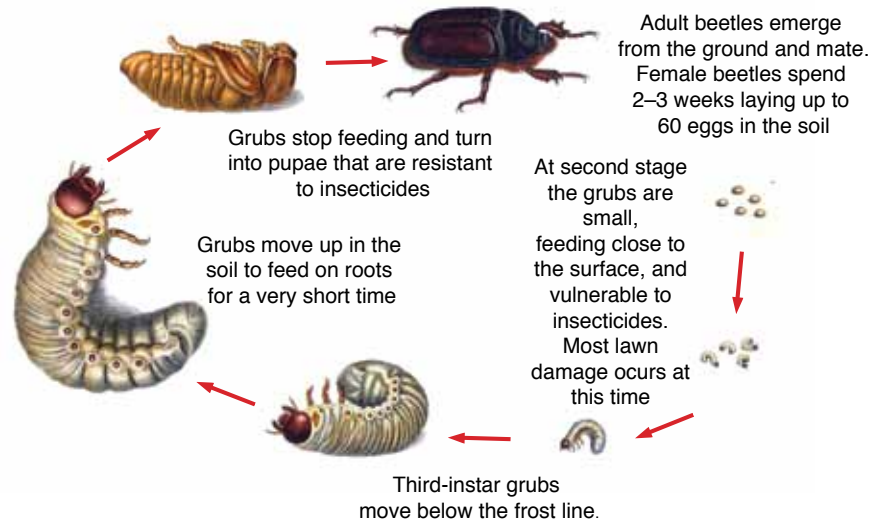
Scarab Grub Information



The Scarab Grub is the juvenile form or larvae of a Beetle. There are many different species of Beetle in the Scarab family including Christmas Beetles, Stag Beetles and Dung Beetles. Canberra and the Southern Highlands of New South Wales are favoured homes of the African Black Beetle, which is also a member of the Scarab family. For most of the year, scarab grubs and beetles are fairly inactive and generally don't cause any issues. The early stages of their life cycle is where scarabs are most likely to cause damage to our lawns. Because this family of beetles has differing timelines to their life cycle we need to apply treatment a few times a year to make it effective.

You'll begin to see Beetle activity late in the year, around November and December. This is when the Beetles are breeding and laying their eggs in your lawns and garden beds. It is at this time you should apply your first Scarab Grub treatment. A second treatment should then be applied mid to late February. This will catch any eggs laid after the first treatment. Once the grubs reach the 'third instar' stage of their life cycle, treatments are no longer effective because the grubs no longer absorb the pesticide. Scarab Grubs tend to reach this stage of their life cycle around March. It is at this time you'll begin to notice the damage caused by the grubs. Your lawn may begin to look patchy and brown in sections and may easily be pulled up in clumps. Birds such as Magpies and Currawongs also begin to feast on the juicy grubs. It is these birds that will cause the greatest amount to damage as they pull our lawns apart in search of the grubs.

Scarab Beetle Life Cycle



Prevention Vs Cure

It's difficult to prevent Scarab Grub infestation, however there are some steps we can take to reduce the risk. Firstly, **a healthy, deep-rooted lawn** is a great start. We recommend regular fertilising to assist in creating a healthy lawn. A lawn containing the legume **O'Connor's Strawberry Clover** can help deter Scarab Grubs. Scarabs don't like to munch on the Strawberry Clover root but they may still take up residence in a lawn containing Strawberry Clover.

For further information about Scarab Grub treatment options and the ongoing maintenance of your new lawn, please contact the friendly team at Canturf.

We're more than happy to provide the right advice as well as offering our **Canturf Care** lawn care service.

Lawn damage done by birds hunting grubs



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