

# GORSE

## biocontrol

### Gorse seed weevil

- This tiny weevil can be found on the flowers during spring where they lay their eggs inside the young seed pods.
- Larvae feed on developing seed in pods during spring and summer, reducing viable seed production.

Gorse seed weevil



Gorse spider mites



### Gorse spider mites

- First released in Australia in 2001, the spider mites live in colonies within a fine silk webbing.
- The mites are a brick-red colour.
- Feeding damage causes foliage to appear bleached.
- Extensive feeding kills shoots and reduces flower production.

### Gorse soft shoot moth

- First released in 2007, larvae of the moth spin a protective silken tube in the new bud growth in spring and summer.
- Larvae feed on new buds and shoots, restricting growth and limiting flower production.

Gorse soft shoot moth larvae and adult



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