

Beneficial Nematodes

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What Are Beneficial Nematodes & How Do They Work?

Beneficial Nematodes are microscopic round worms that seek out and destroy over 200 kinds of soil dwelling insects. They attack pests in their larval and pupa stage in the soil, but have been known to attack pests above ground in all stages as well! Nematodes hunt for insects, entering through natural body openings. Once inside the larvae, the nematode excretes a bacteria and then starts to feed and multiply. Within a few days, the pest will change color and die. The nematodes multiply and develop within the dying insect before leaving the old host to hunt for more pests. As the number of pests decrease, so will the nematode population. For this reason, seasonal releases are recommended. Each species of nematodes prefer specific prey, although, they will attack other soil dwelling insects as well.

Which Nematodes Work Best?

There are a variety of nematodes that work for different types of pests. See the chart below to determine the best Beneficial Nematodes.

Pest Guide

Hb	Ants (Queen)
Sf Sc	Armyworms
Sf Sc	Artichoke Plume Moths
Hb	Asparagus Beetles
Sf Sc	Bad Nematodes
Hb	Bagworms
Hb	Banana Moths
Hb	Banana Weevils
Sf	Beet Armyworms
Hb	Berry Root Weevils
Hb	Bill Bugs
Hb Sc	Black Vine Weevils
Sf Sc	Black Cutworms
Sf Sc	Bluegrass Weevils
Hb	Borers - Iris, Tree, Vine
Sf Sc	Cabbage Maggots
Sf	Carpenter Worms
Hb	Carrot Weevils
Sc	Caterpillars
Hb	Chafers
Sf	Chinch Bugs
Hb	Citrus Weevils
Sf Sc	Codling Moths
Hb	Colorado Potato Beetles
Sf	Corn Borers
Sf Sc	Corn Earworms
Hb	Corn Root Worms
Sc	Cotton Bollworms
Sc	Crambids
Sc	Cranberry Girdlers
Hb	Cranberry Root Weevils
Sf	Crane Fly Larvae

Sc	Crate Flies
Hb Sf Sc	Cucumber Beetles
Hb Sf	Cutworms
Hb	European Chafers
Sf	Fall Armyworms
Sf	Fire Ants
Hb	Flea Beetles
Hb	Fleas - Adult
Sc	Fleas - (Larvae, Pupae)
Sf	Fly Larvae
Sf Sc	Fruit Flies
Sf	Fungus Gnats
Hb	Gall Midges
Sf Sc	Girdlers
Hb	Grape Root Borers
Hb	Grubs
Sf	Gypsy Moths
Sf	Humpbacked Flies
Sf Sc	Hylobius Weevils
Hb	Japanese Beetles
Sf	June Bugs
Sc	Large Pine Weevils
Hb	Lawn Grubs
Sf Sc	Leaf Miners
Sc	Leather Jackets
Hb	Masked Chafers
Hb	May/June Beetles
Sf	Mint Borers
Sc	Mint Flea Beetles
Sc	Mint Root Borers
Sf Sc	Mole Crickets
Sc	Mushroom Fly Larvae

Sf Sc	Navel Orange Worms
Hb Sf	Onion Maggots
Hb	Pill Worms
Sf	Pine Weevils
Sf	Poplar Clear Wig Borers
Hb	Raspberry Crown Borers
Sf Sc	Roaches - American, Asian, German
Sf	Root Aphids
Sf	Rootknot Galls
Hb	Root Weevils
Hb	Scarabs
Sf Sc	Scarab Grubs
Sf	Sclerids
Sf	Shore Flies
Sf Sc	Sod Webworms
Sf	Squash Vine borer Larvae
Sf	Subterranean Termites
Sc	Strawberry Root Weevils
Hb	Sugarcane Stalk Borers
Hb	Sweet Potato Weevils
Hb	Termites (Queen)
Sf	Thrips
Hb Sf	Ticks
Sf Sc	Tobacco Budworms
Sf	Tobacco Cutworms
Sf Sc	Webworms
Sf Sc	Weevil Grubs
Sf	Wireworm Aphids
Sc	Wireworms
Sf	Wood Borers
Sf Sc	Woolly Aphids
& More!	

Key: Hb - Heterohabditis bacteriophora

Sf - Steinernema feltiae

Sc - Steinernema carpocapsae