

In Nova Scotia it is most common on pears and apples, swarming over the trees in large numbers during the spring and early summer.

LIFE-HISTORY.

The emergence of the nymphs from the eggs commences several days before the apple blossom petals open, and continues for some time after they fall, a period, speaking generally, including the latter part of May and the first part of June. The duration of the nymphal stage is from 7 to 8 weeks.

Some days after emergence copulation takes place, and shortly after this, the eggs are laid. Selecting a suitable place, most frequently in the fruit spur, or a roughened surface on one of the smaller twigs, the female makes a puncture with her beak. She then draws herself forward and inserts her ovipositor in the spot, remaining thus for several minutes. She then removes her ovipositor, rests for several minutes, and selecting another suitable location, repeats the process.

There is only one brood a year, the winter being spent in the egg stage.

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