

Twospotted Collops Beetle

Twospotted collops beetle (*Collops bipunctatus*) is a generalist predator of insects and is a common resident of many cultivated crops grown in the region. In hemp it is likely feeding on aphids, nymphs of Lygus bugs, young stages of caterpillars and other small insects associated with the crop. Pollen may supplement the diet of the adult beetles.

Twospotted collops beetles can be found searching the crop throughout most of the season, and often are among the first insects one can easily observe in fields. Larval stages occur in soil and develop as predators of soil-dwelling insects. Both male and female adult insects are generally similar in appearance and size, but can be differentiated by the antennae, which are straight with the females and are distinctly enlarged at the base with the males.

Coleoptera: Melyridae



Twospotted collops beetle (male).



Twospotted collops beetle (female) feeding on alfalfa weevil larva. Photograph courtesy of Ken Gray Collection, Oregon State University.