

## Nut Weevil & Nut Gall Mite



### Nut Weevil

The nut weevil is a common pest of hazelnuts, cobnuts and filberts. The nut weevil bores a small hole in the shell of the miniature fruit and lays its eggs. These hatch into small, white maggots that feed on the kernel. There is usually only one larvae per nut. In August the fully grown larvae exits the hole and drops down and pupates in the soil. Usually only a small proportion of the crop is attacked. No method of chemical control is available. Cultivating the soil around the trees during the winter will destroy many over-wintering larvae and thereby reduce infestation levels the following spring.

### Nut Gall Mite

These mites are related to those that cause big bud in blackcurrants and infections become particularly noticeable from September onwards. They cause enlarged buds which fail to open, this becomes particularly noticeable from September onwards. The problem is not usually serious and infected buds or branches should be removed.

