

The **Red Palm Weevil** attacks Palms. While Palms are not native to Nevada, there are many ornamental Palms planted in the state. The adult insect is about 1 1/2 (1.5) inches long, black with a prominent red stripe on its back and it has a long snout. Larvae do the damage by tunneling in the trunk or at the base of the Palm fronds. Oozing sap and sawdust comes out of the tunnels; this material often smells fermented. New leaves die back, the top of the Palm may fall and sometimes the trunk of the Palm will break. Keeping the Palm healthy can help reduce infestations. Avoid drought stress and wounds to the trunk, and clean the Palm's top. This pest has not been identified in Nevada to date, but it has been found in California. For more information go to <http://www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/ho/2012/sp1206.pdf>