



Orange striped Flea Beetle

Orange striped flea beetle is a beetle that lives on the leaves by chewing holes or divots into the leaf. It looks like someone shot the leaves. The beetle jumps like a flea or flies, so they spread easily. The Larvae lives in the soil at the base of the plant impacting the root/fruit of the plant. The new beetle hatch in 7-10 days. Particularly damaging in spring and to young seedlings

They like; potatoes, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, broccoli, kale, cabbage, collards, Brussel sprout, beets Bok choy, radish and mustard, arugula.

Steps:

1. Place Diatomaceous Earth on the crop and at the base of the plant. It is a powder that is spiny on a microscopic level and it has a desiccating effect on small insects. Should be applied 2-3 times a week to be useful on flea beetles.
2. Add Nematodes. They are small soil-dwelling worms that can effectively kill the larval flea beetle.
 - a. Not an instant cure but will effect subsequent generations.
 - b. One application often works for multiple years.
3. Make a spray for the leaves
 - a. 2 cups rubbing alcohol
 - b. 5 cups water
 - c. 1 tbsp liquid soap.
4. Companion planting to repel these garden pests
 - a. Basil
 - b. Dill
 - c. Nasturtiums
 - d. Onions
 - e. Garlic
 - f. Borage
 - g. Lavender
5. Plants that encourage predators
 - a. Caraway
 - b. Fennel
 - c. Coriander
 - d. Marigolds

