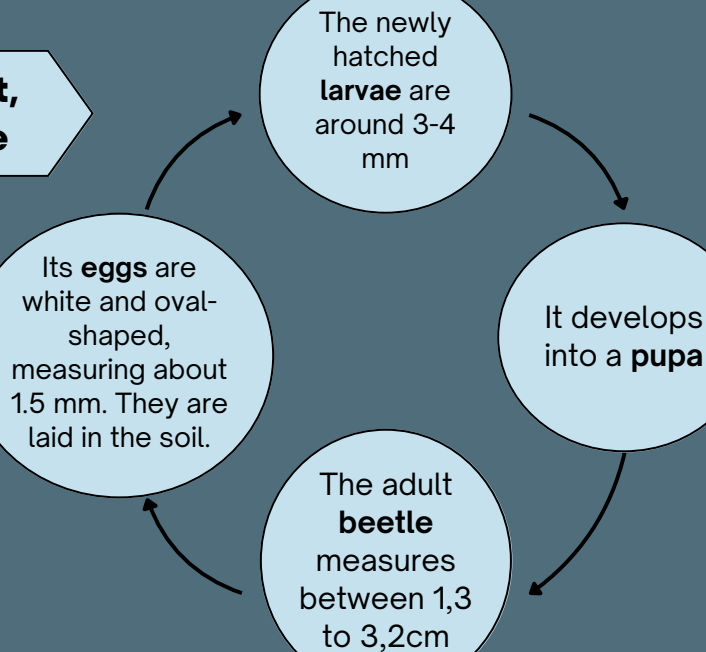


# The life cycles of two enemies in our forest

These two species are currently in the Little Prince forest. The first one is an unwanted guest that threatens some species of trees. The second one is its parasite. It was bought and sprayed on about 80 trees by millions.

## The Life Cycle of a *Capnodis tenebrionis*

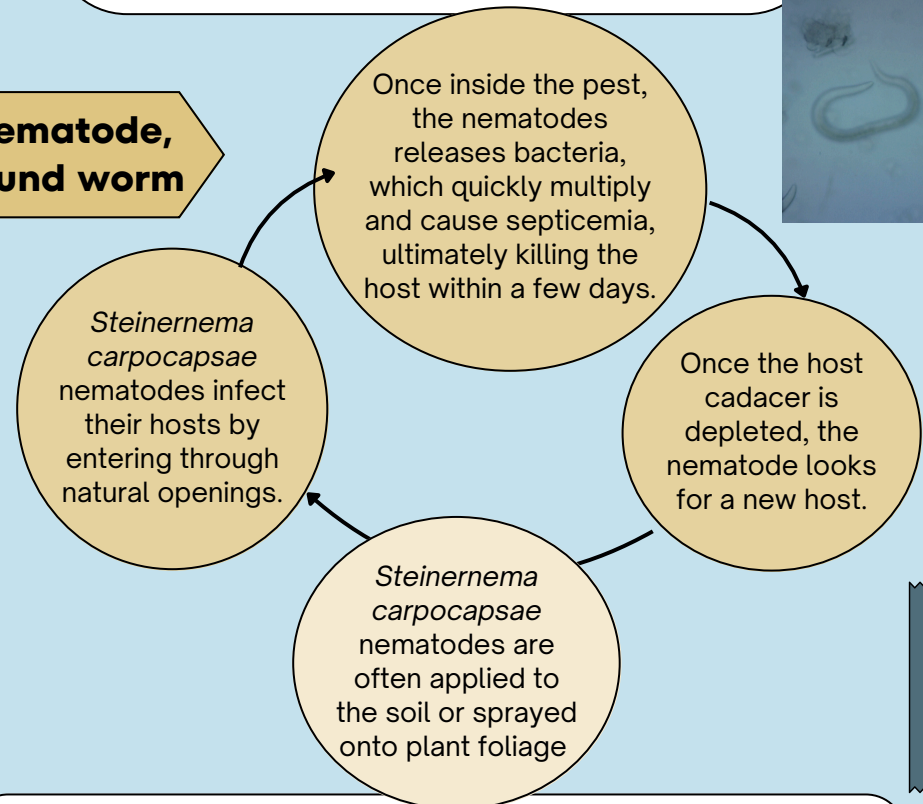
An insect,  
a beetle



The *Capnodis tenebrionis* is shiny grey or black colored with six patches. They live and develop in the soil, around the roots of trees like *Prunus* (almond, wild cherry), *Malus* (apple), *Pyrus* (pear). The beetle feeds on wood, hence its common name, **Flatheaded woodborer**. It's a **xylophagus insect**. As an adult, it also eats tree leaves.

## The Life Cycle of a *Steinernema carpocapsae*

A nematode,  
a round worm



The *Steinernema carpocapsae* is a nematode that lives in the soil. It is a type of parasite worm that feeds on insects like grubs, beetle larvae and caterpillars. They are parasitic, which means they infect their host and kill them. It is greyish and you can only see it with an optical microscope, because they are microscopic (1 to 5 mm)