

Female beetles deposit masses of eggs in crevices around the hive, or directly on pollen or brood combs. Beetles may puncture the wall or capping of a sealed cell and deposit eggs inside.

Adult beetles avoid the light, and tend to congregate in spaces inaccessible to honey bees. They may be observed running inside lids, on walls or across frames during hive inspections.

Eggs hatch in 2-4 days, and larvae immediately begin to search for food. The larvae may feed on pollen, honey or bee brood and eggs.

