



The beetle *Ophraella communa* : an enemy of Ambrosia!



This leaf beetle from the USA mainly feeds on ragweeds (*Ambrosia* species), which are noxious invasive plants all over Europe.

The beetle has recently reached Europe, and now lives in Northern Italy & Southern Switzerland.

Will it spread further in Europe?
To find this out...

**...tell us if you see it
around!**

<http://ragweed.eu/ophraella-survey/>

How to report? Many thanks!

Use our
iPhone App:
the SMARTER
Ambrosia Reporter



OR

- 1** Record the location (lieu, GPS position)
- 2** If possible, take a picture of the beetle
- 3** Send both to SMARTER@unifr.ch

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How to recognize? Look for...

Eggs



Adult



3 - 6 mm long
characteristic line pattern on back

Larva



On damaged Ambrosia plants



Pupa



Transparent
cocoon

