

DARWIN'S BARBERRY

Berberis darwinii

Berberidaceae



Darwin's barberry seed weevil

Two biological control agents, both weevils, have been approved for release against Darwin's barberry. One destroys the flower buds (*Anthonomus kuscheli*) and the other damages the fruits and seeds (*Berberidicola exaratus*). Efforts will be made to establish the seed weevil first and then the flower weevil if it is needed. It is hoped that by targeting the reproductive structures of the plant, these weevils will reduce the rate at which Darwin's barberry is spreading. Plant pathogens, which could potentially damage the plants themselves, are currently being studied to assess their potential.