Grape Cane Gallmaker

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The grape cane gallmaker, *Ampelodypter sesostris* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae), is a very minor pest of grapes in the eastern U.S. The reddish-brown adult weevils are approximately 0.3 cm long and have a distinctive curved snout. The grape cane gallmaker overwinters in the adult stage in debris on the ground. Egg-laying begins in May or June when shoots are from 25 to 50 cm long. In mid-summer adults begin to emerge from infested canes. Adult emergence continues through September. The gall-like swelling on the cane is caused by oviposition. Galls are usually twice as thick as the cane and 2 to 4 cm long. They are found just above the nodes and are of uniform shape except for a deep longitudinal scar on the side of the gall where the female made the egg cavity. Exit holes may also be found next to the scar.

References
