

Hymenoptera

Sawfly *Athalia* sp.



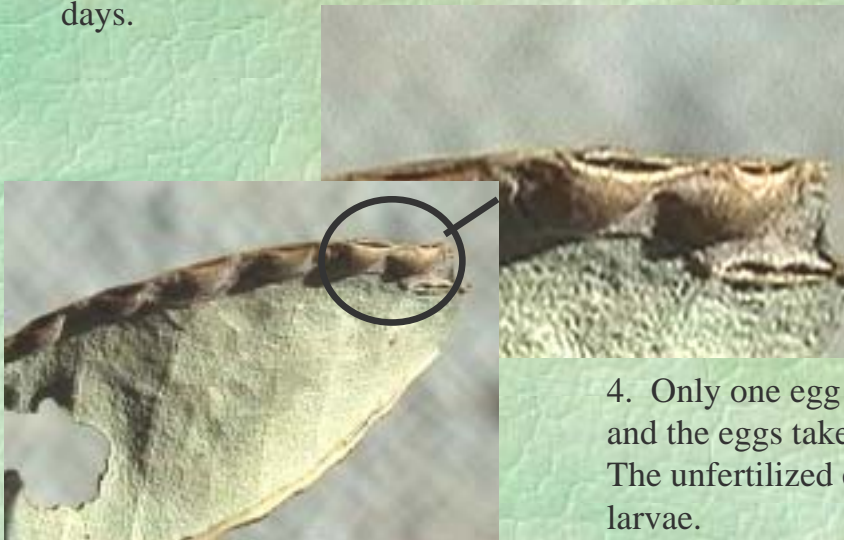
1. The larvae of the sawfly *Athalia* eating a Marula leaf. The larvae consumes about 2x their weight in a day. The larvae mature and then pupate in the soil for about 10 -13 days.



2. Marula tree stripped of leaves.



3. The adult Sawfly emerges from the ground and mates in the same day. The female lays eggs in the the leaves which she incises with her ovipositor which is adapted for sawing (hence the name).



4. Only one egg is layed in a chamber and the eggs take 6 to 8 days to develop. The unfertilized eggs produces male larvae.

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