

The life cycle comprises the overwintering adult beetles emerging from the soil in spring. Eggs are deposited in the soil near the base of a host plant. After eggs hatch, the larvae feed on roots and/or tubers. Pupation takes place in the **soil**. The number of generations for the different *Epitrix* species is still debated but at least one species has 2-3 generations per year. 4-5° C is suitable for survival of adults and possibly of pupae; it is not known if pupae cannot develop at 5°C. The species *E. similaris* and *E. cucumeris* disperse by flight and saltation.

