



## Arborists expect heavy beetle damage after spring floods

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OMAHA, Neb. (FOX 42 KPTM) — Arborists with ABS Tree Care expect more Japanese Beetles in the metro this year.

They say because there is so much water the beetles have been attracted to the area.

Japanese Beetles feed on more than 300 types of plants including crab apples, birch trees and rose bushes.

According to Orkin, beetles are attracted to plants by their smell or the scent of other Japanese Beetles.

When the beetles eat, they are typically in large groups and creating a 'skeletal appearance' on the plants when they are done.