

editor's note . . . Last year there was a problem, a quarantine, and helicopter and ground spraying. Yes, the Mediterrian Fruit fly. Let it be known this year it is ECTOMYELOIS CERATONIAE or the Carob Moth.

Since its discovery in November 1982 steady progress has been made towards defining the distribution of this pest in California. At this writing it has been discovered in Riverside, Imperial, San Diego, Los Angeles and Orange Counties. The California Department of Food and Agriculture's intensive survey showed the wide spread nature of the pest was so extensive that eradication of the Carob Moth is not feasible. Many other counties are being investigated with intensive interest in the San Joaquin Valley.

Trees infected, range from almonds, carobs, palms and dates to the fruit trees of citrus, apples, figs, peaches, pears, etc. So be aware there is another one on the loose and will keep you updated.

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