Insect Report

WTT's compilation of insect problems occurring in turfgrasses, trees, and ornamentals throughout the country.

Turf Insects

FALL ARMYWORM (Spodoptera frugiperda)  
Texas: Building up in eastern part of state. Moderate to heavy on lawns in Kaufman, Henderson, and Gillespie counties.

GREEN JUNE BEETLE (Cotinis nitida)  
Oklahoma: Larvae heavy and damaging turf in areas of Tulsa County.

FALL WEBSWORMS (Crambus spp.)  
Maryland: Isolated heavy damage reported at Bowie, Prince Georges County. Moths heavy in New Carrollton. Nebraska: Heavily damaging many lawns in Lincoln, Lancaster County.


AN ENGRAVER BEETLE (Corythucha spp.)  
North Carolina: Dominant species in worst epidemic in 10 years, affecting most of Piedmont and some adjacent mountain counties. Instaflations vary from few isolated trees to young pine plantations heavily hit.

LACE BUGS (Corythucha spp.)  

CATALPA SPHINX (Ceratomia catalpae)  
Ohio: Severe defoliation of catalpa trees in Franklin and Delaware counties, and widespread in several north-central counties.

ELM LEAF BEETLE (Pyrhaula ureata)  
New Mexico: Serious on elms in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County. Most common on Chinese elm. Texas: Reported on Chinese elms in Upton County. Utah: Defoliated about 25% of elms at Kanh, Kane County.

SMALLER EUROPEAN ELM BARK BEETLE (Scolytus multistriatus)  

NEARLY ELM BARK BEETLE (Scolytus scolytus)  
Florida: Dominant species in worst epidemic in 10 years, affecting most of Piedmont and some adjacent mountain counties. Instaflations vary from few isolated trees to young pine plantations heavily hit.

BAGWORM (Thyridopteryx ephemeraeformis)  
Delaware: Widely distributed and causing more injury than in recent years. Many decidious trees as well as evergreens infested. Maryland: Severe infestation, in pupal stage, on arborvitae at Kent Island.

ARBSER LUGG (Leptocoris trivittatus)  
Texas: Moderate to heavy on many ornamental plants and shade trees in southern part of Hood County.

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Rhode Island: A. cooleyi and A. abietis more evident than in recent years.

Compiled from information furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, university staffs, and WTT readers. Turf and tree specialist are asked to send reports of insect problems noted in their areas to: "Insect Reports TREES AND TURF, 1900 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

Trimmings

Scoped. WTT finds itself scooped in reporting Michigan State University's new asphalt layering process for reclaiming droughty, sand soils. The villain: weekly Time magazine. Developmental AFH's Chuck and Earl Erickson of MSU are receiving wide notice for their bituminous innovation. Big pitch for pitch, so to speak.

Bus Pass for Plants. Don't be surprised if an azalea or young maple is your traveling companion next time you leave the driving to a bus line. Big bus companies have recently announced that plants will be carried, and you again win bus travelers, after having been banned for several years. Shippers buying passes for their plants should check state laws; some still don't allow plants to be carried within their boundaries, and California continues to prohibit shipments through the state.

New Faces. Two new appointments have come to our attention this week. James V. Parrochetti will join the agronomy department at the University of Maryland. Jim is a Purdue graduate, who has completed requirements for his Ph. D. in weed control. A member of the Weed Society of America, he will do research and extension work in weed control at Maryland. The American Association of Nurserymen has also increased its staff. Philip E. Bacon becomes an administrative assistant for the trade association. He'll have general management duties and assist with the Horticultural Research Institute. Our congratulations to both appointees.

Read the What? No offense intended, but we think the University of Maryland extension service forgot to read something when it announced that "Larry the Label" is now available on bookmarks. Larry is a reminder, their release says, "to always read the directions before using any kind of pesticide." Fortunately, the marker itself urges: "Use pesticides safely, Read the label." We're glad of that; "Larry the Directions" just doesn't have the Damon Runyon-esque touch of "Larry the Label."

Birds Bomb Plans. For two years, the '66 meeting of the International Crop Improvement Association had been planned for Baltimore. Then, as time was drawing uneventfully to the date, the Baltimore birds won a baseball championship and crop scientists got the bird when the host hotel cut their allotment of rooms for the meeting. Reluctantly biding bye to baseball town, the group switched its meeting to Rochester, N.Y., at the last moment. There, away from world series hustle, delegates discussed, among other items, Kentucky bluegrasses and the New Jersey sod certification program.