Insect Report

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

TURF INSECTS

AN APHID
(Phopalosiphum padi)
CALIFORNIA: Heavy on grass and iris plants in Encanto, San Diego County.

GREEN JUNE BEETLE
(Cotinis nitida)
ALABAMA: This species and Phyllophaga spp. (white grubs) ranged 20-25 per square foot in Coastal Bermuda-grass in Cullman County.

A MAY BEETLE
(Phyllophaga tristis)
FLORIDA: First emergence of year noted in Gainesville area, Alachua County.

CHINCH BUG
(Blissus leucopterus)
KANSAS: Bunch grass samples collected in late February from 55 central and eastern counties. Total of 173 samples collected. Average number per square foot by district as follows: Northeast 0.89 (only in Riley County); east-central 14.0; southeast 17.3; north-central 0; central 67; south-central 95.6. Highest average counts above 100 per square foot by county; Morris 114 (range 0-4); Dickinson 222 (range 0-5); Marion 212 (range 0-5); Harvey 137 (range 0-150); Sedgwick 107 (range 0-21).

INSECTS OF ORNAMENTALS

A CHRYSAUGID MOTH
(Galasa nigrinodis)
VIRGINIA: Larvae on English boxwood light in Hanover County, medium in Charles City County, and light in Charlotte County.

A WALSHIID MOTH
(Periploca nigra)
CALIFORNIA: Heavy in juniper shrubs in Placerville, El Dorado County.

MINING SCALE
(Howardia biclavis)
FLORIDA: All stages severe on stems of undetermined number of 200 dombeya h y b r i d s, Dombeya sp., at Miami, Dade County. This is a new Florida Department of Plant Industry host record.

TEA SCALE
(Fiorinia theae)
ALABAMA: Heavy increase of crawlers noted on camellia and holly. Averaged 25-75 per leaf on heavily infested plants. Many growers applying controls.

TREE INSECTS

ELM LEAF BEETLE
(Pyrhralta luteola)
MICHIGAN: Taken in Wayne County.

SPRING CANKERWORM
(Paleacrita vernata)
MICHIGAN: Adults active in Muskegon and Ingham Counties.

FOREST TENT CATERPILLAR
(Malacosoma disstria)
COLORADO: Egg survey indicates populations will be same as in 1968 in Fort Collins area, Larimer County.

A SOFT SCALE
(Touneyella pinicola)
CALIFORNIA: This species and Phenacaspis pinifoliae (pine needle scale) medium on Monterey pine in Oakland, Alameda County.

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