

Avoiding creepy crawlies

Destructive Turfgrass Insects

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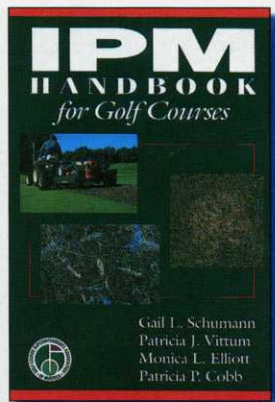
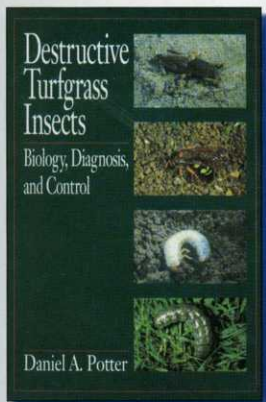
Designed primarily for the American market, this book never the less contains some useful, general information on the management and eradication of turf grass pests, including a general chapter on Turfgrass and Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Some of the references to insects, and mammals are of little concern to British greenkeepers eg. I have yet to hear of a nine banded armadillo damaging turf in this country. However, it does look at many pests which cause damage or threaten golfers, eg. wasps, on British golf courses. Care should be taken when considering chemicals to control pests as chemicals registered in the US may not be available here and vice versa. In general, this book, would be useful as a general reference book and a source of some very useful information if care is taken to ensure that the advice conforms with British Regulations. (The nine banded armadillo is found in the South Western States of the US and creates problems when digging for worms and grubs).

IPM Handbook for Golf Courses

by Gail Schumann, Patricia J Vittum, Monica L Elliott
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The joint authors of this book are all academics who have been involved in research on turfgrass diseases, insects, biological controls and pesticide application. The book originated from the ideas presented at a GCSAA seminar on IPM, which has been presented across the US. The book suggests that as more controls are introduced on the use of chemicals, greenkeepers need to introduce a system of pest and disease management which takes full advantage of natural checks and balances to keep turfgrass healthy. Each chapter gives detailed procedures for Site Assessment, Monitoring, Cultural Controls, Chemical Controls, Pest Management, New Technologies and How to Introduce an IPM Strategy. As in the previous book, some of the pests, diseases and control methods may not be familiar to British Greenkeepers, however, the general ideas and procedures are of value and this book would be a very good guide to anyone wishing to introduce an IPM plan or, indeed, anyone wishing to compare their methods to some used in the US.



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