

Insect Report



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



Turf Insects

A CHINCH BUG
(*Blissus insularis*)

Texas: Moderate in several lawns of St. Augustinegrass at Austin, Travis County. Early activity probably due to unseasonably warm weather.

RANGE CRANE FLY
(*Tipula simplex*)

California: Larvae heavy in rain gutters along concrete apron of freeway in Sacramento, Sacramento County. Crane flies appearing in several areas as result of more than normal rainfall. Continued wet weather may result in damaging infestations in turf.

Insects of Ornamentals

APHIDS

Alabama: (*Eulachnus*, spp.) continue to increase on pine needles in central section. *Aphis spiraeicola* eggs and some hatching noted on spires in central and southern areas. Light to medium numbers of aphids feeding on leaves and some blossoms developing as result of extended mild weather. Eggs heavy on stems and branches of these ornamentals. **Ari-**

zona: (*Macrosiphoniella sanborni*) heavy on ornamentals in yards throughout Yuma, Yuma County. **California:** (*Aphis gossypii*) adults heavy on crassula at Escondido, San Diego County; beginning to show on citrus also. *Myzocallis arundinariae* medium on bamboo nursery stock in San Diego County. **New Mexico:** (*Cinara*) species medium to heavy on arborvitae in Las Cruces; honeydew covered sidewalks. Light to heavy on ponderosa and pinyon pines in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County. **Oklahoma:** (*Cinara Tujafilina*) continues problem on evergreens in several areas of State.

DOGWOOD BORER

(*Thamnosphexia scitula*)

Alabama: Larvae numerous under bark and feeding on cambium layer of ornamental dogwood trees in central area. Some feeding by flickers observed. Larvae 2-10 on larger trees.

NANTUCKET PINE TIP MOTH

(*Rhyacionia frustrana*)

Oklahoma: Pupae present in 80 percent of ornamental pines checked in Sequoyah State Park, Wagoner County.

PEACH TREE BORER

(*Sanninoidea exitiosa*)

Alabama: Larvae severely damaged several flowering peach shrubs in Lee County. Larval feeding at and below ground line on peach, laurel-cherry and flowering peach during recent warm, balmy weather caused considerable amount of gum residue to accumulate around injured bark.

Tree Insects

BROWN SOFT SCALE

(*Coccus hesperidum*)

California: Heavy on redbud trees in Arcata, Humboldt County.

EASTERN TENT CATERPILLAR

(*Malacosoma americanum*)

Florida: Eggs hatching on wild plum and wild black cherry at Gainesville, Alachua County.

GIANT BLACK APHID

(*Longistigma caryae*)

Alabama: Large number of wingless females noted at location in Decatur, Morgan County; apparently leaving hibernation and seeking food source. This aphid heavy on oak trees at this location last year. **Texas:** Infesting shade trees in Beaumont, Jefferson County, and Orange, Orange County.

PINE NEEDLE SCALE

(*Phenacaspis pinifoliae*)

California: Heavy on Monterey pine trees in Gilroy, Santa Clara County. Medium on pine trees in Escondido, San Diego County. This scale insect has been very prevalent in past year in many areas.

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