

Insect Report

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

ORNAMENTALS

APHIDS (*Aphis* spp.)

Alabama: *A. spiraeola* eggs hatching on spirea plants in central and southern areas throughout winter; adults not abundant. Nymphs increased to 10-25 per branch tip in Lee county due to higher temperatures and more sunlight hours. **Arizona:** *A. spiraeola* heavy on young tip growth of many pyracantha plantings in Phoenix area, Maricopa County. *A. nerii* heavy on oleander terminals in Yuma, Yuma County.

PEA APHID (*Acyrtosiphon pisum*)

Arizona: Heavy on untreated snapdragon plantings in west Phoenix area, Maricopa County.

TULIP BULB APHID (*Dysaphis tulipae*)

Alabama: Heavy in several packages of iris bulbs shipped from an out-of-state nursery; moisture loss to bulbs and thousands of dead and dying aphids resulted.

TREE INSECTS

WHITE-PINE APHID (*Cinara strobi*)

Maryland: Eggs heavy on white pine needles at Bel Air, Harford County.

BARK BEETLES (*Dendroctonus frontalis*)

Maryland: Killed isolated loblolly pines in Worcester and Somerset Counties.

(*Ips* spp.)

New Mexico: Killing ponderosa pines at Los Alamos, Los Alamos County.

DOGWOOD BORER (*Thamnosphenia scitula*)

Alabama: Larvae active on warm days on dogwoods on lawns and streets in southern and central areas; some pupation evident.

EASTERN TENT CATERPILLAR (*Malacosoma americanum*)

Alabama: Egg clusters light, 0-3 per tree, on isolated cherry trees in Lee County; no hatch to date. Some egg masses partially destroyed, probably by birds.

AN ARMORED SCALE (*Hemiberlesia lataniae*)

California: Moderate on palm nursery stock in Fallbrook, San Diego County.

PINE NEEDLE SCALE (*Phenacaspis pinifoliae*)

Alabama: Very light on few loblolly and slash pine plantings in Lee County; lighter in area than in most years.

Compiled from information furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, university staffs, and WTT readers. Turf and tree specialists are urged to send reports of insect problems noted in their areas to: Insect Reports, WEEDS TREES AND TURF, 9800 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44102.

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