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Insect Report

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

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Turf Insects

APHIDS

(Aphis spp.) Arizona: Heavy in spots in Bermudagrass seed fields at Yuma Valley, Yuma County.

A BILLBUG

(Sphenophorus phoeniciensis) Arizona: Adults light in uprooted Bermudagrass sod at Phoenix, Arizona, Maricopa County.

RHODES-GRASS SCALE

(Antonina graminis)

Arizona: Moderate in crowns of Bermudagrass on many properties in Phoenix, Maricopa County.

A SNAIL (Rumina decollata)

Arizona: Feeding on dichondra lawn at residence in northwest Phoenix, Maricopa County.

Insects of Ornamentals

A CONIFER APHID

(Cinarà tujafilina) Alabama: Moderate to heavy on several 4- to 6-foot arborvitae planting; honeydew heavy.

AN ERIOPHYID MITE

(Calacarus adornatus) Alabama: Light on numerous camellia plants in central

area; up to 100+ per leaf damaging few plants.

HEMISPHERICAL SCALE (Saissetia coffeae) Florida: All stages severe on 3,000 coontie plants, Zamia floridana, at Tampa, Hillsborough County.

A PIT SCALE (Cerococcus deklei)

Florida: Adults severe on stems of 342 of 427 hibiscus plants at nursery in Miami, Dade County.

A SOFT SCALE (Ehrhornia cupressi)

California: Moderate on juniper nursery stock in Sunland, Los Angeles County

CUBAN-LAUREL THRIPS

(Gynaikothrips ficorum) California: Moderate on Ficus retusa in San Francisco.

San Francisco County, for a new county record. This is most northern find in State.

Tree Insects

BARK BEETLES

(Dendroctonus terebrans)

(Dendroctonus terebrans) Alabama: Adults and larvae inactive, 1-10 per tree, under bark of twenty 10 to 25-year-old loblolly and shortleaf pines at Lee County home. **Texas**: Total of 330 D. terebrans-infested trees treated in Davy Crockett and Angelina National Forests October through December. D. frontalis decreased to negligible level October through December. Total of 31 multiple-tree spots found over 4.5 million acres during detection flights in October. To-tal of 66 infestations involving 4,531 trees controlled by mid-November. D. brevicomis light in ponderosa pine stand in western area in October through December. Ins stand in western area in October through December. Ips. avulsus, I. grandicollis, and I. calligraphus activity con-tinued heavy October through December. Losses heav-iest in southeastern area; up to 25 percent tree mortality in localized areas.

Compiled from information fur-nished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, university staffs, and WTT readers. Turf and tree special-ists are urged to send reports of insect problems noted in their areas to: Insect Reports, WEEDS TREES AND TURF, 1900 Euclid Ave., Cleve-land, Ohio 44115.