

## Insect Report

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

### Turf Insects

**LEAFHOPPERS**  
(*Cuerna* spp.)

**Wyoming:** Large numbers on rangeland near Burns, Laramie County.

### Insects of Ornamentals

**APHIDS**

(*Neophyllaphis podocarpi*)

**California:** Nymphs and adults heavy on podocarpus nursery stock at San Jose, Santa Clara County. *Takecalis arundinariae* nymphs and adults medium on bamboo plants at Sacramento, Sacramento County. **Arizona:** *Aphis nerii* moderate on oleander terminals in plantings in Salt River Valley, Maricopa County; parasitism heavy.

**LESSER PEACH TREE BORER**

(*Synanthedon pictipes*)

**Alabama:** Constant girdling killed about half of 40 laurelcherry shrubs (5-8 feet tall) used as highway ornamentals; several others dying. First adult emergence occurred from these plantings. Pupae ranged 20-50 per plant under bark.

**SPIDER MITES**

(*Oligonychus* spp.)

**Arizona:** *O. ununguis* heavy on juniper and *O. platani* heavy on many pyracantha shrubs in Tucson, Pima County.

### Tree Insects

**A BARK BEETLE**

(*Orthotomicus caelatus*)

**Delaware:** Adult collected in blacklight trap in Dover, Kent County. Occurs in eastern Canada and in the United States as far south as Florida. Breeds in all species of pine and in spruce, larch, and fir. This bark beetle is an important secondary invader, often attacking weakened trees. With other bark beetles, often attacks and kills apparently healthy trees.

**EASTERN TENT CATERPILLAR**

(*Malacosoma americanum*)

**Alabama:** First and second instars 25-100 per small tent in many wild cherry trees from gulf coast counties north through central area. **Oklahoma:** Second instars on native plum trees in Major and Payne Counties.

**SPRING CANKERWORM**

(*Paleacrita vernata*)

**Nebraska:** Males abundant at lights in Lincoln, Lancaster County. **Wisconsin:** Males flying at windows on warm evenings.

**NOCTUID MOTHS**

(*Lithophane laticinerea*)

(*Eupsilia morrisoni*)

**Wisconsin:** Appearing in blacklight trap at Madison.

**WHITE-MARKED TUSSOCK MOTH**

(*Hemerocampa leucostigma*)

**Nebraska:** Egg masses common on deciduous trees in and around Lincoln, Lancaster County. Some defoliation possible.

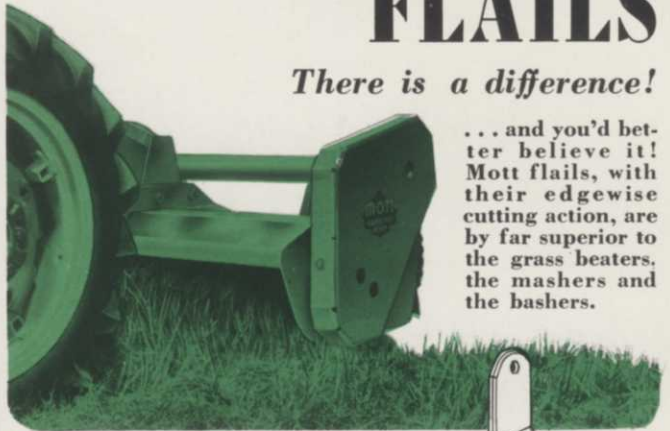
**A CONIFER SAWFLY**

(*Neodiprion taedae linearis*)

**Arkansas:** No egg hatch observed in southern area week of March 11. Hatch well underway in mid-March 1967. Probably due to cool weather in 1968.

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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