

Insect Report

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



TURF INSECTS

A FLEA BEETLE

(*Chaetocnema opacula*)

OREGON: Adults collected in Merion bluegrass sample at Central Point, Josephine County. This is a new state record.

SOUTHERN CHINCH BUG

(*Blissis insularis*)

CALIFORNIA: Infested Bermuda and St. Augustine grasses at Sacramento, Sacramento County, for a new county record.

AUSTRALIAN SOD FLY

(*Altermetoponia rubriceps*)

CALIFORNIA: Larvae heavy in lawns and turf in city parks at South San Francisco, San Mateo County.

TWO-LINED SPITTLEBUG

(*Prosapia bicincta*)

ALABAMA: Adults heavy, 1 per 9 square feet of lawn grass in Opelika and Auburn area of Lee County.

INSECTS OF ORNAMENTALS

A JAPANESE WEEVIL

(*Pseudocneorhinus bifasciatus*)

MARYLAND: On honeysuckle at Sudlersville, Queen Annes County, for a new county record.

TREE INSECTS

BAGWORM

(*Thyridopteryx ephemeraeformis*)

WEST VIRGINIA: Heavy on 3-4 acres of white pine in Wirt County. IOWA: Collected at Primghar, O'Brien County, for a new county record.

SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE

(*Dendroctonus frontalis*)

TEXAS: Activity peaked in June with 540 new multiple tree spots in 6-million acre outbreak area. Activity began decrease in early July, reached low of 88 new spots in August, rose to 119 in September. September increase probably due to extra flights, not population increase. Spot size and activity also decreased. All spots 70-80 percent inactive. Utilization, primary control on federal, company, and small holdings throughout area.

TWO-SPOTTED SPIDER MITE

(*Tetranychus urticae*)

CALIFORNIA: Heavy; damaged poplars at Yuba City, Sutter County.

A NOTODONTID MOTH

(*Symmerista albifrons*)

TEXAS: Heavy on oaks at Bryan and College Station, Brazos County.

FALL WEBWORM

(*Hyphantria cunea*)

NEW MEXICO: Light to very heavy on shade trees in Pecos and Mesilla Valleys.



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