—insect report—

INSECTS OF ORNAMENTALS

BAMBOO APHID

(Takecallis arundinariae)

MARYLAND: Specimens reared from dwarf bamboo (Shibataea kumasasa) near Chevy Chase, Montgomery County, May 5-10, 1972. This is a new state record and a new record for the Eastern U.S. This species, known previously from California and Oregon, discovered on foliage of its host grown as potted house plant taken in November 1971 near Purcellville, Loudoun County, Virginia. Examination of original planting and five additional bamboo species during May showed no indication of infestation.

BAGWORM

(Thyridopteryx ephemeraeformis)

ARKANSAS: Heaviest infestations seen in years on untreated evergreen shrubs in Fayetteville area. OKLAHOMA: Damage heavy (70-90 percent defoliation) on sycamore trees in scattered areas of southern Mayes County. Also noted on young black locust in area.

PLUME MOTH

(Platyptilia pica crataea)

CALIFORNIA: Larvae damaged pelargonium nursery plants in Smith River, Del Norte County; and geranium plants in Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County, and in Sacramento, Sacramento County.

TREE INSECTS

(Adelges cooleyi)

PENNSYLVANIA: Much heavier than previous years on many spruce at residences and in Christmas tree plantations in and near Auburn, Schuylkill County.

ELM LEAF BEETLE

(Pyrrhalta luteola)

NEW MEXICO: Leaves on most Siberian elms in northern San Juan County skeletonized by heavy populations.

SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE

(Dendroctonus frontalis)

ARKANSAS: Minor outbreak occurred in southeastern Ashley County. About 200 trees at each of 6 locations in area infested.

JACK PINE BUDWORM

(Choristoneura pinus)

MICHIGAN: Infesting most jack pine stands throughout northern Lower Peninsula. Larvae heavy in northern Ogemaw County, browning of foliage obvious throughout most of Crawford County. Damage appears less than in 1971 in southeast Grand Traverse County.

FALL CANKERWORM

(Alsophila pometaria)

WEST VIRGINIA: Larvae caused 70-80 percent defoliation of maple, oak, and other trees on 1,900 acres in Dolly Sods area of Tucker County. MICHIGAN: Defoliated several square miles of forest in southwest Cass County.



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