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—insect report—

TREE INSECTS

CALIFORNIA FIVESPINED IPS (*Ips confusus*)

CALIFORNIA: Hundreds of ornamental Monterey pine trees killed around bay area and into Santa Clara County. Some very large, old trees are dead or dying.

A GALL MIDGE (*Taxodiomyia cupressiananassa*)

INDIANA: Galls of this species found under bald cypress trees (*Taxodium distichum*) in Warrick, Spencer, and Perry Counties December 7, 1972. These are new county records.

GYPSY MOTH (*Porthetria dispar*)

MARYLAND: Five egg masses recovered near Hagerstown, Washington County, November 24, 1972. Egg masses also recovered near Darlington Harford County, December 6, 1972. These are new county records.

NANTUCKET PINE TIP MOTH (*Rhyacionia frustrana*)

ALABAMA: One to 4 pupae per tip on 15-50 percent of all 6 to 8-foot pine trees along highway planting in Macon County.

WALKINGSTICK (*Diapheromera femorata*)

TEXAS: Taken October 27, 1972, at Lufkin, Angelina County. This is a new county record.

INSECTS OF ORNAMENTALS

AN ARMORED SCALE (*Pseudaonidia paeoniae*)

SOUTH CAROLINA: Light on azaleas at residence in Newberry County. This is a new county record.

EUONYMUS SCALE (*Unaspis euonymi*)

SOUTH CAROLINA: Specimens taken from euonymus in Williamsburg County November 29, 1972. This is a new county record.

TEA SCALE (*Hemileuca oliviae*) (*Fiorinia theae*)

ALABAMA: All stages occurring on several hundred plants examined in Lee County during the week ending January 12. This scale continues to be the most important insect affecting camellia throughout State.

TURF INSECTS

RANGE CATERPILLAR

NEW MEXICO: Egg clusters light to heavy on native grass in Chaves and Lincoln Counties.

AN ARMORED SCALE (*Odonaspis saccharicaulis*)

FLORIDA: Taken on pangolagrass (*Digitaria decumbens*) at Fort Drum, Okeechobee County, November 21, 1972. This is a new county record.

BENEFICIAL INSECTS

A LADY BEETLE (*Coleomegilla maculata*)

MISSISSIPPI: Thousands of adults taken from bases of cottonwood trees in many Delta counties; confirmed from Washington, Sunflower, and Bolivar Counties. Also taken from ground trash, surrounding fields in Oktibeha County.