

—insect report—

INSECTS OF ORNAMENTALS

EASTERN TENT CATERPILLAR (*Malacosoma americanum*)

TEXAS: Reported in crab apple and plum in Brazos County. Populations appear very light this year in most central area counties.

WHITEFLY (*Aleuroplatus berbericolus*)

NEW MEXICO: Collected from *Mahonia* sp. at Roswell, Chaves County. This is a new State record.

SOFT SCALE (*Ceroplastes ceriferus*)

SOUTH CAROLINA: Light on euonymus in Marlboro County. This is a new county record.

PIT SCALE (*Cerococcus deklie*)

FLORIDA: Adults general on stems of 10 Coastal Plain willow trees (*Salix caroliniana*) at country club in Miami, Dade County. This is a new host record in State.

TREE INSECTS

SOUTHERN PINE BETTLE (*Dendroctonus frontalis*)

ALABAMA: Nearly grown larvae of *D. frontalis* and *D. terebrans* (black turpentine beetle) heavy in 5 to 25 dead and dying pines near Chewacla Park, Lee County. Two of these 40-foot pines practically cleaned of bark. Beetle broods fed on by flickers and sap suckers, but still numerous enough to bring on population explosion in this 200-acre tract of pine timber. Several new pitch tubes of *D. terebrans* observed in area; beetles moved in on these and nearby pines during past 30 days of warm temperatures. About 500 pines killed in Mount Olive area of Jefferson County; many more trees on area infested. Full-grown larvae and pupae collected.

SEQUOIA PITCH MOTH (*Vespa mima sequoiae*)

WASHINGTON: Larvae ranged 2-10 per tree on ten 10-foot tall ponderosa pines at Centralia, Lewis County. Pitch masses ranged 1-10 per tree on 10 of fifty 10 to 25-foot tall ponderosa pines at Bellevue, King County.

PINE SPITTLEBUG (*Aphorophora parallela*)

TENNESSEE: Active on Scotch pine much earlier than normal in western area.

EASTERN TENT CATERPILLAR (*Malacosoma americanum*)

SOUTH CAROLINA: Moderate larval infestation noted on cherry in Marlboro County. This is a new county record. ALABAMA: Larvae in cherry and other trees in several southern counties nearing full growth. TENNESSEE: Active on wild cherry in central and western areas; webbing very apparent in some areas. Emergence very early this year; no damage to date. KENTUCKY: Egg hatch about 50 percent complete in central area.

FALL WEBWORM (*Hyphantria cunea*)

NEW MEXICO: First adult of season taken in light trap at Las Cruces, Dona Ana County.

OLETHREUTID MOTHS (*Rhyacionia* spp.)

NEW MEXICO: *R. neomexicana* moth reared from pupae near Ruidoso, Lincoln County. This is a new county and forest record. CALIFORNIA: *R. bushnelli* pupae moderate in tips of shoots of Monterey pine trees in El Cajon and Santee, San Diego County.

WHITEFLY (*Aleurochiton forbesi*)

NEW JERSEY: Collected from *Acer platanoides* (Norway maple) at Lake Hopatcong near Rockaway, Morris County. This is a new State record.

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