

# Common and Invasive Pests of Stonefruits:

## Peaches and Nectarines – Arthropods



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# Background

Tree in leaf



Tree in bloom



Flower



Nectarine fruit



Peach fruit



Young fruit

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# Arthropod Pests

## Directly

- Oriental Fruit Moth
- Peach Twig Borer
- Plum Curculio
- Western Flower Thrips
- Spotted Wing Drosophila
- Plant bugs and Stink bugs
- Peach Fruit Fly
- Mediterranean Fruit Fly

## Indirectly

- Peachtree Borer
- Lesser Peachtree Borer
- White Peach Scale
- San Jose Scale



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# Arthropod Pests

- The fruit of peaches and nectarines can be affected directly by the Oriental Fruit Moth.
  - Invasive species thought to have come from Asia between 1913 and 1916.
  - Cosmopolitan in distribution now



# Arthropod Pests

- Description of Oriental Fruit Moth



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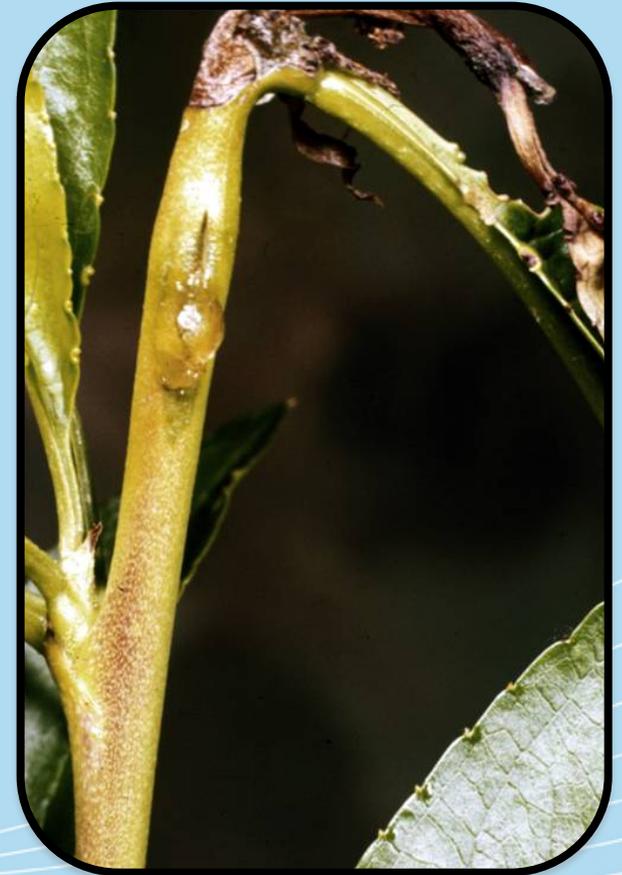
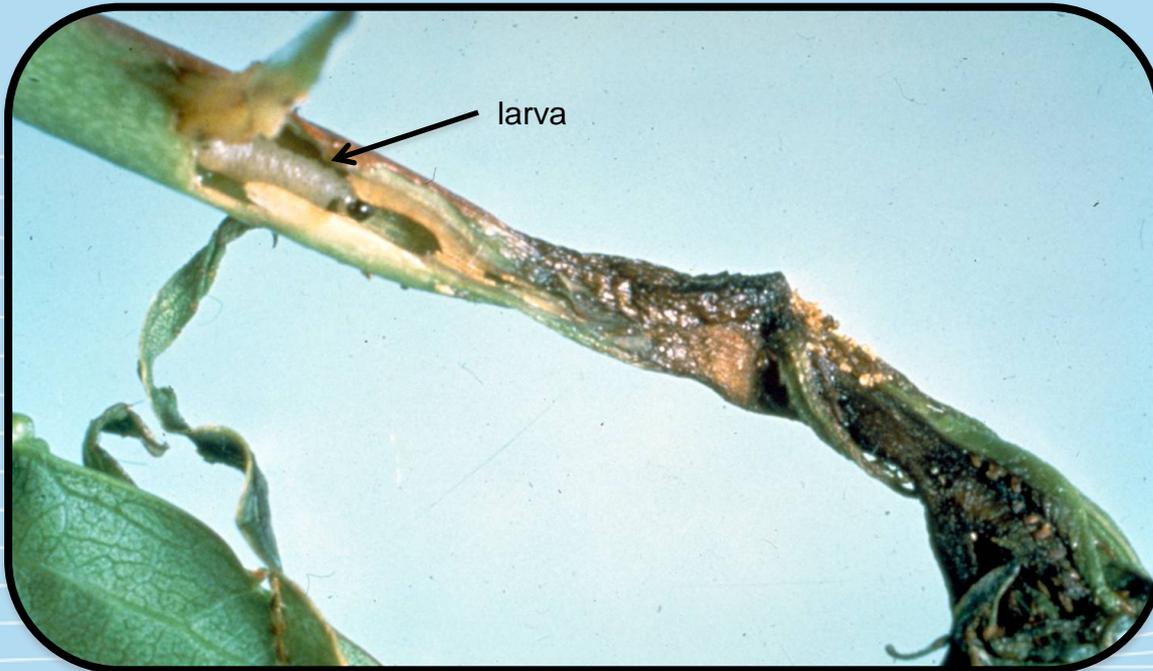


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# Arthropod Pests

- Oriental Fruit Moth damage on stems



# Arthropod Pests

- Oriental Fruit Moth damage leaves and fruit



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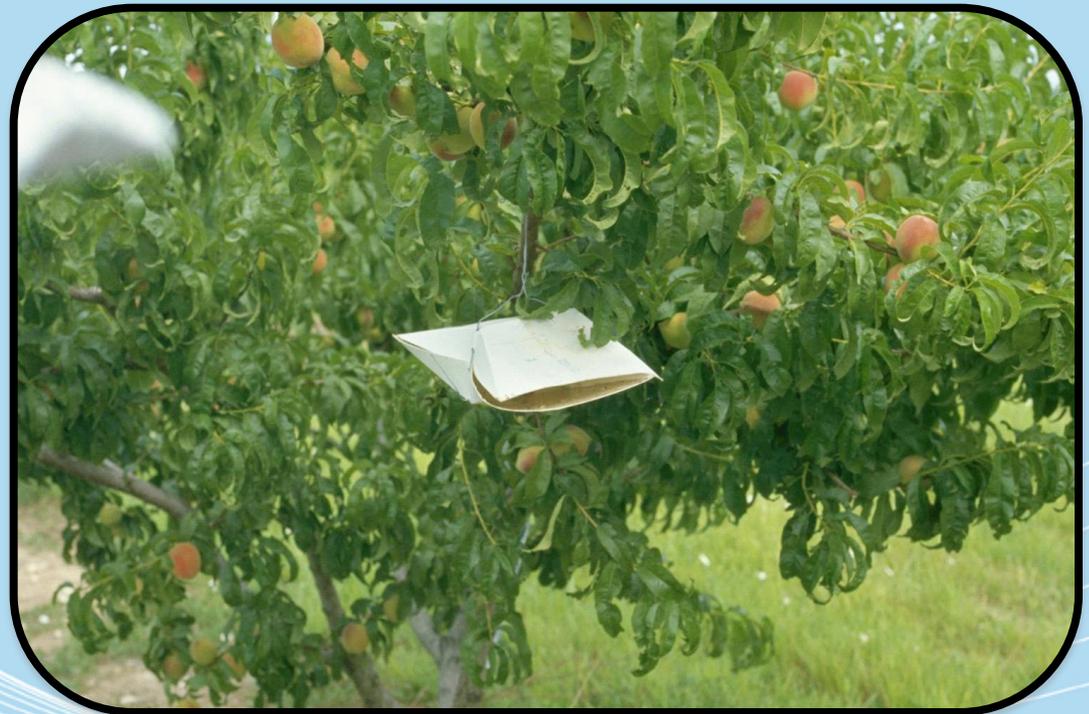


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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Oriental Fruit Moth: Monitoring
  - Daily until first adults are caught, then weekly
  - Replace lure every 4 to 6 weeks
  - Examine fruit as well



# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Oriental Fruit Moth: Chemical control\*
  - Apply insecticides based on same biofix point
    - First generation
      - spray first between 75 and 175 DD then again 175 DD after that
    - Second generation
      - First spray 850-950 DD or 1150-1200 DD and again 300 DD later
    - Third generation
      - 1800-1900 DD or 2100-2200 DD and again 300 DD (10-18 days) later
  - Chlorantraniliprole, flubendiamide, methoxyfenozide, spinetoram, phosmet, indoxacarb, esfenvalerate, spinosad, and carbaryl are recommended
  - Mating disruption treatments are also available for this moth

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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Oriental Fruit Moth: biological control
  - Encourage populations of braconid wasp *Macrocentrus ancylivorus* by planting sunflowers
  - Cannot use broad spectrum pesticides



Macrocentrus sp.



# Arthropod Pests

- The fruit of peaches and nectarines can be affected directly by the Peach Twig Borer.
  - Invasive species from Europe introduced in 1860
  - Important pest of peaches in the western U.S.



# Arthropod Pests

- Description of Peach Twig Borer



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# Arthropod Pests

- Peach Twig Borer damage on stems



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# Arthropod Pests

- Peach Twig Borer damage on leaves and fruit



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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Peach Twig Borer: monitoring
  - Use pheromone baited traps to time the application of insecticides
    - 2 traps per orchard placed 6-7 feet in canopy
    - Check every 1 to 2 days until first moth is caught, then check daily
    - Biofix point = more than 2 moths in 2 consecutive nights
    - For second generation, begin monitoring at 900 DD
  - Monitor for shoot strikes
    - May be able to see at 400 DD, but definitely by 700 to 800 DD
  - Monitor fruit as well for damage



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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Peach Twig Borer: cultural and chemical control\*
  - Cultural
    - Prune and destroy infected twigs
  - Chemical
    - Bloom time - spinosad, methoxyfenozide, spinetoram, chlorantraniliprole, and diflubenzuron
    - Post bloom - endosulfan, azinphosmethyl, phosmet, spinetoram, chlorantraniliprole, flubendeiamide, methoxyfenozide, spinosad, esfenvalerate, and carbaryl
    - Dormant time - oil plus methidathion or endosulfan or spinetoram, or spinosad, or diflubenzuron
    - Mating disruption techniques can be used

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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Peach Twig Borer: Biological control
  - *Formica aerata*, the gray field ant
  - *Copidosoma varicorne*, a chalcid wasp
  - *Euderus lividus*, another chalcid wasp
  - *Macrocentrus ancylivorus*, a braconid wasp
  - *Pyemotes ventricosus*, the grain or itch mite
  - Applications of *Bacillus thuringiensis*
    - 2 to 3 sprays, 5 to 7 days apart



# Arthropod Pests

- The fruit of peaches and nectarines can be affected directly by the Plum Curculio.
  - Native to U.S.
  - Problematic in eastern U.S.



# Arthropod Pests

- Description of Plum Curculio



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# Arthropod Pests

- Plum Curculio damage on leaves and fruit

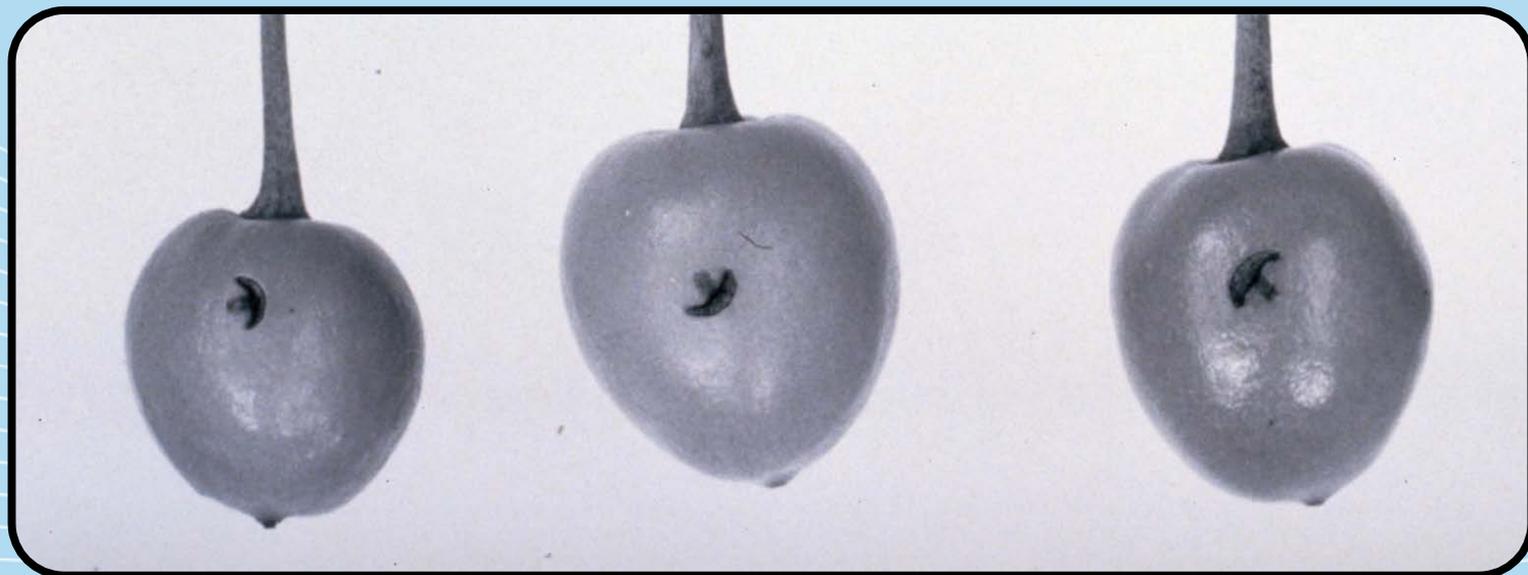


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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Plum Curculio: Monitoring
  - Pyramid traps
    - Begin DD calculation when temperatures reach 70°F for two consecutive days
    - Baited with plum essence or benzaldehyde
    - Deployed at 2 to 4 per block
    - Check twice weekly
      - At 50 to 100 DD, you should have adults in the trap
    - Check fruit as well beginning at 50 to 100 DD for damage
  - Can also use the “beat sheet” method



# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Plum Curculio: Chemical control\*
  - Phosmet, thiamethoxam, carbaryl, malathion, esfenvalerate, and permethrin are recommended
  - In areas with 2 generations or more
    - Spray on a 14 day schedule
  - Dormant season spraying for overwintering populations
    - 2 to 3 sprays at 10 to 14 day intervals

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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Plum Curculio: Biological and Cultural control
  - Other techniques for control of this pest are being looked at
    - Entomopathogenic nematodes, cellulose sheeting, and finely ground kaolin particle films
  - Removal of fallen fruit will help control this year's adult population
  - Clean up of orchard debris will control next year's population



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# Arthropod Pests

- The fruit of peaches and nectarines can be affected directly by the Western Flower Thrips.
  - Particularly problematic in arid production areas
    - Such as the southwestern United States



# Arthropod Pests

- Description of Western Flower Thrips



immature



adult

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# Arthropod Pests

- Western Flower Thrips



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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Western Flower Thrips: Monitoring
  - Shake the flowers over a white piece of paper
  - Seal buds in bag and let them be warmed by the sun



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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Western Flower Thrips: Cultural, Biological, and Chemical control\*
  - Cultural control
    - Manage weeds in the orchard and don't disc in spring
  - Biological control
    - Several have been tested, but none produce significant control of the pest population
  - Chemical control
    - Difficult due to behavior of the pest
    - Spinosad, spinetoram, methomyl, abamectin, and formetanate hydrochloride are recommended

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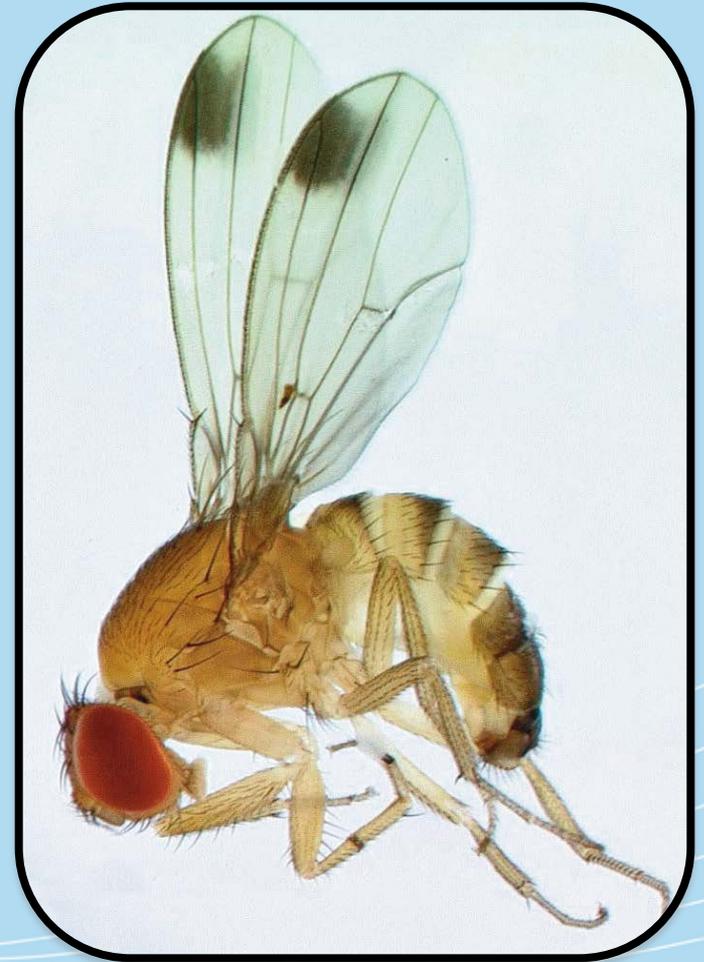


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# Arthropod Pests

- The fruit of peaches and nectarines can be affected directly by the Spotted Wing Drosophila.
  - Spread to throughout the eastern United States and along the Pacific coast.



# Arthropod Pests

- Description of Spotted Wing Drosophila

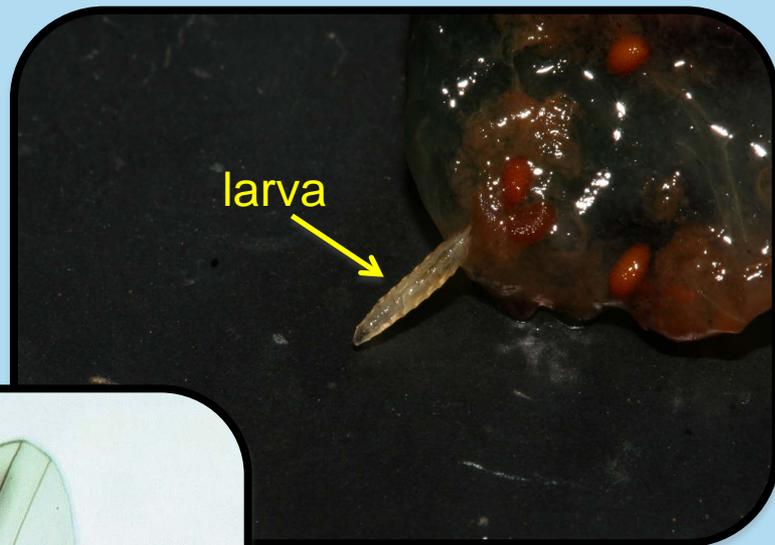
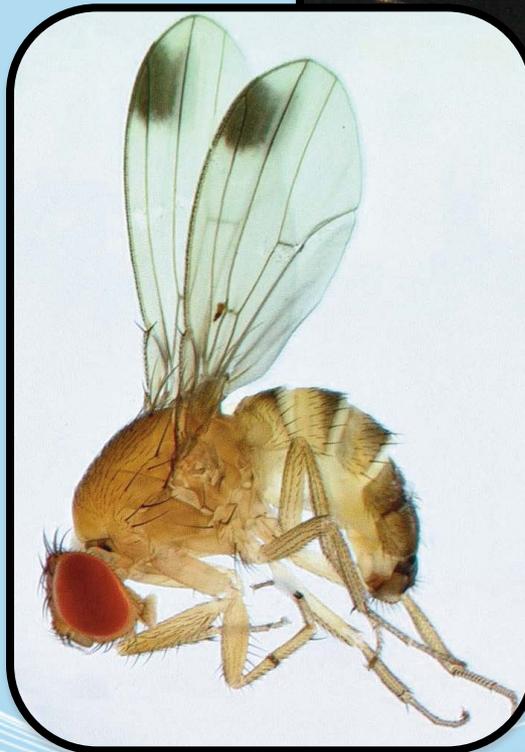
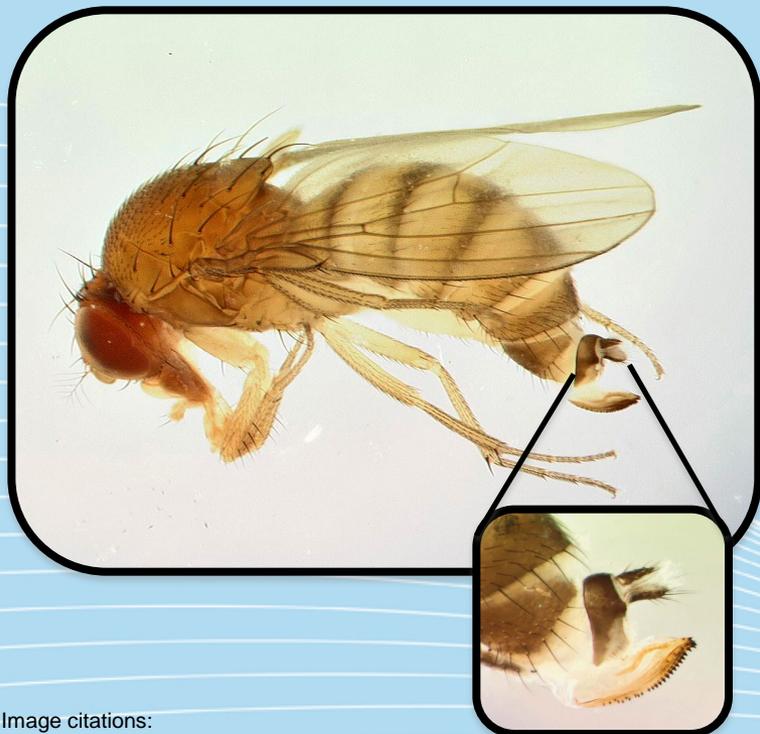


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# Arthropod Pests

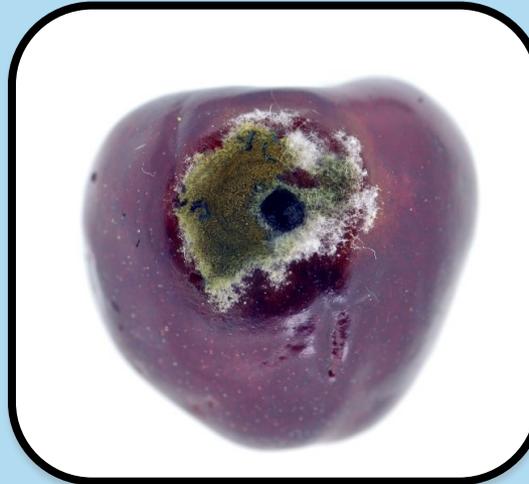
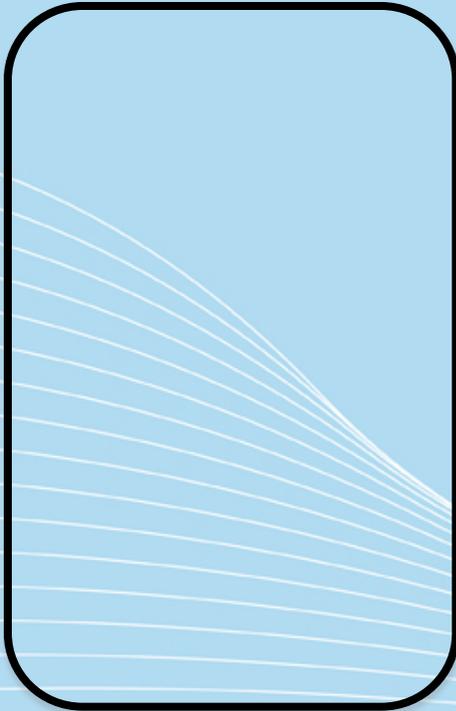
- Spotted Wing Drosophila damage on fruit



undamaged

damaged

“pin pricks”  
left by  
ovipositor



# Arthropod Pests



- Managing Spotted Wing Drosophila: Monitoring
  - Building or purchasing traps
  - Using bait for the traps
  - Inspecting the fruit itself for puncture marks



# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Spotted Wing Drosophila: Chemical control\*
  - Malathion
  - Spinetoram
  - Spinosad
  - Zeta-cypermethrin
  - Diazinon
  - Imidacloprid

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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Spotted Wing Drosophila: Biological and Cultural control
  - Biological control
    - Not much is known
      - Wasps in the families Diapriidae, Braconidae, and Cynipidae are possible candidates
      - *Orius insidiosus*
      - Predaceous bugs (i.e. big-eyed bugs and other minute pirate bugs) and lacewing larvae
  - Cultural control
    - Cull fruit, keep processing area and equipment clean, harvest frequently, and mow after harvest
    - Create a physical barrier if possible



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# Arthropod Pests

- The fruit of peaches and nectarines can be affected directly by plant bugs and stink bugs.
  - Plant bugs
    - Tarnished plant bug (*Lygus lineolaris*)
    - Western tarnished plant bug (*Lygus hesperus*)
    - Pale legume bug (*Lygus elisus*)
  - Stink bugs
    - Green stink bug (*Chinavia hilare*)
    - Brown stinkbug (*Euschistus servus*)
    - Conspere stink bug (*Euschistus conspersus*)
    - Brown marmorated stink bug (*Halyomorpha halys*).



# Arthropod Pests

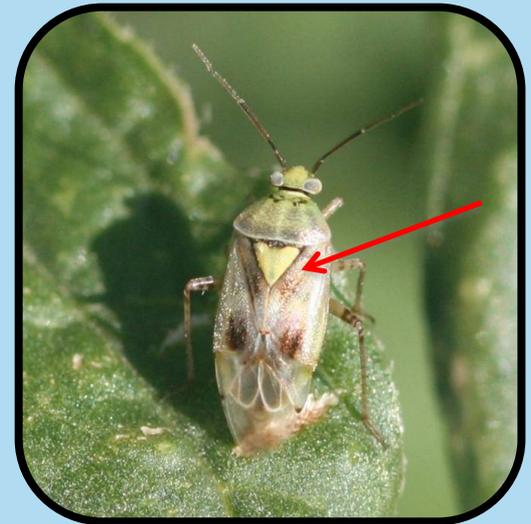
- Description of the plant bugs



*Lygus lineolaris*



Piercing mouthpart



*Lygus elisus*



*Lygus hesperus*

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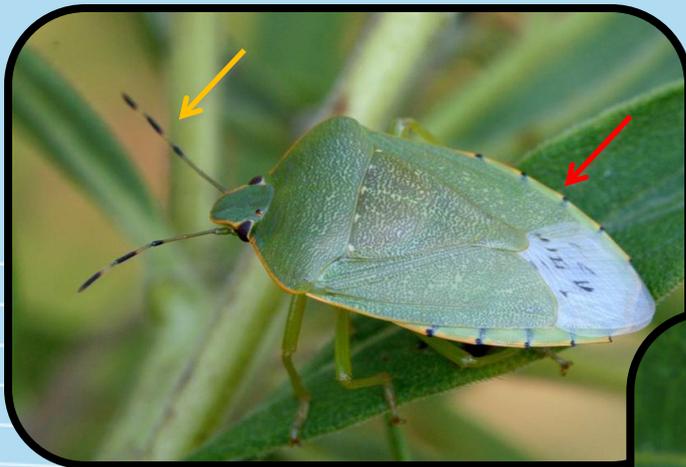


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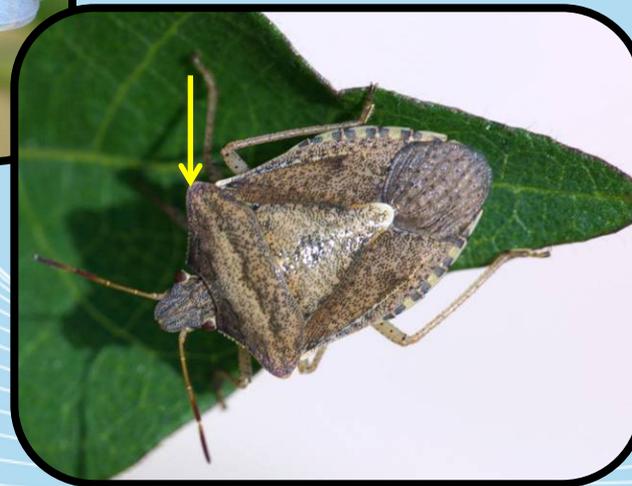
- Description of the stink bugs



*Chinavia hilare*



Piercing mouthpart



*Euschistus servus*



*Euschistus conspersus*

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# Arthropod Pests

- Description of the brown marmorated stink bug



# Arthropod Pests

- Damage on fruit



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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing plant bugs and stink bugs:  
Monitoring
  - Using a beat sheet or sweep net
  - Inspecting fruit
  - Trapping with white traps or yellow traps baited with pheromones



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# Arthropod Pests

## Managing plant bugs and stink bugs: Chemical control\*

- Plant bugs
  - Esfenvalerate
  - Phosmet
  - Formetanate hydrochloride
  - Methomyl
  - Indoxacarb
- Stink bugs
  - Indoxacarb
  - Formetanate hydrochloride
  - Carbaryl
  - Endosulfan
  - Esfenvalerate

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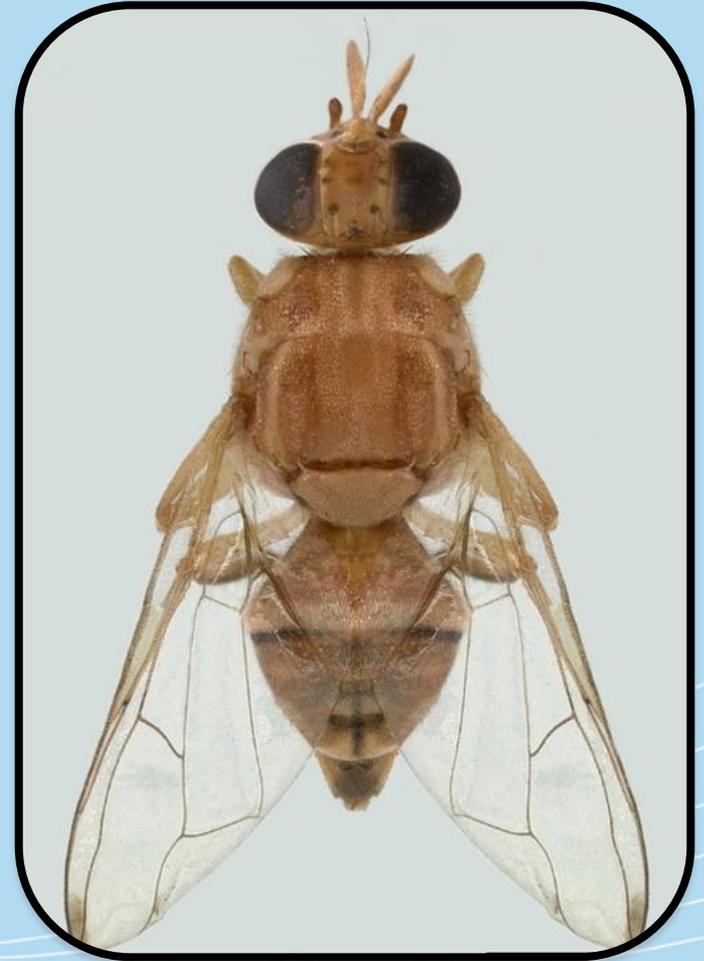
# Arthropod Pests

- Managing plant bugs and stink bugs: Biological and Cultural control
  - Biological control
    - *Trissolcus halymorphae* (a parasitic wasp)
    - Generalist predators
  - Cultural control
    - Mow overwintering hosts of these pests (before green fruit is present) .
    - Clean debris from orchard floor that might serve as overwintering hosts for these pests.



# Arthropod Pests

- The fruit of peaches and nectarines can be affected directly by the Peach Fruit Fly.
  - Not established in the U.S., but intercepted quite often.



# Arthropod Pests

- Description of the Peach Fruit Fly



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# Arthropod Pests



- Damage by the Peach Fruit Fly on fruit



# Arthropod Pests

- Managing the Peach Fruit Fly: Monitoring



Jackson trap



Delta trap

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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing the Peach Fruit Fly: Chemical control\*
  - Adult males
    - Methyl eugenol and an insecticide
  - Adult females
    - Protein source and an insecticide
  - Pupae
    - Diazinon



McPhail trap

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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing the Peach Fruit Fly: Cultural control
  - Fruit stripping
  - Removal of fallen fruit
  - Wrapping or bagging fruit



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# Arthropod Pests

- The fruit of peaches and nectarines can be affected directly by the Mediterranean Fruit Fly.
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# Arthropod Pests

- Description of the Mediterranean Fruit Fly



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# Arthropod Pests

- Damage on fruit by the Mediterranean Fruit Fly



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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing the Mediterranean Fruit Fly: Monitoring

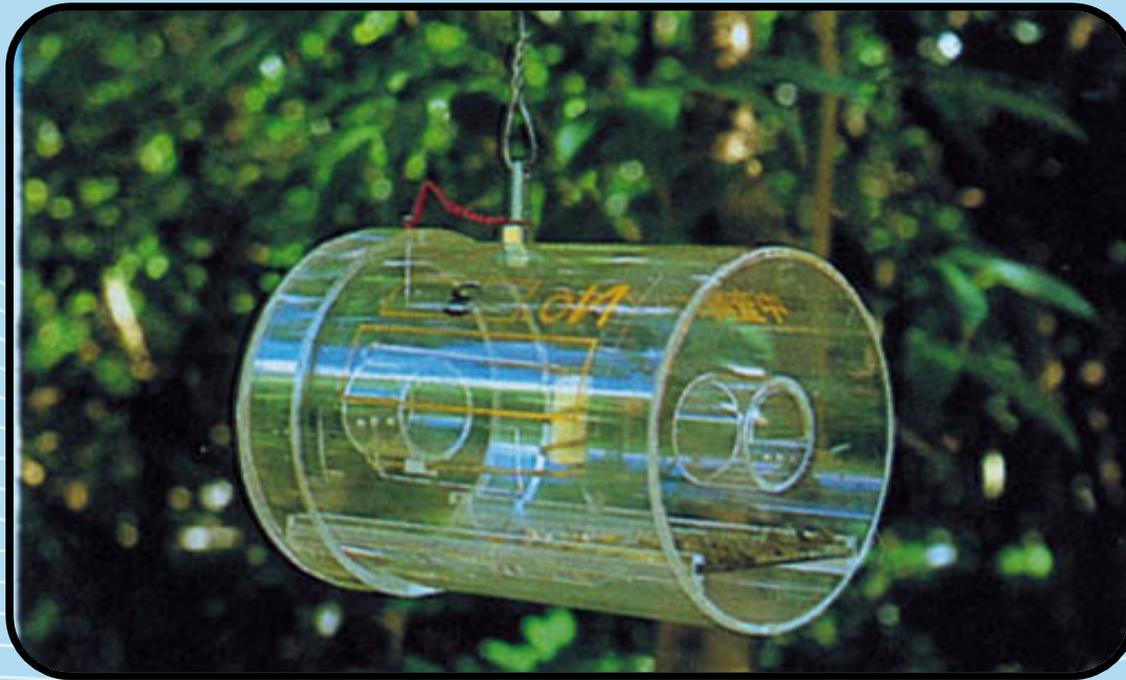


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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing the Mediterranean Fruit Fly: Chemical control\*
  - Males
    - Trimedlure and Terpinyl acetate mixed with an insecticide
  - Males and females
    - Protein source mixed with an insecticide
  - Pupae
    - Soil drench
  - Foliar spray with spinosad

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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing the Mediterranean Fruit Fly: Biological and Cultural control
  - Biological control
    - Sterile insect technique
  - Cultural control
    - Removing (and destroying) fallen fruit
    - Stripping fruit from trees in the area around the detection
    - Wrapping fruit to create a physical barrier thus preventing the pest from ovipositioning on the fruit



# Arthropod Pests

- The fruit of peaches and nectarines can be affected indirectly by the Peachtree Borer and the Lesser Peachtree Borer.
  - Both are native to eastern North America
  - Have adapted well to feeding on cultivars of *Prunus* spp.



*Synanthedon exitiosa*



*Synanthedon pictipes*

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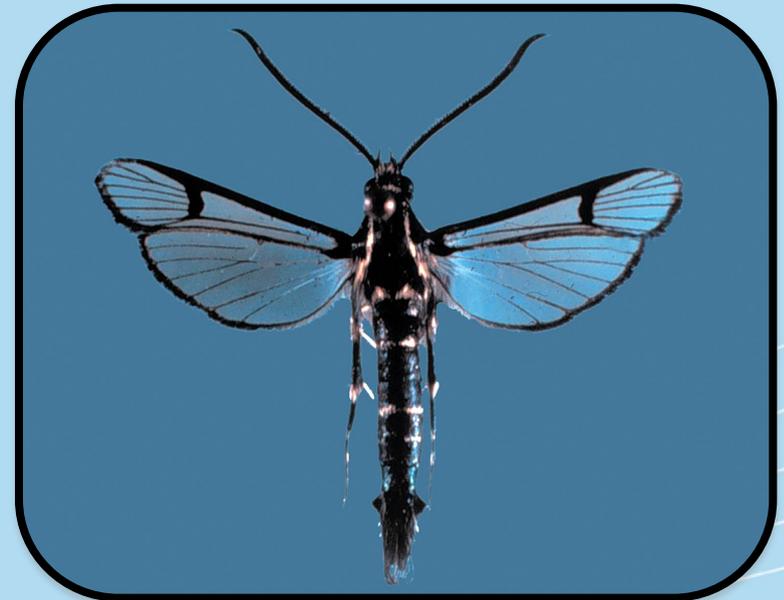
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# Arthropod Pests

- Description of Peachtree Borer



female



male

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# Arthropod Pests

- Description of Lesser Peachtree Borer



female

male

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# Arthropod Pests

- Peachtree Borer and Lesser Peachtree Borer damage on stems



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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Peachtree Borer and Lesser Peachtree Borer: monitoring
  - Hung before petal fall between shoulder height and eye level
  - 2 per orchard per species
    - Spaced at least 60 feet apart when trapping for both species
  - Replace bait every 4 weeks



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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Peachtree Borer and Lesser Peachtree Borer: chemical control\*
  - Post harvest
    - Chlorpyrifos, permethrin, esfenvalerate, carbaryl, lambda-cyhalothrin and a mix of lambda-cyhalothrin and chlorantraniliprole.
  - Pre-harvest (by 14 days)
    - Chlorpyrifos
  - Application should be made at peak egg laying time
    - 7 to 14 days after peak capture of males in a pheromone trap
  - Pheromone mating disruption is also commonly used

\*Be sure to check with your local county agent to find out which chemicals are certified for use in your state, on what crop it is allowed to be used, if it is allowed to be used post-harvest or pre-harvest, and if it should be applied by a licensed applicator.



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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing Peachtree Borer and Lesser Peachtree Borer: biological and cultural control
  - Biological
    - Nematodes
  - Cultural
    - Tree health
    - Manual removal of the larvae had been done with a knife, but this can lead to more damage to the tree than the insect itself inflicts



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# Arthropod Pests

- The fruit of peaches and nectarines can be affected indirectly by the White Peach Scale.
  - Invasive species from southeast Asia
  - It has a wide range of host plants
  - Can be found in the U.S. from Texas to Maine.
    - Has also been found in Hawaii



# Arthropod Pests

- Description of White Peach Scale

Females under their scales



males



Female with scale covering removed exposing eggs

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# Arthropod Pests



- White Peach Scale damage on stems



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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing White Peach Scale: Monitoring
  - Use double-sided transparent tape or black electrical tape coated in petroleum jelly
  - Place on branch where scales are present
  - Monitor twice weekly
  - Replace every 2 weeks



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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing White Peach Scale: Chemical control\*
  - Malathion, carbaryl, permethrin, and esfenvalerate are recommended
  - Oils are also recommended in dormant season
  - All can be applied twice during dormant season
  - Can also time application in conjunction with monitoring for the crawlers

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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing White Peach Scale: Biological and Cultural control
  - Biological
    - Chalcid wasp parasitoid, *Encarsia berleseii*
    - Ladybird beetles
    - Common lacewings
  - Cultural
    - Removal of hosts is impractical



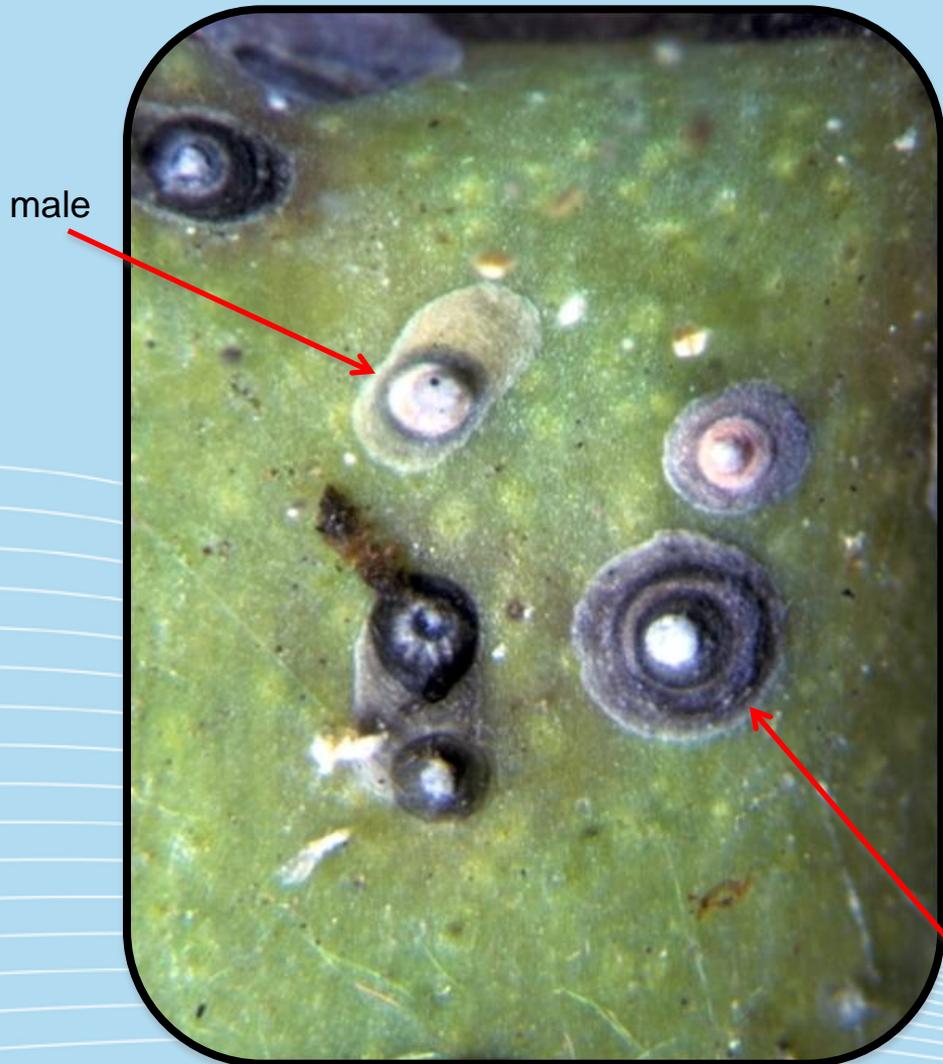
# Arthropod Pests

- The fruit of peaches and nectarines can be affected indirectly by the San Jose Scale.
  - Invasive species from Asia that has spread worldwide
  - Has many hosts plants besides peaches and nectarines



# Arthropod Pests

- Description of San Jose Scale



nymph



# Arthropod Pests

- San Jose Scale damage on stem



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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing San Jose Scale: Monitoring
  - Use double-sided transparent tape or black electrical tape coated in petroleum jelly
  - Place on branch where scales are present
  - Monitor twice weekly
  - Replace every 2 weeks
  - Pheromone traps will also work in monitoring for this pest



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# Arthropod Pests

- Managing San Jose Scale: Chemical\* and Biological control
  - Chemical
    - Malathion, carbaryl, permethrin, and esfenvalerate are recommended
    - Applied 400-700 DD after biofix
    - Continue spraying every 10 days until there are no crawlers on the tape
    - Oil applied during dormant season
  - Biological
    - Lots of natural enemies, none that are really effective

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