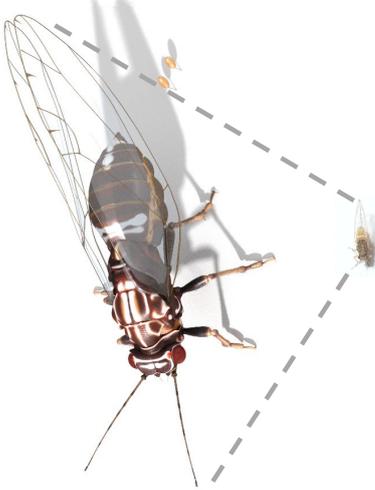


Pest Menace !!!

CITIZEN SCIENTISTS REQUIRED



Far Left: The tomato-potato psyllid (TPP), (Bactericera cockerelli)

Centre: Look at the small spot where the dotted lines lead, the TPP, here shown at scale compared to a five cent coin.

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Above: insect monitoring traps are being distributed at Northcliffe Community Resource Centre

The tomato-potato psyllid (TPP) has been detected for the first time in Australia, here in WA.

10 February - Beachhead

"The pest has been detected in a capsicum crop in a commercial property north of Perth, backyard tomatoes and eggplants in Belmont and backyard tomatoes at two properties in Mount Hawthorn and in chillies at a property in Palmyra," plant protection officer Dr Broughton said.

27 February - The Plot Thickens

Surveillance operations revealed infestations at further sites in the Perth area.

7 March - They're Everywhere...

Detections in Gingin, Yarloop and Busselton

27 March - Widespread Quarantine Orders

TPP is declared a quarantine pest of capsicum, chilli, eggplant, goji berry, potato, sweet potato, tamarillo and tomato. Check out the poster on the noticeboard at the front door of Northcliffe CRC for a picture of the adults and nymphs on the back of a leaf. If your plants are infected do not spray or move them out of the quarantine area. Visit www.agric.wa.gov.au/tpp Look around this web page for 'Quarantine Area Notices'. At the time of writing this

article, the Shire of Manjimup is classed as a 'suppression zone.' Perth area has the worse rating: 'control zone'.

This effects us all...

Living in a suppression zone we now face rules about the movement of produce purchased at farmers markets (eg our Karri Country Good Food), at roadside stalls, and in our own gardens. We are restricted from moving our home-grown plants both within the zone, and to outside the zone.

More information is available at:

www.agric.wa.gov.au/tpp

To help bring this menace to an end, and do your duty as a citizen, and to help our agriculture industry, please participate in the citizen science project designed to track the movement of this pest.

Free kits can be collected at the Northcliffe CRC. These will involve you setting up the enclosed sticky trap in your garden for one week and then returning it to the NCRC.

All the instructions will come enclosed with your insect trap. Please lend our farmers and scientists a hand...

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Northcliffe's Home on the Internet
Fill in a website survey today...

Upcoming NCRC Closures

11 April Power Outage (all day)
14 April Good Friday Public Holiday
17 April Easter Monday Public Holiday
25 April Anzac Day Public Holiday

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 am to 5 pm • Thursday 10 am to 6 pm • Friday 9 am to 6 pm