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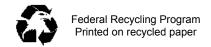
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# **GEOGRAPHIC ABBREVIATIONS**

|     | AUSTRALIA                    |     | HAWAII USA                | DEI | PUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA     |    |                |
|-----|------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|----------------------------|----|----------------|
|     |                              |     |                           |     |                            |    |                |
| ACT | Australian Capital Territory | HA  | Hawai'i                   | EC  | Eastern Cape               | MD | Maryland       |
| NSW | New South Wales              | KA  | Kaua'i                    | FS  | Free State                 | ME | Maine          |
| NT  | Northern Territory           | LA  | Lāna'i                    | GP  | Gauteng                    | MI | Michigan       |
| QLD | Queensland                   | MA  | Maui                      | KZN | KwaZulu-Natal              | MN | Minnesota      |
| SA  | South Australia              | MO  | Moloka'i                  | LP  | Limpopo (formerly Northern | MO | Missouri       |
| TAS | Tasmania                     | NI  | Ni'ihau                   |     | Province)                  | MS | Mississippi    |
| VIC | Victoria                     | OA  | O'ahu                     | MP  | Mpumalanga                 | MT | Montana        |
| WA  | Western Australia            |     |                           | NC  | Northern Cape              | NC | North Carolina |
|     |                              |     | PAPUA NEW GUINEA          | NWP | North West                 | ND | North Dakota   |
|     | CANADA                       | CHM | Chimbu (Simbu)            | WC  | Western Cape               | NE | Nebraska       |
| AB  | Alberta                      | CTL | Central                   |     |                            | NH | New Hampshire  |
| ВС  | British Columbia             | EHL | Eastern Highlands         | UNI | ITED STATES OF AMERICA     | NJ | New Jersey     |
| MB  | Manitoba                     | ENB | East New Britain          | AK  | Alaska                     | NM | New Mexico     |
| NB  | New Brunswick                | ENG | Enga                      | AL  | Alabama                    | NV | Nevada         |
| NL  | Newfoundland and Labrador    | ESP | East Sepik                | AR  | Arkansas                   | NY | New York       |
| NS  | Nova Scotia                  | GLF | Gulf                      | ΑZ  | Arizona                    | ОН | Ohio           |
| NT  | Northwest Territories        | HEL | Hela                      | CA  | California                 | OK | Oklahoma       |
| NU  | Nunavut                      | MBP | Milne Bay                 | CO  | Colorado                   | OR | Oregon         |
| ON  | Ontario                      | MDG | Madang                    | CT  | Connecticut                | PA | Pennsylvania   |
| PEI | Prince Edward Island         | MNS | Manus                     | DE  | Delaware                   | RI | Rhode Island   |
| QC  | Quebec                       | MRB | Morobe                    | FL  | Florida                    | SC | South Carolina |
| SK  | Saskatchewan                 | NCD | National Capital District | GA  | Georgia                    | SD | South Dakota   |
| ΥT  | Yukon                        | NIP | New Ireland               | HI  | Hawaii                     | TN | Tennessee      |
|     |                              | NSP | North Solomons            | IA  | Iowa                       | TX | Texas          |
|     |                              |     | (Bougainville autonomous  | ID  | Idaho                      | UT | Utah           |
|     |                              |     | region)                   | IL  | Illinois                   | VA | Virginia       |
|     |                              | SHL | Southern Highlands        | IN  | Indiana                    | VT | Vermont        |
|     |                              | WHP | Western Highlands         | KS  | Kansas                     | WA | Washington     |
|     |                              | WNB | West New Britain          | KY  | Kentucky                   | WI | Wisconsin      |
|     |                              | WSP | West Sepik (Sandaun)      | LA  | Louisiana                  | WV | West Virginia  |
|     |                              | WST | Western Province (Fly)    | MA  | Massachusetts              | WY | Wyoming        |

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### **FOREWORD**

Biological control is a fascinating discipline where experimental projects are conducted at ecoregional scales. Biological control using natural enemies and native organisms is an important tool in the land manager's arsenal of weed control techniques. The practice has been expanding from use primarily on rangelands and aquatic systems into other environments. The editors of this comprehensive work have embarked on the difficult task of cataloging the biological control of invasive plants (noxious weeds) on a global scale. With each successive edition of this World Catalogue of Biological Control of Weeds since 1982, the monumental task of pulling together so much information has been compounded by the ever changing geopolitical landscape and the increasing number of targeted weeds and new biocontrol agents. This book will serve as a valuable reference to practitioners and scientists throughout the world, help foster cooperation of partnerships on new and old projects, and advance the science of biocontrol. Some biological control agents are redistributed to countries, states, regions, etc., where the political entity has relied on host specificity testing conducted in another country or by an adjoining neighbor.

Since the Fourth Edition by M.H. Julien and M.W. Griffiths (1998), the science of plant taxonomy has been greatly enhanced through genetic analysis, often redefining the associations among genera and families beyond that which was previously done through plant morphology. This has led to a slowdown in the approval rate of classical biological control agents in some countries, as they scramble to redefine host specificity protocols. This should, however, lead to the increased safety of implementing biocontrol in the long run.

Biological control is not without risk, but with each passing decade it has become safer when compared to the alternative of allowing invasive weeds to spread unchecked. In recent years there has been a greater concern about evolutionary processes and how these may affect biocontrol agents after they are released in novel environments, and how native plants and crops may be at risk. We should be aware, but cautious, when comparing nontarget impacts of old projects and protocols against new host specificity testing methodology.

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For each weed biocontrol system, the editors report the validated status by: the weed and its origin; biocontrol agent, country, release year; notes on establishment, abundance, success/failure; research organization; and references. It is easiest to report the status of biocontrol agents by political units, as there are specific boundaries and conditions that can be easily recorded. It would be nice to report status by ecoregion, since that is where the evolutionary forces act upon their populations, but those units are not always well defined, making reporting more difficult. Care should be taken when analyzing the data herein, as the subjectivity is proportional to the scale at which it is applied.

Not all regional experts are equal in their experience. It has been my personal experience to observe that about one third of all biocontrol agents reported to have failed were later found to have established. There are numerous examples of this reported in this Fifth Edition. However, just because a biocontrol agent is established, this does not mean it is successful or widespread. Regional success usually requires several decades; therefore care should be exercised when analyzing the

success of projects. Biocontrol projects less than 10 years old should generally not be included in the analysis of efficacy. Furthermore, the successful control of a weed in some habitats does not always guarantee overall success, especially where land management practices do not change and other weeds present in the system simply move up the ladder. The generally accepted success rate of one third of biocontrol agents being successful is still a very good track record, when one considers those weed systems were likely spreading unchecked before biocontrol was implemented.

Biological control should be part of an interdisciplinary integrated approach to ecologically based vegetation management. This catalog is a great and convenient resource to land managers and practitioners alike, as they apply ecological principles and sound management practices to control noxious and invasive plants. I encourage those who practice weed biological control to continue to make important observations, report their findings, and promote interaction amongst their peers, so that this important World Catalogue may continue to be updated in the future.

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All four previous editions of this catalogue were collated and edited by **Mic H. Julien** (CSIRO retired), with support from other key individuals. Those earlier editions were compiled at a time when references were more difficult to obtain and contacts were more challenging and time-intensive to establish worldwide. This Fifth Edition would not have been possible were it not for Mic's willingness to share his painstakingly collected data, references, and contacts. Despite retiring *prior* to the onset of this major effort, Mic played a crucial role in the revision. He always made himself available for guiding us through all questions and issues we encountered. He also personally handled the collation and updating of numerous weed systems spanning multiple countries. Mic's dedication to this project through all five editions helps explain why many in our discipline

continue to affectionately refer to this and previous versions simply as "Julien's Catalogue". We are very grateful to have been able to join him in this effort.

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### INTRODUCTION

This Fifth Edition of the catalogue includes all previously catalogued releases with updated information and updated references where applicable. It also includes information on releases made since the previous edition was collated, that is, releases made after 1996 until the end of 2012. Releases overlooked in previous editions which occurred prior to 1996 have also been added.

The original catalogue (published in 1982) recorded 499 releases of exotic agents between the late 19th century and 1980. The Second Edition (published in 1987) recorded 100 new releases in the 5 year period to the end of 1985. The Third Edition (published in 1992) recorded 130 new releases in the 5 year period to the end of 1990. The Fourth Edition (published in 1998) recorded 220 new releases during the 6 years since the Third Edition. This Fifth Edition records 319 new releases during the 16 years since the Fourth Edition.

The 2,042 entries in this Fifth Edition span 130 countries and 551 biocontrol agents targeting 224 weeds (when groups such as *Opuntia* spp. are counted as a single target weed). The most active countries continue to be the USA, Australia, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand. The Fourth Edition highlighted the absence of weedy grass species as targets for biological control. Since that time, *Poa annua* L. has been targeted by a registered bioherbicide in Japan, *Arundo donax* L. has been targeted for classical biocontrol on the border of the USA and Mexico, and two *Spartina* spp. have been targeted in the USA with native agents.

### New to this Edition

Previous editions of this catalogue contained four distinct sections, referred to as four different "Lists". This Fifth Edition of the catalogue replaces "List" with "Table". Vertebrate weed biological control is omitted in this version, but added is a dedicated section on bioherbicides (Table 4).

The dataset has been greatly expanded in this edition, with additional information added to each entry of all tables. All information is presented with more detail and with increased separation compared to previous editions, making specific content easier to locate within table entries.

In the interest of space, not all additional information could be included in this print version. In particular, the majority of release/redistribution history and establishment information that was collected at the subcountry level (e.g. state, province, island) is omitted. The complete dataset has been maintained, however, and is publicly available in an online, searchable format accessible at: www.ibiocontrol.org/catalog/.

### In this Catalogue:

### Table 1

Table 1 lists **exotic organisms** that have been **intentionally introduced** and released for the biological control of their target weeds. The numerous organisms that have been studied, and in many cases introduced into quarantine facilities in exotic countries, but were not released, are not included in this catalogue. Organisms that were introduced accidentally or illegally into a country prior to their official approval and subsequent redistribution are not listed in this section but are included in Table 3.

### Table 2

Table 2 lists **native organisms** utilized within their native ranges to control weeds. Only those organisms that have been **intentionally redistributed** are included in this catalogue.

### Table 3

Far too many exotic organisms have been found adventively attacking weeds within the introduced range for all to be listed in this catalogue. Table 3, therefore, includes only those exotic organisms that are currently utilized and/or are of particular interest to weed biological control practitioners. This table typically includes exotic organisms which have been released as biological control agents and now occur in countries other than those into which they were released. In other words, they were accidentally or illegally moved, or they spread naturally to another country. This table also includes organisms which are found in exotic ranges where they were not deliberately released but have since been intentionally redistributed or are of interest to researchers or practitioners to potentially be approved for future use. It should be noted that even when an organism on this table has been intentionally redistributed, this redistribution could have been done illegally and further inquiry should be made before extending the practice.

### Table 4

Table 4 deals solely in **bioherbicides**. The term "bioherbicide" is applied to various types of biologically based herbicides. In this catalogue, bioherbicide refers to a pathogen that is utilized in a manner akin to a chemical herbicide application—namely in a deliberate, prescriptive, intensively managed, and relatively large-scale application where the pathogen of interest is the active ingredient of a standardized product. Bioherbicide research is an active field that has tested an extensive number of pathogens and formulations. Included in this catalogue are only those that have been or currently are formally

registered, as well as those that are approved for public use without registration. When utilizing bioherbicides for weed control, it is important to always follow the label or official guidelines for properly applying the organism and to only use the product in the manner for which it was designed.

### **Table Structure**

An explanation of the sections and headings are given below. There are differences in the structure and information included in each table; consequently, separate explanations are provided at the start of each section. Weed and agent taxonomy, research organizations, and the use of references are similar for all tables.

### **Weed Taxonomy**

In Tables 1-3, the target weeds are listed alphabetically in green shaded boxes under their respective plant family names which are also listed alphabetically. In Table 4, entries are first listed alphabetically according to the name of the biological control agent. Table 4 entries are then secondarily listed alphabetically by target weed name. The country or region of origin of the weed is included in all four tables. Every effort was made to utilize the most updated and accurate taxonomy for each weed species. This was accomplished with help from numerous taxonomists as well as worldwide and regional Floras. Many weeds have been previously associated with several different names. In this catalogue, we include only those past names that appear in the literature cited for this catalogue. Past names known to have been misidentifications or misspellings are included under the heading "Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms". All past names are included in the index, with appropriate referencing to the currently accepted name used in the tables. Common names listed in the literature cited for this catalogue are included in the table entries for each weed. When more than 10 common names appear in the literature, only the most frequently encountered are included in this catalogue.

### **Agent Taxonomy**

In Tables 1-3, biological control agents are listed alphabetically in tan shaded boxes following their target weed. Table 4 entries are listed first alphabetically by agent and secondarily by target weed. In all tables, class and order are included for fungi, while order and family are included for insects, mites, and nematodes. Every effort was made to utilize the most updated and accurate taxonomy for each species. This was accomplished with help from numerous taxonomists, references, and taxonomic databases. Many agents have been previously associated with several different names. In this catalogue, we include only those past names that appear in the literature cited for this catalogue. Past names known to have been misidentifications or misspellings are included under the heading "Incorrect Past Names/ Synonyms". All past names are included in the index, with appropriate referencing to the currently accepted name used in the tables.

### **Research Organizations**

Abbreviations/acronyms for the research entities involved with the releases are given when known. A list of the acronyms and the full organization names is provided following Table 4. Please note that many organization names have since changed; the new names are added whenever these changes are known. Research organization abbreviations in the tables that are followed by an asterisk no longer exist.

### References

All references utilized in the catalogue are referred to by numbers. The numbered references are listed numerically following the "Research Organizations" section. The reference list is not exhaustive for the biological control of a particular weed species. It is limited to only those references that provided the information included in the catalogue. Where published references were not available for information cited, the name of the expert who provided the information via a personal communication is included, along with their current address. Some information stated in previous editions of this catalogue was gleaned from very old personal communications. All attempts were made during this revision to use new and/or published references to update this information. Where this was not possible, personal communications from previous editions of the catalogue are retained and cited, using the old dates and contact information provided at the time. In the interest of space, references utilized solely for weed and agent taxonomy, weed common names and origin are not included, unless the accepted name of the weed or agent has changed since the last version of this catalogue.

### **TABLE 1. EXOTIC ORGANISMS INTENTIONALLY INTRODUCED**

### **Release Information**

Releases are listed alphabetically according to the country of release and are accompanied by the year the first field release was made. Some species have been released in the same country multiple times. When subsequent releases originated from different sources, were separated by five years or more, or were successfully established following the failure of the original release(s), then these subsequent releases are given their own entries. In those cases, sequential entries are listed numerically by the release year. The original source of release material is preceded by "Ex." When the release material was not obtained directly from its native range, the countries or regions from where it was obtained are given, preceded by "via". For example: "Australia; Ex. Argentina via USA via India" means that the species that was released in Australia originated in Argentina (probably its native range) from where it was sent to the USA. Thereafter a colony was sent to India, and Australia obtained material from India.

### **Current Status**

The establishment status of each species is given when known. The current abundance and impact of established agents are then stated using key choices pre-determined for the ease of quick data summary. Agent abundance is represented by seven categories: Rare, Limited, Moderate, High, Variable, Too early post release, and Unknown. Agent impact is represented by eight categories: None, Slight, Medium, Heavy, Variable, Too early post release, Unknown, and Compromised (the latter for sites destroyed post release). In order to place the agent impact into a geographical context, the scale of impact is also provided. The four categories for scale of impact include: Localized, Regional, Widespread throughout range, and Unknown. Because the choices selected for abundance, impact, and scale of impact are subjective estimates by the editors, an additional notes section is provided which includes a brief summary of the status for each release system. Abbreviations used in the notes section to denote sub-regions of a country are provided along with their corresponding regions at the front of this catalogue immediately following the Table of Contents. If the biocontrol agent has been observed in the field attacking plant species other than those targeted for control, this information is included. Likewise, factors believed to limit the efficacy of any particular release are listed when known.

### **AMARANTHACEAE**

| WEED           |   |
|----------------|---|
| Family         | Amaranthaceae   |
| Species        | Alternanthera philoxeroides (Mart.)<br>Griseb.  |
| Notes          | Can grow as a terrestrial and aquatic plant. Terrestrial form produces solid stems; aquatic form produces buoyant hollow stems. |
| Origin         | South America   |
| Common Name    | alligator weed, alligatorweed   |
| AGENT Species  | Agasicles hygrophila Selman & Vogt  |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)   |

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia **Year** 1977

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Successful control of floating mats within

 $\ensuremath{\text{2}}$  years of release. No effect in terrestrial

habitat.

Limiting Factors Habitat

Research Organization CSIRO

References 934, 942

### **AMARANTHACEAE**

Alternanthera philoxeroides; Agasicles hygrophila (continued)

### **RELEASE**

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1982

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Can destroy large amounts of foliage

annually, which suppresses weed. In other locations, weed mat regrows in spring. Efficacy restricted by low temperatures and flooding. Not able to

attack terrestrial infestations.

**Limiting Factors** Climate; Habitat

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 720, 761, 1064, 1493, 1575, 1576, 1725

### RELEASE

Country People's Republic of China

**Year** 1986

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Provides good control of aquatic

infestations in rivers, ponds and lakes; causes heavy damage to terrestrial plants growing nearby but does not provide control. Cannot overwinter in cooler areas, but inoculative releases after winter provide significant control.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization CAAS-BCI

**References** 350, 418, 920, 1095, 1119, 1935, 2063

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### **AMARANTHACEAE**

Alternanthera philoxeroides; Agasicles hygrophila (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Puerto Rico

**Year** 1997

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes **Abundance** High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Weed has been successfully controlled

by this agent at original two release sites and replaced by Lemna sp. and

Eichhornia crassipes.

Research Organization USAE, UPR

**References** 2, 237, 1528

**RELEASE** 

Country Thailand

**Year** 1981

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** High **General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Firmly established throughout range of

weed. Substantial control seasonally.

Limiting Factors Season Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 934, 942, 1326, 1328, 1939

RELEASE

Country United States of America

**Year** 1964

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes Abundance Variable **General Impact** Variable

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### **AMARANTHACEAE**

Alternanthera philoxeroides; Agasicles hygrophila (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Abundance varies by season;

populations decline during summer due to reduced fecundity associated with high temperature. Impact variable. Highly successful in FL and warmer, coastal areas where the insects can overwinter, variable elsewhere. Not effective against terrestrial form. No evidence insects released later from the southernmost part of the native range performed better than these populations established since 1964.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

**Research Organization** USDA (3,5,7,13)

**References** 195, 196, 197, 350, 1578, 1719

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1964

Source Ex. Uruguay

Established Yes Abundance Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Not differentiated from Argentina

population. Abundance varies by season; populations decline during summer due to reduced fecundity associated with high temperature. Impact variable. Highly successful in FL and warmer, coastal areas where the insects can overwinter, variable elsewhere. Not effective against terrestrial form. No evidence insects released later from the southernmost part of the native range performed better than these populations established since

1964.

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### **AMARANTHACEAE**

Alternanthera philoxeroides; Agasicles hygrophila (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

**Research Organization** USDA (3,5,7,13)

References 195, 196, 197, 350, 1719

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1979

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Released in attempt to increase cold

tolerance. No evidence these insects from the southernmost part of the native range performed better than populations established since 1964. Abundance varies by season; populations decline during summer due to reduced fecundity associated with high temperature. Impact variable. Highly successful in FL and warmer, coastal areas where the insects can overwinter, variable

elsewhere. Not effective against

terrestrial form.

Limiting Factors Climate

**Research Organization** USDA (3,5,7,13)

**References** 195, 196, 197, 199, 1719

### **AMARANTHACEAE**

Alternanthera philoxeroides (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Amynothrips andersoni O'Neill

Classification (Thysanoptera: Phlaeothripidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1967

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Damage usually light, causing some

leaf deformation. Least widespread of species released in USA but most cold tolerant; only species to impact terrestrial form. Predation limits some

populations.

Limiting Factors Predation

**Research Organization** USDA (3,5,7,13)

**References** 195, 197, 303, 350, 1578, 1921

### **AMARANTHACEAE**

Alternanthera philoxeroides (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Arcola malloi (Pastrana)

Past Names/Synonyms Voqtia malloi Pastrana

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1977

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited General Impact Variable

Notes Effects masked by Agasicles hygrophila

damage in aquatic infestations. Effective in small semi-aquatic habitats not destroyed by A. hygrophila. Present but

not effective in terrestrial situations.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 934, 939, 942

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 1984

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established No.

**Notes** Establishment failure likely influenced by

microsporidia infection.

**Limiting Factors** Disease Research Organization DSIR

**References** 1493, 1575

**AMARANTHACEAE** 

Alternanthera philoxeroides; Arcola malloi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1987

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** Moderate **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Large populations aid in successful

control in some lakes and ponds. Not as abundant as Agasicles hygrophila. Can establish on edge of terrestrial infestations but still does not control these populations. Efficacy limited by

low temperatures and flooding.

**Limiting Factors** Climate: Habitat

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 720, 1064, 1493, 1575, 1725

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1971

**Source** Ex. Argentina

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Larval burrowing causes stem collapse and waterlogging. Useful adjunct to (but not as good a competitor as) Agasicles hygrophila, but individual effects difficult to parse out. Contributes effectively to control in MS and FL, and in TX when not limited by adverse conditions. Excellent dispersal ability with annual spread of up to 1,000 km; likely overwinters in warmer areas and migrates to inland infestations. Most effective against floating plant mats.

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### **AMARANTHACEAE**

Alternanthera philoxeroides; Arcola malloi (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Other Species Attacked Collected from the native *Philoxerus* 

vermicularis (L.) Sm. whose name has since been changed to Blutaparon

vermiculare (L.) Mears

**Research Organization** USDA (3,5,7,13)

References 195, 196, 197, 231, 303, 350, 1921

**AGENT** 

**Species** Disonycha argentinensis Jacoby

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1980

Source Ex. Brazil (south eastern)

Established No.

Research Organization CSIRO

References 942, 943

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 1982

Source Ex. Brazil (southern) via Australia

Established No.

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**Notes** Establishment failure likely due to lack

of warm temperatures at release sites in

New Zealand.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 720, 1575, 1576, 1725

**ANACARDIACEAE** 

**WEED** 

Family Anacardiaceae

Species Schinus terebinthifolius Raddi

Origin South America

**Common Name** christmas berry, Brazilian pepper tree,

Brazilian holly, wilelaiki, Florida holly

**AGENT** 

Species Crasimorpha infuscata Hodges

Classification (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1961

Source Fx. Brazil

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 407, 635, 796, 1022, 1024, 1035

**AGENT** 

Species Episimus unquiculus Clarke

Past Names/Synonyms Episimus utilis Zimmerman,

Episimus sp.

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**References** 326, 1552

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1954

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact None

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### **ANACARDIACEAE**

Schinus terebinthifolius; Episimus unguiculus (continued)

Country Hawaii USA (continued)

Notes Though widespread and well

established, impact negligible.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 373, 398, 635, 762, 796, 1024,

1951, 2068

**AGENT** 

Species Lithraeus atronotatus (Pic)

Past Names/Synonyms Bruchus atronotatus Pic,

Acanthoscelides atronotatus (Pic)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1960

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact None

impact None

Notes Though well established initially,

control only partial on KA, OA and HA. Subsequently believed to have been displaced for most part by accidentally introduced *Megastigmus transvaalensis*.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 44, 326, 400, 762, 796, 1022, 1024,

1035, 1964

**APOCYNACEAE** 

**WEED** 

Family Apocynaceae

Species Cryptostegia grandiflora R. Br.

Origin Madagascar

Common Name rubber vine

**AGENT** 

Species Euclasta whalleyi Popescu-Gorj &

Constantinescu

**Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms** Euclasta gigantalis Viette

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

**References** 1218, 1251, 1425

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1988

Source Ex. Madagascar

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Not recovered until four years after

releases ceased. Initially caused total defoliation during localized outbreaks, but more recently impacts considered

minimal.

Other Species Attacked Minor spillover attack occurs on the

native *Gymnanthera oblonga* (Burm. F.) P.S. Green, only when it is growing in close association with *Cryptostegia* 

grandiflora R. Br. plants.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1218, 1227, 1251, 1418, 1425, 1916

# APOCYNACEAE Cryptostegia grandiflora (continued)

| AGENT          |  |
|----------------|--|
| Species        | Maravalia cryptostegiae (Cummins)<br>Ono |
| Classification | (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)           |

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia **Year** 1993

**Source** Ex. Madagascar

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Strain IMI 331455, isolated from *Cryptostegia madagascariensis*.

Established initially though did not cause severe symptoms on the weed. Due to difficulty in distinguishing from second strain which did establish, currently unknown if this first strain is established as well. If established, impact likely

negligible.

Limiting Factors Climate; Specificity
Research Organization IIBC, QLD State
References 556, 1413, 1425

### **APOCYNACEAE**

Cryptostegia grandiflora; Maravalia cryptostegiae (continued)

### **RELEASE**

Country Australia Year 1995

Source Ex. Madagascar

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

Notes Strain IMI 366461, isolated from

Cryptostegia grandiflora. Established rapidly and significant damage observed 20 months after release in both wet and drier areas. Rust activity highest in wet regions where weed populations decreasing significantly due to reduction of seed bank and seedling recruitment. At drier sites sub-optimal for the rust,

weed continues to spread.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

**Research Organization** IIBC, QLD State

**References** 556, 1425, 1814, 1815

### **ARACEAE**

| WEED  |   |
|---|---|
| Family  | Araceae   |
| Species   | Pistia stratiotes L.  |
| Origin  | tropical Americas, Asia, Malesia,<br>Australia (NT)           |
| Common Name                                     | water lettuce, Nile cabbage, chok, jawg                       |
| AGENT   |   |
| Species   | Neohydronomus affinis Hustache                                |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms<br>Classification | Neohydronomus pulchellus Hustache (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) |

### RELEASE

Country Australia
Year 1982
Source Ex. Brazil
Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Successful control in northern QLD.

Southern QLD *Pistia stratiotes* populations fluctuate widely and are less conducive to maintaining high populations of *Neohydronomus affinis*. Agent reintroduced often from other

populations in state.

Limiting Factors Land use; Climate

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 417, 716, 718

### **ARACEAE**

Pistia stratiotes; Neohydronomus affinis (continued)

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Country Benin Year 1995

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Zimbabwe

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Spread rapidly throughout country.

Total plant biomass and weed cover declined ten-fold. After 3 to 4 years, *Pistia stratiotes* had disappeared almost

completely from many sites.

Research Organization IITA, GTZ

**References** 16, 505, 1346, 1347

### **RELEASE**

Country Botswana Year 1987

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Weed was not a serious problem in

Botswana but agent introduced as preventative measure to reduce risk of spread within the country. Very effective in stopping spread of weed, eradicating infestations at release locations and keeping other infestations under control.

Research Organization DWAB, CSIRO

**References** 113, 578, 1040, 1041

### **ARACEAE**

Pistia stratiotes; Neohydronomus affinis (continued)

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| RELEASE                      |   |
| Country                      | Cote d'Ivoire   |
| Year                         | 1998  |
| Source                       | Ex. Brazil via Australia via Zimbabwe via Benin   |
| Established                  | Yes   |
| Abundance                    | High  |
| General Impact               | Heavy   |
| Geographical Scale of Impact | Widespread throughout range   |
| Notes                        | Deliberately released in 1998, though found to already be present in some regions likely as a result of natural spread from Ghana. Populations subsequently not differentiated. Less than two years post release, <i>Neohydronomus affinis</i> had controlled over 90% of the weed at the six major infestations that were inspected. |
| Research Organization        | IITA  |
| References                   | 939, 1347   |
|                              |   |
| RELEASE                      |   |
| Country                      | Ghana   |
| Year                         | 1996  |
| Source                       | Ex. Brazil via Australia via Republic of South Africa   |
| Established                  | Yes   |
| Abundance                    | High  |
| General Impact               | Heavy   |
| Geographical Scale of Impact | Regional  |
| Notes                        | Complete control of <i>Pistia stratiotes</i> occurred within a year although the effect may not be solely attributed to the introduction of <i>Neohydronomus affinis</i> .  |
| Research Organization        | EPA   |

**References** 22, 297, 448, 449, 450, 1347

### **ARACEAE**

Pistia stratiotes; Neohydronomus affinis (continued)

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**Country** Kenya **Year** 1999

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Republic of

South Africa

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy
Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** At time of release, dam receiving agents

completely filled with the weed. Project considered successful as no further infestations of *Pistia stratiotes* reported after late 1999. Establishment not verified in recent times due to assumed

control success.

Research Organization KARI, KENGEN, ARC-PPRI References 279, 297, 505, 630, 894, 1347

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Nigeria **Year** 1997

**Source** Ex. Brazil via Australia via Zimbabwe

via Benin

Established Yes
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Heavy
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Intentionally introduced from Benin in

1997; additional populations from Benin also spread naturally across the western border of Nigeria. Though formal evaluation lacking, mats observed with

heavy infestations.

Research Organization IITA

**References** 14, 16, 505, 1347, 1382

### **ARACEAE**

Pistia stratiotes; Neohydronomus affinis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Papua New Guinea Country

Year 1985

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable General Impact Variable

**Notes** Very good control in the Sepik River

systems, variable control in other lakes and ponds. Seasonal flooding may limit

population in some areas.

**Limiting Factors** Flooding

Research Organization PNGDAL, CSIRO

**References** 718, 1078, 1347, 1401

**RELEASE** 

Country Puerto Rico

Year 1998

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via USA (FL)

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown Research Organization USAE, UPR

References 2, 237

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of Congo

Year 1999

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Zimbabwe

Established Yes **Abundance** High **General Impact** Heavy Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

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**ARACEAE** 

Pistia stratiotes; Neohydronomus affinis (continued)

**Country** Republic of Congo (continued)

Notes By 2003, no water lettuce could be

found in release area in the Cuvette and coverage on lakes in south had diminished considerably. Because of weevil's mobility, the releases in the Congo (Brazzaville) may spread to infestations in the Democratic Republic

of Congo.

Research Organization IITA, PPRIZ, MFE

**References** 1177, 1347

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1985

Ex. Brazil via Australia Source

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Well established at various sites and considered complete success in South Africa. Rapidly successful in dams and large perennial rivers. In eutrophic waters, still successful though full

control takes more time. Results poorer when released on fast flowing rivers and in areas subject to alternate wet and dry regimes or frosting. In these areas chemical control and continuous inundative releases still required.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 270, 274, 281, 297, 417, 522, 800, 992,

1253

### **ARACEAE**

Pistia stratiotes; Neohydronomus affinis (continued)

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| RELEASE                          |   |
| Country                          | République Togolaise  |
| Year                             | 2001  |
| Source                           | Ex. Brazil via Australia via Republic of South Africa via Ghana   |
| Established                      | Yes   |
| Abundance                        | Unknown   |
| General Impact                   | Unknown   |
| Geographical Scale of Impact     | Unknown   |
| Research Organization            | UGL   |
| References                       | 21, 297, 1347, 1987   |
|                                  |   |
| RELEASE                          |   |
| Country                          | Senegal   |
| Year                             | 1994  |
| Source                           | Ex. Brazil via Australia via Zimbabwe via Benin   |
| Established                      | Yes   |
| Abundance                        | High  |
| General Impact                   | Heavy   |
| Geographical Scale of Impact     | Regional  |
| Notes                            | Populations sourced from Benin were laboratory colonies as this species had not yet been field released in Benin at the time of release in Senegal. Very effective. Water bodies cleared of water |

Research Organization IITA, GTZ

**References** 505, 1346, 1347

lettuce within 8 months of release. At water body 150 km away where no

release occurred, control achieved

within 18 months of original release.

# Research Organization USAE, USDA (3,4,13), State (3,18,19)

**ARACEAE** 

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Pistia stratiotes; Neohydronomus affinis (continued)
                     RELEASE
                       Country Senegal
                           Year 2005
                        Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Republic of
                                 South Africa
                    Established Yes
                    Abundance High
                General Impact Heavy
   Geographical Scale of Impact Regional
                         Notes Weed reappeared in 2005, but
                                 controlled completely within the year
                                 following new releases.
         Research Organization ARC-PPRI, DPV
                    References 297, 505, 1347
                      RELEASE
                       Country United States of America
                           Year 1987
                        Source Ex. Brazil via Australia
                    Established Yes
                    Abundance Variable
                General Impact Variable
                         Notes Weed eliminated from three of four
                                 original release sites in FL within 18-30
                                 months of release, but establishment
                                 and control not universal. Disperses well
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naturally.

**References** 235, 238, 335, 522, 523, 684, 1347

### **ARACEAE**

Pistia stratiotes; Neohydronomus affinis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Vanuatu

Year 2006

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Papua New

Guinea

Established Yes **Abundance** High **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Populations still increasing post release.

Effective control thus far in full sunlight

but lacking in shady areas.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat Research Organization SPC, DLQS

**References** 418, 718, 1347, 1401, 1402, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Zambia Year 1991

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Zimbabwe

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** At the time of this release, the weevil

was found to be already present. Both populations subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Providing excellent control in the region of release.

**Research Organization PPRIZ** 

**References** 255, 1314, 1347, 1587

**ARACEAE** 

Pistia stratiotes; Neohydronomus affinis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Zimbabwe

1988 Year

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Successful control within 16 months

such that Pistia stratiotes no longer considered problematic in Zimbabwe. Reduced infestation by 80% or more at all release sites and spread up to 9 km.

Research Organization PPRIZ. CSIRO

**References** 255, 257, 261, 417, 418, 1347

**RELEASE** 

Country Zimbabwe

Year 1998

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Republic of

South Africa

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** In 1998, new infestations appeared in eastern part of country and Neohydronomus affinis was released again from a population sourced in South Africa. Release immediately resulted in control; Pistia stratiotes no longer considered problematic in

Zimbabwe.

Research Organization PPRIZ, ARC-PPRI

**References** 418, 800, 1347

### **ARACEAE**

Pistia stratiotes (continued)

| AGENT                         |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Species                       | Spodoptera pectinicornis (Hampson)                                       |
| Past Names/Synonyms           | Namangana pectinicornis (Hampson),<br>Epipsammea pectinicornis (Hampson) |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | Epipsammia pectinicornis, Episammia pectinicornis (Hampson)              |
| Classification                | (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)   |

### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 1990

Source Ex. Thailand

Established No.

Notes Initially believed to have established

following multiple and varying release attempts; populations have since dwindled and are no longer detectable.

Research Organization USAE, USDA (4), State (3), NBCRC

**References** 235, 417, 521, 523, 680, 1347

### **ASPARAGACEAE**

| Origin | Asparagaceae Asparagus asparagoides (L.) Druce southern Africa bridal creeper, smilax |
|--------|---|
| ·      | Crioceris sp. undescribed (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)                                 |

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

**Year** 2002

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited General Impact Unknown Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Established at just one site in SA and

two in WA. Ineffective agent, likely due

in part to predation.

**Limiting Factors** Possibly Predation and Parasitism

Research Organization CSIRO

References 1261, 1267, 1269

# ASPARAGACEAE

Asparagus asparagoides (continued)

AGENT

Species Puccinia myrsiphylli (Thüm.) Wint.

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia **Year** 2000

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Provides substantial reduction of

biomass and shoot production in wet conditions; effects increased over sequential years and in combination with undescribed leafhopper. Impact minimal in dry inland infestations. Helping to suppress the weed on Flinders Island, TAS; impact on mainland TAS unknown.

Limiting Factors Climate Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 883, 886, 1261, 1267, 1269

# **ASPARAGACEAE**

Asparagus asparagoides (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** Tribe Erythroneurini undescribed

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Zygina sp.

Classification (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae)

**Notes** Undescribed genus of Erythroneurini

leafhopper. There are no plans to describe and name this insect.

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia **Year** 1999

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Has caused significant damage in some

years and at some sites, but populations

fluctuate widely, likely a result of parasitism. Impacts can be greater in combination with rust, but may also (when at high densities) regulate the weed alone in drier inland areas less

conductive for the rust.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Possibly Climate

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 883, 886, 921, 1261, 1267, 1269

**WEED** Family Asteraceae Species Ageratina adenophora (Spreng.) R. M. King & H. Rob. Past Names/Synonyms Eupatorium adenophorum Spreng., Eupatorium glandulosum Michx. Origin Mexico Common Name crofton weed. Mexican devil weed. Maui pamakani, pamakani, banmara **AGENT** Species Oidaematophorus beneficus Yano & Heppner Classification (Lepidoptera: Pterophoridae)

#### **RELEASE**

Year 1973
Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight
Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Weed now confined mostly to wet rocky cliffs, and riparian areas on MA and OA, though not clear if biocontrol alone can be credited. This agent introduced originally for the control of *Ageratina riparia* so impact likely slight to none

on A. adenophora. On A. riparia, most

effective above 2,000 ft.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 322, 325, 413, 762, 1325, 1824

# **ASTERACEAE**

Ageratina adenophora (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Passalora ageratinae Crous

& A.R. Wood

Past Names/Synonyms Phaeoramularia sp.

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Cercospora eupatorii Peck,

Phaeoramularia eupatorii-odorati

(Yen) Liu & Guo

Classification (Dothideomycetes: Capnodiales)

References 362, 987

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1987

Source Ex. Unknown via Hawaii USA via

Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes In

In NWP up to 95% of plants infected; however, infection severity is low with <50% of leaves on individual stems infected. No evaluation of impact in KZN, MP, WC. Observed that weed is not as aggressive an invader as expected in the bioclimatically ideal KZN interior. Neither the fly nor

pathogen, individually or in combination, significantly affects vegetative growth of the weed. Additional introductions

warranted.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 190, 791, 992, 995, 1281, 1307, 2006

# **ASTERACEAE**

Ageratina adenophora (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Procecidochares utilis Stone

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1952

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Established readily and spread rapidly

with initially high impacts. Populations have since decreased to ineffective levels. Though still widespread, agent numbers are kept in check by high

levels of parasitism.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism Research Organization QLD State

**References** 513, 1223, 1307, 1989

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1945

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Ageratina adenophora; Procecidochares utilis (continued)

Country Hawaii USA (continued)

Notes Control substantial to complete

throughout MA, partial on OA, low on MO. Weed now confined mostly to wet rocky cliffs, and riparian areas on MA and OA. Parasitism and predation impact efficacy but vary by climate. Control high in areas of low moisture, moderate in areas of intermediate moisture, lower in areas of high

moisture.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Predation; Climate

Research Organization **HDOA** 

**References** 111, 112, 325, 512, 612, 635, 762, 1452

**RELEASE** 

Country India

**Year** 1963

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

via New Zealand

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Causes some reduction in vigor, growth,

and density of the plant; however, heavy

parasitism has reduced efficacy.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 965, 1307, 1548, 1607

Ageratina adenophora; Procecidochares utilis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

New Zealand Country

> Year 1958

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** Moderate General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Established readily and spread rapidly with initially high impacts. Populations have since decreased, due at least in part to parasitism. No formal impact evaluation occurred so it is uncertain if subsequent decrease in weed was due entirely to impact from the fly and fungus or changes in land management. Most effective under dry conditions.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Climate

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 807, 857, 1307

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1984

Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia Source

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Medium

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** 30% of stems are galled and 10% exhibit repeated galling. May reduce reproductive potential of the plant. Populations limited by parasitism and phenological asynchrony with the weed. Neither the fly nor pathogen, individually or in combination, significantly affects vegetative growth of the weed. (continued at top of next column)

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Ageratina adenophora; Procecidochares utilis (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 190, 788, 791, 992, 995, 1307

**RELEASE** 

Country Thailand Year 1991

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes **Abundance** High General Impact Slight Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Though initially believed to have failed

establishment, has since been observed in northern Thailand. Though abundance is high in this region, impact is limited.

Research Organization NBCRC **References** 1329, 1997

**AGENT** 

Species Xanthaciura connexionis Benjamin

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1955

Source Fx. Mexico

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 325, 1951

# **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                          |   |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Family                        | Asteraceae  |  |  |  |
| Species                       | Ageratina riparia (Regel) R. M. King & H. Rob.  |  |  |  |
| Past Names/Synonyms           | Eupatorium riparium Regel   |  |  |  |
| Origin                        | Mexico  |  |  |  |
| Common Name                   | mistflower, Hamakua pamakani, creeping crofton weed   |  |  |  |
| AGENT                         |   |  |  |  |
| Species                       | Entyloma ageratinae Barreto & Evans   |  |  |  |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | Cercosporella ageratina,<br>Cercosporella sp., Entyloma<br>compositarum Farlow, Entyloma<br>compositarum f.sp. ageratinae |  |  |  |
| Classification                | (Exobasidiomycetes: Entylomatales)  |  |  |  |

# **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA
Year 1975
Source Ex. Jamaica
Established Yes

Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes In combination with Procecidochares alani and Oidaematophorus beneficus provides substantial to complete control throughout the island of HA. Ageratina riparia not an important pasture pest on other islands. Agent does well in areas with high rainfall and favorable temperatures.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization State (52), HDOA

**References** 325, 413, 598, 1047, 1324, 1824, 1826

# **ASTERACEAE**

Ageratina riparia; Entyloma ageratinae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1998

Source Ex. Jamaica via Hawaii USA

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Spread rapidly and unaided throughout

North Island infestations. Reduced percentage cover of weed dramatically at all study sites within 4-5 years of release, corresponding with increase in

native plants.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 85, 413, 587, 598, 761, 1061, 1064

#### RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1989

Source Ex. Jamaica via Hawaii USA

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though not formally evaluated since

establishment in 1990, by 2009 Ageratina riparia rarely observed in the field, and Entyloma ageratinae noted to be present over most of weed's range, providing circumstantial evidence the

weed has been brought under biological control by this fungus.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 413, 791, 992, 1281, 2006

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# **ASTERACEAE**

Ageratina riparia (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Oidaematophorus beneficus Yano &

Heppner

**Classification** (Lepidoptera: Pterophoridae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Released intentionally on *Ageratina* 

adenophora but found fortuitously attacking *A. riparia*. In combination with

Procecidochares alani and Entyloma

ageratinae provides substantial to

complete control on the island of HA, especially at elevations above 2,000 ft.

Ageratina riparia not an important pasture pest on other islands. Parasites

observed attacking this agent.

**Limiting Factors** Elevation; Parasitism

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 322, 325, 413, 612, 762, 1047, 1170,

1324, 1325, 1951, 2045

**ASTERACEAE** 

Ageratina riparia (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Procecidochares alani Steyskal

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1986

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely established in northeastern

NSW and southeastern QLD, but effects

negligible due to high amounts of

parasitism.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Predation (also an effect of

elevation)

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 1623, 1625, 1978

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

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Ageratina riparia; Procecidochares alani (continued)

Country Hawaii USA (continued)

Notes Beneficial indirectly by stunting

Ageratina riparia, favoring competing vegetation. In combination with Oidaematophorus beneficus and Entyloma ageratinae contributes to substantial to complete control on island of HA, especially at elevations below 3,000 feet. Populations hampered by parasitism. Ageratina riparia not an important pasture pest on other islands.

**Limiting Factors** Elevation; Parasitism

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 325, 413, 598, 612, 762, 1047, 1323,

1324, 1349

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** New Zealand

**Year** 2001

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Impacts of this species not formally

evaluated in New Zealand. Gall counts higher in New Zealand than Hawaii where galls stunt plants, favoring competing species and contributing

indirectly to control.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 85, 413, 598, 1061, 1064

# **ASTERACEAE**

Ageratina riparia (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Xanthaciura connexionis Benjamin

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1960

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No

Research Organization HDOA

References 325, 400

**TABLE** 

# **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |   |  |  |
|----------------|---|--|--|
| Family         | Asteraceae                              |  |  |
| Species        | Ambrosia artemisiifolia L.              |  |  |
| Origin         | North America                           |  |  |
| Common Name    | common ragweed, ragweed, annual ragweed |  |  |
| AGENT          |   |  |  |
| Species        | Epiblema strenuana (Walker)             |  |  |
| Classification | (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)              |  |  |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia
Year 1984
Source Ex. Mexico
Established Yes

Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Causes significant reduction in plant size and vigor. Provides good control in most areas of eastern Australia.

Parasitism has been recorded though is

generally quite low.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization IIBC, QLD State

References 1215, 1421

**RELEASE** 

Country People's Republic of China

Year 1990

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High

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#### **ASTERACEAE**

Ambrosia artemisiifolia; Epiblema strenuana (continued)

**Country** People's Republic of China (continued)

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Reduces seed yields and may stunt

plant growth. Alone does not suppress weed population absolutely, but in conjunction with *Ophraella communa*,

control is often complete.

Research Organization CAAS-BCI

**References** 499, 624, 696, 920, 1123, 1933, 2064,

2065

**AGENT** 

Species Euaresta bella (Loew)
Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Former Union Of Soviet Socialist

Republics

Year 1969
Source Ex. USA
Established No

Research Organization ZIAS, USDA (1)

**References** 624, 1016, 1567, 1568

RELEASE

Country People's Republic of China

**Year** 1987

Source Ex. USA via Canada

Established No.

Research Organization CAAS-BCI

**References** 624, 696, 2064

Ambrosia artemisiifolia; Euaresta bella (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Russia

**Year** 1977

Source Ex. USA (MD), Canada

Established No.

Research Organization ZIAS, USDA (1)

**References** 351, 624, 1016, 1017, 1567, 1568

**RELEASE** 

Country Russia

**Year** 1988

Source Fx. USA

Established No.

Research Organization ZIAS

**References** 624, 1014, 1017, 1567, 1568

**AGENT** 

Species Ponometia candefacta (Hübner)

Past Names/Synonyms Tarachidia candefacta (Hübner)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Russia

Year 1969

Source Ex. Canada, USA (CA)

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Populations steadily increasing in recent

years, possibly due to warmer weather and limited insecticide usage. Despite higher numbers, overall impact limited.

Research Organization AUPPI, AAFC, ZIAS, State (5)

**References** 628, 640, 1014, 1015, 1020, 1168, 1520,

1567, 1568

**ASTERACEAE** 

Ambrosia artemisiifolia (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Stobaera concinna (Stål)

Classification (Hemiptera: Delphacidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1984

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Populations small and effects negligible.

Research Organization QLD State

References 960

**AGENT** 

Species Trigonorhinus tomentosus (Say)

Past Names/Synonyms Brachytarsus tomentosus (Say)

Classification (Coleoptera: Anthribidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Russia

**Year** 1977

Source Ex. USA (MD)

Established No.

Research Organization ZIAS, USDA (1)

References 351, 624, 1014, 1567, 1568

**TABLE** 

Ambrosia artemisiifolia; Trigonorhinus tomentosus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Russia

Year 1990 Source Ex. USA

Established No

Research Organization ZIAS

**References** 624, 1017, 1567, 1568

**AGENT** 

Species Zygogramma bicolorata Pallister

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1980

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely established but only locally abundant as populations vary by location and season. Together with Epiblema strenuana provides effective control except in cooler areas or where

rain is delayed until late in year.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Predation; Climate

Research Organization IIBC, QLD State References 1215, 1219, 1421 **ASTERACEAE** 

Ambrosia artemisiifolia (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Zygogramma disrupta (Rogers)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Russia Year 1980s

Source Ex. USA (KS, NE, OK, TX)

Established No.

Notes Repeatedly released in 1980s, but never

established.

Research Organization ZIAS

**References** 624, 1017, 1019, 1567, 1568

**AGENT** 

**Species** Zygogramma suturalis (Fabricius)

Past Names/Synonyms Zygospila suturalis (Fabricius)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1990

Source Ex. Tennessee USA

Established No.

Rearing difficulties due to inadequate Notes

> daylight periods in subtropical introduced region compared to temperate native region led to

insufficient release sizes.

**Limiting Factors** Small release size; Biome differences

Research Organization QLD State

References 1421

# **ASTERACEAE**

Ambrosia artemisiifolia; Zygogramma suturalis (continued)

#### RELEASE

**Country** Former Yugoslavia

**Year** 1985

Source Ex. USA (MD, MO, NE, KS)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

**Notes** Though established, populations too low

to inflict significant impact. Population from Russia contaminated by *Beauveria*,

likely contributing to overwintering

mortality at Zagreb.

Limiting Factors Disease

Research Organization USDA (9), UZ

**References** 352, 864, 865, 1567

# RELEASE

**Country** Former Yugoslavia

Year 1990

Source Ex. Canada, USA via Russia

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

**Notes** This second release from Russia

made at Zagreb and subsequently not differentiated from the original introduction in Zagreb sourced from the USA. Though established, populations too low to inflict significant impact. Population from Russia contaminated by *Beauveria*, likely contributing to overwintering mortality at Zagreb.

Limiting Factors Disease

Research Organization ZIAS, UZ

**References** 865, 1567

# **ASTERACEAE**

Ambrosia artemisiifolia; Zygogramma suturalis (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Georgia Year 1978

Source Ex. Canada, USA (OH, MD)

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Establishment still not confirmed. Very

few experts in insects available in Georgia and none are dealing with this

group.

**Research Organization** ZIAS, AAFC, USDA (1)

**References** 351, 352, 980, 1017

# **RELEASE**

Country Kazakhstan

**Year** 1978

Source Ex. Canada, USA

Established Yes
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

lotes Established readily, but abundance and

impact unknown.

Research Organization ZIAS

**References** 624, 1017, 1019

Ambrosia artemisiifolia; Zygogramma suturalis (continued)

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Country People's Republic of China

Year 1987

Source Ex. Canada

Established No.

**Notes** Initially believed to establish in

low numbers; limited by predation.
Establishment subsequently considered

failed.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization CAAS-BCI

References 696, 920, 1123, 1932, 2064

# **RELEASE**

Country People's Republic of China

Year 1988

Source Ex. Canada, USA via Former Union Of

Soviet Socialist Republics

Established No

**Notes** Initially believed to establish in

low numbers; limited by predation.
Establishment subsequently considered

failed.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization CAAS-BCI

References 696, 920, 1123, 1567, 1932, 2064

# **RELEASE**

**Country** Russia **Year** 1978

Source Ex. Canada, USA (OH, MD)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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# **ASTERACEAE**

Ambrosia artemisiifolia; Zygogramma suturalis (continued)

Country Russia (continued)

Notes Initially reached high population levels,

causing severe damage and eliminating the weed in localized areas. Populations since plummeted. Where densities are high, causes some damage to plants but overall ineffective. Cropping practices interfere with population build up.

**Limiting Factors** Land use

Research Organization ZIAS, AAFC, USDA (1)

**References** 351, 1016, 1564, 1565, 1566, 1567,

1568, 1569

#### RELEASE

**Country** Ukraine **Year** 1980s

Source Ex. Canada (ON), USA (OH, MD, FL)

via Stavropol Territory

**Established** Yes

Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

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Notes Though not formally studied, abundance

and impact are most likely similar to Russia where agent initially successful but more recently limited in abundance

and impact.

Research Organization ZIAS, AAFC, USDA (1)

**References** 352, 1016, 1291, 1568

# **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Ambrosia psilostachya DC.

Origin North America

Common Name western ragweed

**AGENT** 

Species Ponometia candefacta (Hübner)

Past Names/Synonyms Tarachidia candefacta (Hübner)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Russia

**Year** 1969

Source Ex. Canada, USA (CA)

**Established** Unknown **Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Introduced primarily on *Ambrosia* 

artemisiifolia but also released on *A. psilostachya*. Establishment not

confirmed.

Research Organization AUPPI

**References** 624, 628, 640, 641, 1015, 1020, 1567,

1568

**ASTERACEAE** 

Ambrosia psilostachya (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Zygogramma suturalis (Fabricius)

Past Names/Synonyms Zygospila suturalis (Fabricius)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Kazakhstan

**Year** 1978

Source Ex. Canada, USA

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Established readily, but abundance and

impact unknown.

Research Organization ZIAS

References 624, 1017, 1019

RELEASE

Country Russia

**Year** 1978

Source Ex. Canada, USA (OH, MD)

**Established** Unknown **Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Introduced primarily on Ambrosia

artemisiifolia but also released on

A. psilostachya. Initially believed to have established, but establishment no longer

considered confirmed.

Research Organization ZIAS

**References** 351, 1016, 1017, 1019, 1567, 1568

# **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family Asteraceae

Species Baccharis halimifolia L.

Origin North America

Common Name groundsel bush, sea myrtle,

consumption-weed

**AGENT** 

Species Anacassis fuscata (Klug)

Past Names/Synonyms Stolas fuscata (Klug)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

# **RELEASE**

Country Australia

**Year** 1975

Source Ex. Brazil

Established No.

Research Organization QLD State

References 1203, 1424, 1976

#### **AGENT**

Species Anacassis phaeopoda Buzzi

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia

**Year** 1975

Source Ex. Brazil

Established No.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1203, 1424, 1976

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Baccharis halimifolia (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Aristotelia ivae Busck

Past Names/Synonyms Aristotelia sp.

Classification (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1969

Source Ex. USA

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Though established widely, population

densities vary according to site conditions and are typically too low to

provide any significant control.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 502, 1203, 1424, 1976

**AGENT** 

Species Bucculatrix ivella Busck

Classification (Lepidoptera: Bucculatricidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1989

Source Ex. USA

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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# **ASTERACEAE**

Baccharis halimifolia; Bucculatrix ivella (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

**Notes** Though established widely, population

densities vary and overall exhibit little to

no control.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1414, 1424, 1813

**AGENT** 

Species Heilipodus intricatus (Boheman)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Helipodus intricatus (Boheman)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1983

Source Ex. Brazil

Established No.

Notes Colonies never mass reared and only

few individuals released.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 346, 1424

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Baccharis halimifolia (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Hellinsia balanotes (Meyrick)

Oidaematophorus balanotes (Meyrick) Past Names/Synonyms

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Hellensia balanotes (Meyrick)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pterophoridae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1969

Source Ex. USA

Established No

Notes Release sizes likely too small for

successful establishment.

**Limiting Factors** Small release size

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1203, 1416, 1424

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1985

Source Ex. USA (FL, TX)

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Can be very damaging visually, but has

little impact overall as weed can recover

rapidly

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1416, 1424

Baccharis halimifolia; Hellinsia balanotes (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Former Union Of Soviet Socialist

Republics

Year 1990

Source Ex. USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization ZIAS

**References** 1017, 1424

**AGENT** 

Species Lioplacis elliptica Stål

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1977

1911

Source Ex. Brazil

Established No.

**Notes** Thousands of adults and eggs released.

Recoveries made up to 3 years after release, but damage and numbers low, and subsequently field populations

slowly declined to extinction.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1203, 1207, 1424, 1976

**ASTERACEAE** 

Baccharis halimifolia (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Lorita baccharivora Pogue

Past Names/Synonyms Phalonia sp.

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1969

Source Ex. USA

Established No.

**Notes** Only one release made; consisted of 90

adults.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1203, 1413, 1976

RELEASE

**Country** Australia

Year 1986

Source Ex. USA

Established No.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 502, 1424

Baccharis halimifolia (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Megacyllene mellyi (Chevrolat)

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1978

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Established only in coastal areas

having shallow, saline soils. On such sites, and particularly in sunny or lightly shaded areas, plant densities have been reduced by 50-100%. Ineffective on plants growing in better soil where larval mortality is high from heavier plant sap

flow.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1204, 1424, 1812, 1818

**ASTERACEAE** 

Baccharis halimifolia (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Metallactus nigrofasciatus Suffrian

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1982

Source Ex. Brazil

Established No

Notes Releases likely only limited at best.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization QLD State

References 1206, 1413, 1424

AGENT

Species Metallactus patagonicus Suffrian

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1975

Source Ex. Brazil

Established No.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1203, 1208, 1413, 1424, 1976

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#### **ASTERACEAE**

Baccharis halimifolia (continued)

AGENT

Species Puccinia evadens Harkn.

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1997

Source Ex. USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Initially caused severe dieback in

shaded areas and on small plants. More recent studies indicate impact is minimal

and may even promote growth.

Limiting Factors Habitat

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1413, 1418, 1424, 1818

**AGENT** 

Species Rhopalomyia californica Felt

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia **Year** 1969

Source Ex. USA (CA)

Established No.

Notes Establishment failure likely influenced by

only small releases being made.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1205, 1413, 1415, 1424

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Baccharis halimifolia; Rhopalomyia californica (continued)

RELEASE

Country Australia
Year 1982

Source Ex. USA (CA)

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Initially very effective in reducing

growth and fecundity when galls were abundant, particularly in wetter, cooler regions. More recently populations are

limited by parasitism.

Limiting Factors Parasitism Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1205, 1415, 1424

RELEASE

**Country** Australia **Year** 1989

Source Ex. USA (CA)

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Introduced from hotter, drier region

in attempt to increase efficacy in dry areas. As the cooler, wetter population was already widespread and abundant, establishment of the new introduction could not be confirmed. Efficacy in hot, dry regions did not increase following

this release.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1413, 1415, 1424

# **ASTERACEAE**

Baccharis halimifolia; Rhopalomyia californica (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Former Union Of Soviet Socialist

Republics

Year 1989

Source Ex. USA (CA) via Australia

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown
Research Organization ZIAS

**References** 1017, 1424

**AGENT** 

Species Trirhabda bacharidis (Weber)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

RELEASE

Country Australia

**Year** 1969

Source Ex. USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Established at only two sites in QLD.

Poor establishment due largely to change in phenology (it overwinters in the egg stage in its native range and as

pupae in Australia).

Limiting Factors Change in phenology (possibly result of

climate)

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1203, 1417, 1424, 1976

**ASTERACEAE** 

Baccharis halimifolia; Trirhabda bacharidis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia
Year 1983

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Introduced from different source in

attempt to prevent change in phenology, but change still occurred and impact/ establishment did not increase.

Limiting Factors Change in phenology (possibly result of

climate)

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1417, 1424

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Former Union Of Soviet Socialist

Republics

Year 1990

Source Ex. USA (GA, MD)

Established Yes
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Research Organization** ZIAS

**References** 1017, 1424

# **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |  |  |  |  |
|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Family         | Asteraceae   |  |  |  |
| Species        | Carduus acanthoides L.   |  |  |  |
| Origin         | Europe, Asia, northern Africa  |  |  |  |
| Common Name    | plumeless thistle, spiny plumeless thistle, bristly thistle  |  |  |  |
| AGENT          |  |  |  |  |
| Species        | Rhinocyllus conicus (Frölich)  |  |  |  |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)  |  |  |  |
| Notes          | In the USA, interstate shipment permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within each state. |  |  |  |
| References     | 1457   |  |  |  |

# **RELEASE**

Country Argentina Year 1981

Source Ex. France (Rhine Valley) via Canada

via USA and via Canada via New

Zealand

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Though the weevil reduces healthy

achene production by up to 80%, resulting impact on overall population has not been studied. Efficacy likely decreased by large suite of parasites.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization INTA

**References** 344, 540, 541, 563, 1609

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus acanthoides; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 1968

**Source** Ex. France (Rhine Valley)

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Reduces seed production by

approximately 10%, as only the early

capitula are attacked.

**Limiting Factors** Agent-host synchronization

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on native Cirsium spp.

Research Organization AAFC, MU

**References** 432, 437, 729, 735, 742, 748, 1186,

1628

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Canada **Year** 1969

Source Ex. France, USSR

Established No

**Notes** Released in attempt to increase

establishment results.

Research Organization AAFC, MU

References 729

Carduus acanthoides; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1977

Source Ex. France (Rhine Valley) via Canada

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Redistributed from *Carduus nutans* 

subsp. nutans to C. acanthoides. Impact to C. acanthoides not studied formally; however, impact on its preferred host (C. nutans subsp. nutans) insufficient to

control the weed population.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the exotic hybrid of

Carduus nutans L. subsp. nutans and Ca. acanthoides L. as well as the exotic

Cirsium vulgare (Savi) Ten.

Research Organization DSIR

> References 688, 689, 761, 915, 916, 918, 1064,

> > 1650

RELEASE

Country United States of America

**Year** 1969

Source Ex. France (Rhine Valley) via Canada

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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# **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus acanthoides; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

United States of America (continued)

Notes Sourced from Carduus nutans.

Anecdotal evidence suggests successful in some areas, however field studies indicate provides only partial control of C. acanthoides because ovipositional period only coincides with development of terminal thistle buds and not lateral buds that develop later in growing

season.

Other Species Attacked Attacks 22 of 90 Cirsium spp. native to

> the USA. Interstate shipment permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended

for redistribution within each state.

Research Organization USDA (1), State (1,9)

**References** 335, 1011, 1457, 1501, 1502, 1506,

1578, 1600, 1750, 1751, 1799

# **ASTERACEAE** Carduus acanthoides (continued)

#### **AGENT**

**Species** Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer) Past Names/Synonyms Ceuthorhynchidius horridus (Panzer)

**Classification** (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

Notes A 2002 revision of Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer) concluded that this species was in fact a complex of three species, with distinct host plant genus preferences: T. horridus, T. mortadelo Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz, and T. briesei Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz with preferences for Cirsium, Carduus, and Onopordum thistles, respectively. The authors of this revision stated "it is highly likely that the introductions originally made into Canada from Germany to control Carduus spp., as well as those into the United States from Italy to control Carduus spp. and Cirsium vulgare are either T. mortadelo sp. n. or a mixture of T. horridus and T. mortadelo sp. n." However, because specimens in North America have not been examined in greater detail utilizing the new keys, the editors of this catalogue must refer to them all with the only name under which they have appeared in North American literature. T. horridus. All three species are supposedly present in Australia. While it is believed Australia sourced their T. mortadelo from New Zealand, surveys in New Zealand yielded T. horridus only, regardless of whether the host surveyed was Cirsium or Carduus. Molecular (continued at top of next column)

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus acanthoides (continued)

**Species** *Trichosirocalus horridus* (Panzer)

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Notes (continued) studies are currently underway to

> determine if the species complex is truly a complex, and to what level, but until new results are published the editors of this catalogue follow the published conclusion that three distinct Trichosirocalus species have been utilized in thistle weed biological

control.

References 27, 689

# **RELEASE**

Country Argentina Year 1983

Source Ex. Italy via USA

Established No.

Research Organization INTA

**References** 344, 540, 563

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada

Year 1975

Source Ex. Germany

Established Yes

Abundance I imited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** ON populations result of redistribution

from Carduus nutans to C. acanthoides.

Damage overall is limited on C. acanthoides. Where large rosettes attacked, they frequently survive to produce seed later in the season.

Research Organization AAFC, MU

References 25, 117, 432, 729, 735

Carduus acanthoides; Trichosirocalus horridus (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. Italy

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

**General Impact** Variable

**Notes** In some areas, substantial declines

in Carduus acanthoides densities

attributed at least in part to

Trichosirocalus horridus alone or in combination with Rhinocyllus conicus. Successful sites had high amounts of grass competition. At most locations, this agent is seldom effective alone.

Here, weed reductions have not been observed, with some infestations actually increasing. Prefers C. nutans

over C. acanthoides.

Other Species Attacked Also found feeding on five native

> Cirsium spp. in the USA. Consequently, interstate transport not permitted, and some states have prohibited its redistribution within their borders.

> Observed on the exotic Cirsium arvense (L.) Scop., though impact likely minimal.

Research Organization USDA (1), State (1)

**References** 47, 226, 335, 710, 1007, 1008, 1011,

1012, 1502, 1506, 1578, 1778

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus acanthoides (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Urophora solstitialis (L.)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

Year 1990

Source Ex. Germany

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Overall impact limited. Average of

4.5 larvae in seed heads of Carduus acanthoides. Believed to be no conflict

between this agent and Rhinocyllus

conicus.

Research Organization INTA

**References** 25, 432, 735

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1993

Source Ex. Italy

Established No.

Research Organization State (20)

References 1011, 1506, 1578, 1799

**TABLE** 

# **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family

Asteraceae

Species Carduus nutans L.

Past Names/Synonyms Carduus thoermeri (Weinman)

**Notes** Carduus nutans is part of a variable complex that has been treated as one to several species or, more recently, as a single species with several subspecies. Various intermediates are evident, and many North and South American specimens cannot be reliably assigned. It is believed Canadian populations comprise two subspecies with C. nutans subsp. *nutans* distributed in eastern Canada from NL to ON and C. nutans subsp. leiophyllus, which is considered synonymous with C. thoermeri (Weinman), from ON to BC. In the USA, subspecies include subsp. nutans, subsp. leiophyllus [Petrovic] Stoj. and Stef., and subsp. macrocephalus [Desf.] Nyman). Presumably, subsp. *nutans* is mainly distributed in the eastern part of the country, while only subsp. leiophyllus and subsp. macrocephalus are present in the Great Plains.

Origin Europe, Asia, northern Africa Common Name musk thistle, nodding thistle, nodding

plumeless thistle

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus nutans (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species

Cheilosia grossa (Fallén)

Past Names/Synonyms

Cheilosia corydon (Harris)

Classification (Diptera: Syrphidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1990

Source Ex. Italy

Established No

Other Species Attacked

Damage similar to that caused by this

agent has been observed in several native thistles species (Cirsium edule group), thus caution should be used when considering introduction of this fly

into new areas.

**Research Organization** USDA (10,12), State (7,15,20)

References

332, 334, 335, 620, 621, 1105, 1506,

1799

**AGENT** 

**Species** 

Psylliodes chalcomera (Illiger)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1997

Source Ex. Italy

Established No.

Research Organization USDA (12), State (20)

**References** 620, 1506

Carduus nutans (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Puccinia carduorum Jacky

**Classification** (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1987

Source Ex. Turkey

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Isolate III. Intentionally introduced on Carduus nutans in 1987 for

experimental field release but quickly spread across numerous states. This strain very specific to Carduus nutans; attacking C. nutans subsp. leiophyllus but with zero to low incidence on C. nutans subsp. nutans and C. nutans subsp. macrocephalus during specificity trials. Reduces seed set and quality in C. nutans subsp. leiophyllus; effects of rust and established insect biocontrol

agents additive.

**Research Organization** State (1,2,14)

**References** 87, 183, 184, 473, 620, 1009, 1506,

1519, 2002

**ASTERACEAE** 

Carduus nutans (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Rhinocyllus conicus (Frölich)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**Notes** In the USA, interstate shipment

permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within

each state.

References 1457

**RELEASE** 

Country Argentina

**Year** 1981

Source Ex. France (Rhine Valley) via Canada

via USA and via Canada via New

Zealand

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Though significantly reduces healthy

achene production, impact of this on overall population has not been studied. Efficacy likely decreased by large suite

of parasites.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization INTA

**References** 343, 344, 540, 1609

Carduus nutans; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Canada Year 1968

Source Ex. France (Rhine Valley)

Yes Established Abundance High **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Reduces seed production by ~50% and

attacks the heads often over 90%. In SK has reduced Carduus nutans in pastures to less than 10% of its former density, but has less effect where the thistle is growing without competition. In BC has controlled *C. nutans* for several years.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on native Cirsium spp.

Research Organization AAFC

References 117, 432, 729, 742, 748, 1186, 1628,

1841, 2080

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1969

Ex. France (Rhine Valley) via Canada Source

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Variable

**Geographical Scale of Impact** 

Notes Sourced from Carduus nutans. In some states, substantial declines in C. nutans densities attributed at least in part to Rhinocyllus conicus alone or in combination with Trichosirocalus horridus. However, many of these claims based on anecdotal observations. At several other locations, reductions (continued at top of next column)

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus nutans; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

**Notes (continued)** have not been observed. More recent

studies indicate R. conicus, alone or in combination with *T. horridus*, only effective when interspecific plant competition high. Parasitism may limit

efficacy in some areas.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Other Species Attacked Attacks 22 of 90 Cirsium spp. native to

the USA. Interstate shipment permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within each state.

**Research Organization** USDA (1,7,9,10,11), State (1,9,13,14,15)

**References** 47, 83, 231, 332, 335, 620, 1013, 1239,

1242, 1457, 1506, 1540, 1557, 1578,

1731

# **RELEASE**

United States of America Country

Year 1974 Source Ex. Italy Established Yes **Abundance** High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Sourced from Silybum marianum.

In Siskiyu County CA, new weed populations spring up following soil disturbance. Rhinocyllus conicus continues to provide exellent control of these populations within 10+ years of

their re-emergence.

Research Organization USDA (7), State (14)

**References** 231, 785, 1512

Carduus nutans (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Classification

**Species** Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer) Past Names/Synonyms Ceuthorhynchidius horridus (Panzer)

(Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**Notes** A 2002 revision of *Trichosirocalus* horridus (Panzer) concluded that this species was in fact a complex of three species, with distinct host plant genus preferences: T. horridus, T. mortadelo Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz, and T. briesei Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz with preferences for Cirsium, Carduus, and Onopordum thistles, respectively. The authors of this revision stated "it is highly likely that the introductions originally made into Canada from Germany to control Carduus spp., as well as those into the United States from Italy to control Carduus spp. and Cirsium vulgare are either T. mortadelo sp. n. or a mixture of T. horridus and T. mortadelo sp. n." However, because specimens in North America have not been examined in greater detail utilizing the new keys, the editors of this catalogue must refer to them all with the only name under which they have appeared in North American literature, T. horridus. All three species are supposedly present in Australia. While it is believed Australia sourced their T. mortadelo from New Zealand, surveys in New Zealand vielded T. horridus only, regardless of whether the host surveyed was Cirsium or Carduus. Molecular studies are currently (continued at top of next column)

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus nutans (continued)

**Species** *Trichosirocalus horridus* (Panzer)

(continued)

Notes (continued) underway to determine if the species

complex is truly a complex, and to what level, but until new results are published the editors of this catalogue follow the published conclusion that three distinct Trichosirocalus species have been utilized in thistle weed

biological control.

References 27, 689

**RELEASE** 

Country Argentina

Year 1983

Source Ex. Italy via USA

Established No.

Research Organization INTA

References 344, 540

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1975

Source Ex. Austria, Germany, Switzerland

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Damage overall is limited. Where large

rosettes are attacked, they frequently survive to produce seed later in the

season.

Research Organization AAFC

References 25, 117, 432, 729, 1628

Carduus nutans; Trichosirocalus horridus (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 1974 Source Ex. Italy Established Yes

Abundance Moderate **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** In some states, substantial declines in Carduus nutans densities attributed at least in part to *Trichosirocalus* horridus alone or in combination with Rhinocyllus conicus. At several other locations, reductions have not been observed by this agent alone. More recent studies indicate T. horridus. alone or in combination with *R. conicus*, only effective when interspecific plant competition high. Some populations may

be hindered by Nosema infection.

**Limiting Factors** Disease

Other Species Attacked Also found feeding on five native

> Cirsium spp. in the USA. Consequently, interstate transport not permitted, and some states have prohibited its redistribution within their borders. Also observed on the exotic Cirsium arvense (L.) Scop., though impact likely minimal.

Research Organization USDA (1,7,9,12),

State (1,7,9,10,11,13,15,20)

**References** 47, 74, 226, 332, 335, 620, 710, 1007,

1008, 1242, 1502, 1506, 1578, 1731,

1778, 1799, 1968

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus nutans (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Urophora solstitialis (L.) Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 1991

Source Ex. Austria

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 735

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1993 Source Ex. Italy

Established No.

Research Organization USDA (10)

**References** 334, 335, 620, 1105, 1506, 1578, 1799

# **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED  |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Family  | Asteraceae  |  |
| Species                                       | Carduus nutans L. subsp. nutans   |  |
| Notes   | complex that has been treated as one to several species or, more recently, as a single species with several subspecies. <i>Carduus nutans</i> subsp. <i>nutans</i> is the predominant form of the weed in Australia and New Zealand. <i>C. nutans</i> subsp. <i>leiophyllus</i> occurs in Australia, but only as a ruderal of minor importance, confined to southeastern QLD. |  |
| Origin  | Europe, Asia, northern Africa   |  |
| Common Name                                   | nodding thistle, musk thistle   |  |
| AGENT Species Classification Notes References | Rhinocyllus conicus (Frölich) (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) In the USA, interstate shipment permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within each state. 1457   |  |
| iverences                                     | 1407  |  |

### **RELEASE**

Country Australia
Year 1988
Source Ex. Franc (southern: Larzac)
Established Yes

Abundance Moderate
General Impact Medium
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

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# **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus nutans ssp. nutans; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

Country Australia (continued)

**Notes** This population slow to increase

despite climatically matching region of release. Eventually built up and mixed with population from New Zealand. Insufficient to control *Carduus nutans* alone but in conjunction with other species significantly reduces seed

banks and rosette density.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 384, 2012, 2013

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia **Year** 1988

Source Ex. France (northern: Alsace) via

Canada via New Zealand

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**Notes** Three different populations of

Rhinocyllus conicus were released in an attempt to climate match to different regions where Carduus nutans was problematic. Most successful of the three populations introduced but insufficient to control C nutans alone. In conjunction with other species significantly reduces seed banks and

rosette density.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 384, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Carduus nutans ssp. nutans; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia **Year** 1989 Source Ex. Italy Established Yes

General Impact Slight

Abundance Limited

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Only weakly established despite

climatically matching region of release. Where present, insufficient to control Carduus nutans alone but in conjunction with other species significantly reduces

seed banks and rosette density.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 384, 2012, 2013

#### RELEASE

**Country** New Zealand

Year 1973

**Source** Ex. France (Rhine Valley) via Canada

**Established** Yes Abundance High General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely distributed throughout the range of the weed. Can significantly reduce seed production in Carduus nutans subsp. nutans early in season; however many later inflorescences escape damage such that overall impact insufficient to control weed population.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the exotic hybrid of

> Carduus nutans L. subsp. nutans and Ca. acanthoides L. as well as the exotic

Cirsium vulgare (Savi) Ten.

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 688, 761, 914, 915, 916, 918, 975,

1064, 1650

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus nutans ssp. nutans (continued)

#### **AGENT**

**Species** *Trichosirocalus horridus* (Panzer) Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

> Notes A 2002 revision of Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer) concluded that this species was in fact a complex of three species, with distinct host plant genus preferences: T. horridus, T. mortadelo Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz, and T. briesei Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz with preferences for Cirsium, Carduus, and Onopordum thistles, respectively. The editors of this revision stated "it is highly likely that the introductions originally made into Canada from Germany to control Carduus spp., as well as those into the United States from Italy to control Carduus spp. and Cirsium vulgare are either T. mortadelo sp. n. or a mixture of T. horridus and T. mortadelo sp. n." However, because specimens in North America have not been examined in greater detail utilizing the new keys, the editors of this catalogue must refer to them all with the only name under which they have appeared in North American literature, T. horridus. All three species are supposedly present in Australia. While it is believed Australia sourced their T. mortadelo from New Zealand, surveys in New Zealand vielded T. horridus only, regardless of whether the host surveyed was Cirsium or Carduus. Molecular studies are currently (continued on next page)

# **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus nutans ssp. nutans; Trichosirocalus horridus (continued)

**Species** *Trichosirocalus horridus* (Panzer)

(continued)

Notes (continued) underway to determine if the species

complex is truly a complex, and to what level, but until new results are published the editors of this catalogue follow the published conclusion that three distinct *Trichosirocalus* species have been utilized in thistle weed

biological control.

References 27, 689

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 1979 Source Ex. Italy

Established No

Notes Establishment failure likely due to low

numbers of insects released.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization DSIR References 720, 916

**ASTERACEAE** 

Carduus nutans ssp. nutans; Trichosirocalus horridus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

**Year** 1984

Source Ex. Germany via Canada

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** At many sites, *Carduus nutans* subsp.

nutans populations appear to have declined within 5 years of release, however efficacy varies and majority of

data is anecdotal.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the exotic Carduus

acanthoides L., Ca. pycnocephalus L., Ca. tenuiflorus Curtis, Cirsium vulgare (Savi) Ten., Ci. palustre (L.) Scop., Onopordum acanthium L. and hybrids of C. nutans L. subsp. nutans and

C. acanthoides.

Research Organization DSIR

References 689, 720, 761, 916, 1064

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus nutans ssp. nutans (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Trichosirocalus mortadelo Alonso-

Zarazaga & Sanchez-Ruiz

Past Names/Synonyms

Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer) pars, Ceuthorhynchidius horridus

(Panzer) pars

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

Notes A 2002 revision of Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer) concluded that this species was in fact a complex of three species, with distinct host plant genus preferences: T. horridus, T. mortadelo Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz, and T. briesei Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz with preferences for Cirsium, Carduus, and Onopordum thistles, respectively. All three are supposedly present in Australia. Because there is a disagreement for the morphological parameters selected by taxonomists for this separation, molecular studies are currently underway to determine if the species complex is truly a complex, and to what level. Until new conclusions are reached, the editors of this catalogue follow the three published names of the separation.

References 27, 689

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus nutans ssp. nutans; Trichosirocalus mortadelo (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

Year 1993

**Source** Ex. Germany via Canada via

New Zealand

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Released under the assumption the

species was Trichosirocalus horridus, but has since been identified as the cryptic T. mortadelo. Most effective of the three species established on this weed. Reduces seed production by 72% alone or 81% in combination with other two species. In addition, larval feeding kills some over-wintering rosettes.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 384, 886, 2011, 2012

#### **AGENT**

Species

Urophora solstitialis (L.)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1991

**Source** Ex. France (southern)

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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Carduus nutans ssp. nutans; Urophora solstitialis (continued)

Country Australia (continued)

**Notes** Though widely distributed, poorly

synchronized with *Carduus nutans* bud production which limits population size. Still second most effective agent established. In conjunction with other species significantly reduces seed

banks and rosette density

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 384, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015

RELEASE

Country New Zealand

Year 1990

Source Ex. Austria

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Densities limited due to interactions

with *Rhinocyllus conicus*, thus hindering ability to significantly impact weed

populations.

**Limiting Factors** Agent-host synchronization; Interspecific

competition

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 688, 720, 761, 1064

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

**Year** 1992

Source Ex. France via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

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#### **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus nutans ssp. nutans; Urophora solstitialis (continued)

**Country** New Zealand (continued)

**Notes** This second introduction obtained

from Australia because of difficulties re-phasing Austrian population to Southern Hemisphere conditions. Both introductions established and subsequently not differentiated. Densities limited due to interactions with *Rhinocyllus conicus*, thus hindering ability to significantly impact weed

populations.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition

Research Organization MWLR

References 688, 720, 761, 1064

TABLE 1

# **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                |   |  |  |
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| Family              | Asteraceae                              |  |  |
| Species             | Carduus pycnocephalus L.                |  |  |
| Origin              | n Europe, Asia, northern Africa         |  |  |
| Common Name         | slender winged thistle, Italian thistle |  |  |
|                     |   |  |  |
| AGENT               |   |  |  |
| Species             | Cheilosia grossa (Fallén)               |  |  |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Cheilosia corydon (Harris)              |  |  |
| Classification      | (Diptera: Syrphidae)                    |  |  |

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1993 Source Ex. Italy Established Yes Abundance Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Not overly abundant but where established, plants with large stem diameters (>10 mm) often attacked. Larval mining interferes with plant function and ultimately results in decrease of seed production,

sometimes even death.

Other Species Attacked Damage similar to that caused by this

agent has been observed in several native thistles species (Cirsium edule group), thus caution should be used when considering introduction of this fly into new areas. Also rarely found attacking Carduus acanthoides L., especially plants with large diameter

stems (>10 mm).

Research Organization USDA (10), State (15) **References** 332, 334, 1506, 2002

**ASTERACEAE** 

Carduus pycnocephalus (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Puccinia cardui-pycnocephali P. Syd.

& Syd.

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia Year 1993

**Source** Ex. Italy (strain IT2), France (strain FR3)

Established Yes **Abundance** Unknown General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Strains IT2 and FR3. Rust infection decreases reproductive output and plant dry weight. Both strains will attack Carduus pycnocephalus and C. tenuiflorus, though IT2 from Italy is much more virulent on C. pycnocephalus. A third strain of this rust

(shown to be ineffective) was known from Australia prior to this release.

Research Organization VIC State

**References** 122, 248, 692, 693, 886

# **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus pycnocephalus (continued)

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Species Rhinocyllus conicus (Frölich)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**Notes** In the USA, interstate shipment

permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within

each state.

References 1457

# **RELEASE**

**Country** New Zealand

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. France (Rhine Valley) via Canada

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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Notes Initially released on Carduus

nutans subsp. nutans; attack to C. pycnocephalus largely spillover and highest early in season. Even on its preferred host (C. nutans subsp. nutans), impact insufficient to control

weed population.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the exotic hybrid of

Carduus nutans L. subsp. nutans and Ca. acanthoides L. as well as the exotic

Cirsium vulgare (Savi) Ten.

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 688, 761, 914, 915, 916, 918, 1064,

1521, 1650

# **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus pycnocephalus; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1973 Source Ex. Italy

**Established** Yes **Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Sourced from Carduus pycnocephalus.

Though widespread in CA and OR, populations limited in ID. Reductions of thistle density occur in pastures not burned annually, but usually only under conditions of high plant competition. Large number of seeds escape

predation when capitula produced late in

season after oviposition has ceased.

Other Species Attacked Attacks 22 of 90 Cirsium spp. native to

the USA. Interstate shipment permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended

for redistribution within each state.

**Research Organization** USDA (7), State (5,14,15)

**References** 332, 334, 335, 621, 642, 644, 1457,

1578, 1837

# **ASTERACEAE** Carduus pycnocephalus (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer) Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

> **Notes** A 2002 revision of *Trichosirocalus* horridus (Panzer) concluded that this species was in fact a complex of three species, with distinct host plant genus preferences: T. horridus, T. mortadelo Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz, and T. briesei Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz with preferences for Cirsium, Carduus, and Onopordum thistles, respectively. The editors of this revision stated "it is highly likely that the introductions originally made into Canada from Germany to control Carduus spp., as well as those into the United States from Italy to control Carduus spp. and Cirsium vulgare are either T. mortadelo sp. n. or a mixture of T. horridus and T. mortadelo sp. n." However, because specimens in North America have not been examined in greater detail utilizing the new keys, the editors of this catalogue must refer to them all with the only name under which they have appeared in North American literature, T. horridus. All three species are supposedly present in Australia. While it is believed Australia sourced their T. mortadelo from New Zealand, surveys in New Zealand yielded T. horridus only, regardless of whether the host surveyed was Cirsium or Carduus. Molecular studies are currently (continued aat top of next column)

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus pycnocephalus; Trichosirocalus horridus (continued)

**Species** *Trichosirocalus horridus* (Panzer)

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Notes (continued)

underway to determine if the species complex is truly a complex, and to what level, but until new results are published the editors of this catalogue follow the published conclusion that three distinct *Trichosirocalus* species have been utilized in thistle weed

biological control.

References 27, 689

# **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1994

Source Ex. Italy

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Redistributed from Carduus nutans to C. pycnocephalus. Developing larvae often cause main stem to die and lead to development of several smaller stems. Adults feed on leaves and cause pitting of stems. However, anecdotal observations indicate other agents more important on C. pycnocephalus, and this

agent prefers C. nutans.

Other Species Attacked

Also found feeding on five native Cirsium spp. in the USA. Consequently, interstate transport not permitted, and some states have prohibited its redistribution within their borders. Observed on the exotic Cirsium arvense (L.) Scop., though impact likely minimal.

Research Organization State (15)

**References** 47, 332, 334, 335, 710, 1012, 1506,

1578, 1778

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED** Family Asteraceae Species Carduus tenuiflorus Curtis Origin western Europe, northern Africa Common Name winged thistle, slenderflower thistle **AGENT** Species Cheilosia grossa (Fallén) Cheilosia corydon (Harris) Past Names/Synonyms Classification (Diptera: Syrphidae)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 1990 Source Ex. Italy Established Yes Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Widespread where weed infestations

occur in OR. Plants with large stem diameters (>10 mm) often attacked. Larval mining interferes with plant function and ultimately results in decreased seed production, sometimes

even death though overall impact minor. Impact and abundance in MD unknown.

Other Species Attacked Damage similar to that caused by this

agent has been observed in several native thistles species (Cirsium edule group), thus caution should be used when considering introduction of this fly into new areas. Also rarely found attacking Carduus acanthoides L., especially plants with large diameter

stems (>10 mm).

Research Organization USDA (12), State (20)

**References** 332, 334, 335, 621, 690, 1506, 2002

#### **ASTERACEAE** Carduus tenuiflorus (continued)

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Species Puccinia cardui-pycnocephali P. Syd.

& Svd.

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia Year 1993

Source Ex. Italy (strain IT2), France (strain FR3)

Established Yes Unknown Abundance General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Strains IT2 and FR3. Rust infection decreases reproductive output and plant dry weight. Both strains will attack Carduus tenuiflorus and C. pycnocephalus, though FR3 from France is much more virulent on C. tenuiflorus. A third strain of this rust (shown to be ineffective) was known from Australia prior to this release.

Research Organization VIC State

References 122, 248, 692, 693, 886

Carduus tenuiflorus (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Rhinocyllus conicus (Frölich)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**Notes** In the USA, interstate shipment

permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within

each state.

References 1457

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

**Year** 1973

**Source** Ex. France (Rhine Valley) via Canada

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Initially released on *Carduus nutans* 

subsp. nutans; attack to C. tenuiflorus largely spillover and highest early in season. Even on preferred host (C. nutans subsp. nutans), impact insufficient to control weed population.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the exotic hybrid of

Carduus nutans L. subsp. nutans and Ca. acanthoides L. as well as the exotic

Cirsium vulgare (Savi) Ten.

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 688, 761, 914, 915, 916, 918, 1064,

1650

**ASTERACEAE** 

Carduus tenuiflorus; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1979

Source Ex. Italy Established Yes

Abundance High **General Impact** Variable

Notes Sourced from Carduus pycnocephalus.

Reductions of thistle density occur in pastures not burned annually, but usually only under conditions of high plant competition. Populations fare

poorly nearer the ocean.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

Other Species Attacked Attacks 22 of 90 Cirsium spp. native to

> the USA. Interstate shipment permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within each state.

Research Organization State (15)

**References** 332, 334, 335, 621, 1457, 1512

**AGENT** 

**Species** *Trichosirocalus horridus* (Panzer)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

Notes A 2002 revision of Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer) concluded that this species was in fact a complex of three species, with distinct host plant genus preferences: T. horridus, T. mortadelo Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz, and T. briesei Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz with preferences for Cirsium, Carduus, and Onopordum thistles, respectively. The editors of

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus tenuiflorus (continued)

**Species** *Trichosirocalus horridus* (Panzer)

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Notes (continued) this revision stated "it is highly likely that the introductions originally made into Canada from Germany to control Carduus spp., as well as those into the United States from Italy to control Carduus spp. and Cirsium vulgare are either T. mortadelo sp. n. or a mixture of T. horridus and T. mortadelo sp. n." However, because specimens in North America have not been examined in greater detail utilizing the new keys, the editors of this catalogue must refer to them all with the only name under which they have appeared in North American literature. T. horridus. All three species are supposedly present in Australia. While it is believed Australia sourced their T. mortadelo from New Zealand, surveys in New Zealand yielded T. horridus only, regardless of whether the host surveyed was Cirsium or Carduus. Molecular studies are currently underway to determine if the species complex is truly a complex, and to what level, but until new results are published the editors of this catalogue follow the published conclusion that three distinct Trichosirocalus species have been utilized in thistle weed biological control.

References 27, 689

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Carduus tenuiflorus; Trichosirocalus horridus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1994 Source Ex. Italy

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate **General Impact** Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Initially introduced onto *Carduus* 

acanthoides and C. nutans. Spread naturally to C. tenuiflorus. Developing larvae often cause main stem to die and lead to development of several smaller stems. Adults feed on leaves and cause pitting of stems. However, anecdotal observations indicate other agents more important on C. tenuiflorus, and this

agent prefers C. nutans.

Also found feeding on five native Other Species Attacked

> Cirsium spp. in the USA. Consequently, interstate transport not permitted, and some states have prohibited its redistribution within their borders. Observed on the exotic Cirsium arvense

> (L.) Scop., though impact likely minimal.

Research Organization State (15)

**References** 47, 332, 334, 710, 1012, 1506, 1578,

1778

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| Asteraceae                    |
|-------------------------------|
| Centaurea calcitrapa L.       |
| Eurasia                       |
| purple starthistle            |
|                               |
|                               |
| Bangasternus fausti (Reitter) |
| (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)   |
|                               |

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 1999

Source Ex. Greece

Established No.

**Notes** Originally released on *Centaurea* 

diffusa. Redistribution attempted from

C. calcitrapa but did not establish.

**Research Organization** State (14,22)

**References** 508, 1735, 2017

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea calcitrapa (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Larinus minutus Gyllenhal Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1998

Source Ex. Greece, Romania

Established No.

Notes Originally released on Centaurea

diffusa. Redistribution attempted from

C. calcitrapa but did not establish.

Research Organization State (14,22)

References 508, 1074, 2017, 2032

**AGENT** 

Species Terellia virens (Loew) Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1998

Source Ex. Austria, Switzerland

Established No.

Notes Originally released on Centaurea

diffusa. Redistribution attempted from C. calcitrapa but did not establish.

**Research Organization** State (14,22)

**References** 508, 1728, 2017, 2032

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED** Family Asteraceae Species Centaurea cyanus L. Origin Eurasia Common Name cornflower, bachelor's button **AGENT** Species Chaetorellia australis Héring Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1988

**Source** Ex. Greece (northern)

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially introduced on *Centaurea* solstitialis, but quickly established on C. cyanus as well. C. cyanus often used by first generation of insects at time when seed heads of intended host, C. solstitialis, are not available. At some sites, presence of *C. cyanus* may be requirement to sustain populations of the insect, and attack rates often higher on this plant compared to C. solstitialis. Can reduce seed production by up to 70% at sites in WA, though overall it is

not leading to control.

Research Organization USDA (7), State (9,14,15)

**References** 76, 78, 79, 332, 334, 1502, 1513, 1838

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| Species<br>Origin | Asteraceae  Centaurea diffusa Lam.  Eurasia  diffuse knapweed |
|-------------------|---|
| •                 | Agapeta zoegana (L.)<br>(Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)            |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 1982

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Variable

Notes High populations may have significant

impact on knapweed populations, especially when in conjunction with other biocontrol agents. Though this agent is widespread throughout BC, densities decrease as distribution/

dispersal increase.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 153, 432, 1299, 1315, 1724

Centaurea diffusa; Agapeta zoegana (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1984

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary

Established Yes Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Principal host Centaurea stoebe

sens. lat, which it does not damage appreciably. Damages C. diffusa to an

even lesser extent.

**Research Organization** USDA (10,14), State (6,7,9,15)

**References** 332, 334, 335, 490, 1509, 1578, 1731, 1735

**AGENT** 

Species Bangasternus fausti (Reitter)

**Classification** (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1990

Source Ex. Greece

Established Yes Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Can destroy up to 100% of the seed in attacked capitula. However, abundance limited, not likely due to interspecific competition. Prefers hot, dry areas and does not do well in areas with prolonged rain or at high elevations. Other causes

limiting success not well known.

**Limiting Factors** Climate: Elevation

**Research Organization** USDA (7,10), State (9,14,15)

**References** 332, 335, 708, 928, 1105, 1502, 1700,

1729, 1735

**ASTERACEAE** 

Centaurea diffusa (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species

Cyphocleonus achates (Fåhraeus)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1987

**Source** Ex. Austria, Hungary, Romania

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Preferred host is *Centaurea stoebe* 

sens. lat. so although distributed widely throughout BC, populations limited on C. diffusa. Does best in hot and dry climates with loose soil and in patches with open canopy. Significantly reduced plant density, size, and reproductive output in caged field experiment.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 150, 153, 432, 1315, 1724, 1870

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1988

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary, Romania

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited General Impact Medium Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Centaurea diffusa; Cyphocleonus achates (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Notes Principal host is Centaurea stoebe

sens. lat.; also damages C. diffusa but to lesser extent so is less abundant on this species. Impacts to C. diffusa not studied extensively, but likely less important than other agents (particularly Larinus spp.). Impacts also likely greater under drought conditions when plants

less capable of compensation.

Research Organization USDA (10), State (7,15)

**References** 332, 334, 335, 708, 1105, 1509, 1635,

1727, 1735

**AGENT** 

Species Larinus minutus Gyllenhal

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada **Year** 1991

Source Ex. Greece

Established Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Larval feeding decreases seed output; adult feeding decreases plant function. High weevil populations correspond to widespread decreases in density and cover of Centaurea diffusa, which is preferred host over C. stoebe sens. lat. More than 5 years required post release before reductions noticeable. Spreads

up to 2km/year.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 150, 153, 432, 1315, 1724, 1870

**ASTERACEAE** 

Centaurea diffusa; Larinus minutus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

> 1991 Year

Source Ex. Greece, Romania

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Larval feeding decreases seed output.

adult feeding decreases plant function. Causes widespread decreases in density of Centaurea diffusa, which is preferred host over *C. stoebe* sens. lat. Replacing Bangasternus fausti at many CA sites. Mice predation can be high at

some sites.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

**Research Organization** USDA (10,14), State (9,14,15),

**USDA-APHIS** 

**References** 39, 332, 334, 335, 928, 1074, 1105,

1635, 1735, 2018

**AGENT** 

Species Larinus obtusus Gyllenhal Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1992

Ex. Romania, Serbia Source

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Unknown Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Centaurea diffusa; Larinus obtusus (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Principal host is Centaurea stoebe

sens. lat., but also damages *C. jacea* nothosubsp. *pratensis* and *C. diffusa* to lesser extent. Limits seed production, but not as important as *Larinus minutus* 

on this species.

Research Organization State (9,15), USDA (10)

**References** 335, 1635, 1735

**AGENT** 

Species Metzneria paucipunctella Zeller

Classification (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1981

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established Yes
Abundance Rare
General Impact None

**Notes** Preferred host is Centaurea stoebe

sens. lat. Only rarely found in C. *diffusa* seed heads when both weeds grow

together.

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the invasive Centaurea

jacea L. nothosubsp. pratensis

(W.D.J. Koch) Čelak.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 153, 432, 739

**ASTERACEAE** 

Centaurea diffusa; Metzneria paucipunctella (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1980

Source Ex. Switzerland via Canada

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Principal host is *Centaurea stoebe* sens.

lat., but spread naturally and damages *C. diffusa* to a lesser extent. Typically less than 5% seed heads attacked; overall seed reduction minor.

Research Organization State (9,15)

**References** 332, 335, 1502, 1578, 1729, 1732, 1735

AGENT

Species Pelochrista medullana (Staudinger)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1982

Source Ex. Austria

Established No

**Notes** Preferred host is *Centaurea diffusa*, but

establishment not confirmed on either *C. diffusa* or *C. stoebe* sens. lat. Failure likely due to overwintering mortality.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 153, 432

Centaurea diffusa; Pelochrista medullana (continued)

RELEASE

**Country** United States of America

Year 1984

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Source Ex. Austria, Hungary

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Has been very slow to establish for

unknown reasons.

**Research Organization** USDA (7,10), State (7)

**References** 897, 1731, 1732, 1735

AGENT

**Species** Pterolonche inspersa Staudinger

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pterolonchidae)

RELEASE

Country Canada

**Year** 1986

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Successfully dispersed up to 20km from

some release sites. Dispersal limited by widely spaced *Centaurea* patches, and populations limited to arid climate with period of summer drought. Stunts plants and may reduce number and size of inflorescences though overall impact has not been separated from other

agents.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 152, 153, 432

**ASTERACEAE** 

Centaurea diffusa; Pterolonche inspersa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1986

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary, Greece

Established Yes
Abundance Rare
General Impact None

**Notes** Though still exists in one region in OR,

has dwindled to low levels because of dramatic control of Centaurea diffusa by

Larinus spp.

**Research Organization** USDA (7,10,12), State (6,7,9,15)

**References** 39, 332, 334, 335, 897, 1735

**AGENT** 

Species Sphenoptera jugoslavica Obenberger

Classification (Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1976

**Source** Ex. Greece (northern)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Preferred host is Centaurea diffusa, on

which it is widely distributed through driest range of weed. At high beetle densities can decrease weed stature and seed production, and reduce densities of seedlings and rosettes. Beetle populations can fluctuate within sites, leading to isolated impacts. Best in combination with other biocontrol

agents.

Centaurea diffusa; Sphenoptera jugoslavica (continued)

**Country** Canada (continued)

Limiting Factors Climate
Research Organization UBC

References 117, 153, 432, 739, 742, 1299, 1525,

1724

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1980

Source Ex. Greece

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widespread in CA, CO, ID, MT, OR,

and WA but limited in NV, UT, WY and elsewhere. Causes some reductions in plant density and seed output, especially among competing vegetation. Does best

at hot, dry sites.

Limiting Factors Climate

**Research Organization** USDA (7,10,14), State (6,7,9,14,15),

**USDA-APHIS** 

**References** 39, 74, 332, 335, 897, 928, 1501, 1509,

1578, 1635, 1731, 1735

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea diffusa (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Subanguina picridis (Kirjanova)

Brzeski

Past Names/Synonyms Paranguina picridis (Kirjanova)

Kirjanova & Ivanova, Mesoanguina

picridis (Kirjanova) Chizhov &

Subbotin

Classification (Tylenchida: Anguinidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1985

Source Ex. Kazakhstan

Established No

**Notes** Redistributed from *Rhaponticum repens* 

to Centaurea diffusa but failed to

establish.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 735, 1944

**AGENT** 

**Species** *Urophora affinis* (Frauenfeld)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. France

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea diffusa; Urophora affinis (continued)

**Country** Canada (continued)

**Notes** High fly populations create numerous

galls that stunt plant growth and decrease seed production. Still, no apparent decline in plant density even though flies reduce knapweed seed

production substantially.

Research Organization AAFC, UBC

**References** 152, 153, 432, 727, 728, 739, 742,

1299, 1315

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Russia

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes No longer differentiated from first release. High fly populations create numerous galls that stunt plant growth and decrease seed production. Still, no apparent decline in plant density even though flies reduce knapweed seed

production substantially.

Research Organization AAFC, UBC

**References** 152, 153, 432, 727, 728, 739, 742,

1299, 1315

**ASTERACEAE** 

Centaurea diffusa; Urophora affinis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Austria, France; Ex. Russia, France

via Canada

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Well established throughout most Centaurea diffusa and C. stoebe sens. lat.-infested areas of USA, particularly the Northwest. More abundant than Urophora quadrifasciata but together contribute to seed reduction of more than 50% at some sites. Seed reduction may retard the rate at which weed spreads, but has not appreciably lowered stand density because sufficient seeds remain. Not considered as important or effective as Larinus spp. on this weed, and frequently inferior competitor to Larinus spp. and

seed feeders in CA.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition

**Research Organization** USDA (7,10,14), State (6,7,9,13,14,15)

Metzneria. Being displaced by other

**References** 39, 83, 332, 335, 728, 1501, 1509,

1578, 1635, 1731, 1735, 2018

#### **ASTERACEAE** Centaurea diffusa (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Urophora quadrifasciata (Meigen)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Russia

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** High fly populations create numerous

galls that stunt plant growth and decrease seed production. Still, no apparent decline in plant density even though flies reduce knapweed seed

production substantially.

Research Organization AAFC, UBC

**References** 153, 432, 727, 728, 739, 742, 1299,

1315

**ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Centaurea iberica Trevir. ex Spreng.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name | Iberian starthistle

**AGENT** 

Bangasternus orientalis (Capiomont)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1994

Source Ex. Greece

Established No

**Notes** Redistributed from *Centaurea solstitialis* 

to C. iberica but did not establish.

**Research Organization** State (14,22)

**References** 1130, 2026

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                          |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Family                        | Asteraceae  |
| Species                       | Centaurea jacea L. nothosubsp. pratensis (W.D.J. Koch) Čelak.   |
| Past Names/Synonyms           | Centaurea ×moncktonii C. E. Britton,<br>Centaurea jacea x nigra   |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | Centaurea pratensis auct. N. Amer.  |
| Notes                         | Meadow knapweed represents an array of intermediates derived by hybridization and backcrossing among the various cytotypes of the <i>Centaurea jacea</i> complex. |
| Origin                        | Europe  |
| Common Name                   | meadow knapweed, Protean<br>knapweed, Bemis grass   |
| References                    | 974   |
| AGENT                         |   |
| Species                       | Bangasternus fausti (Reitter)   |
| Classification                | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)   |

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1998

Source Ex. Greece

Established No.

**Notes** Redistributed from other *Centaurea* spp.

to C. jacea nothosubsp. pratensis but

failed to establish.

**Research Organization** State (14,15)

**References** 335, 1512, 1735, 1899

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea jacea nssp. pratensis (continued)

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|   |        |   |   |   |

Species Cyphocleonus achates (Fåhraeus)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1998

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary, Romania

Established No

**Notes** Redistributed from other *Centaurea* spp.

to C. jacea nothosubsp. pratensis but

failed to establish.

**Research Organization** State (14,15)

**References** 335, 1727, 1897, 1899

**AGENT** 

Species Larinus minutus Gyllenhal

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1998

Source Ex. Greece, Romania

Established Yes

Abundance Variable
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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Centaurea jacea nssp. pratensis; Larinus minutus (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Notes Spread naturally and artificially from

other *Centaurea* spp. to *C. jacea* nothosubsp. *pratensis*. 76% of seed heads attacked by *Larinus* spp. in CA with majority of seeds eaten, though whether this affects overall population unknown. Lower abundance and impact in OR and WA. Differentiation between brown and meadow knapweed often difficult in WA and other parts of Pacific Northwest. Additional attention required to confirm identities of past reported

infestations.

Research Organization State (9,15), USDA (7)

**References** 38, 39, 334, 335, 1074, 1512, 1899,

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**AGENT** 

Species Larinus obtusus Gyllenhal

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1999

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Source Ex. Romania, Serbia

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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#### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea jacea nssp. pratensis; Larinus obtusus (continued)

Country United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Spread naturally and artificially from

other *Centaurea* spp. to *C. jacea* nothosubsp. *pratensis*. 76% of seed heads attacked by *Larinus* spp. in CA with majority of seeds eaten, though whether this affects overall population unknown. Lower abundance and impact in OR and WA. Differentiation between brown and meadow knapweed often difficult in WA and other parts of Pacific Northwest. Additional attention required to confirm identities of past reported

infestations.

**Research Organization** USDA (10), State (9,14,15)

**References** 38, 39, 334, 335, 1735, 2020

**AGENT** 

Species Metzneria paucipunctella Zeller

Classification (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1983

Source Ex. Switzerland via Canada

Established Yes
Abundance Rare

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Principal host is *Centaurea stoebe* sens.

lat., but damages *C. jacea* nothosubsp. *pratensis* to a lesser extent. Overall seed reduction minor and populations decreasing due to impact of *Larinus* 

obtusus.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

Research Organization State (15)
References 332, 334, 1735

Centaurea jacea nssp. pratensis (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Sphenoptera jugoslavica Obenberger

Classification (Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1998

Source Ex. Greece

Established No

**Notes** Redistributed from other *Centaurea* spp.

to C. jacea nothosubsp. pratensis but

failed to establish.

**Research Organization** State (15)

**References** 335, 1735

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea jacea nssp. pratensis (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Urophora quadrifasciata (Meigen)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1987

Source Ex. Russia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes More commonly found on Centaurea stoebe sens. lat. than C. jacea nothosubsp. pratensis. High fly populations on the former create numerous galls that stunt plant growth and decrease seed production. Still, no apparent decline in plant density even though flies reduce knapweed seed production substantially. Impact on C. jacea nothosubsp. pratensis is likely

even less.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 153, 432, 727, 728, 739, 1299

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** Family Asteraceae Species Centaurea jacea L. subsp. jacea Past Names/Synonyms Centaurea jacea L. Origin Europe Common Name brown knapweed **AGENT** Species Larinus obtusus Gyllenhal **Classification** (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 2004

Source Ex. Romania, Serbia

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Intentionally released on other Centaurea spp. Principal host is Centaurea stoebe sens. lat., but also damages seeds of other Centaurea spp., though to lesser extent. Spread naturally from Centaurea jacea nothosubsp. pratensis to C. jacea subsp. jacea. High attack rates in OR providing good to moderate control for all of C. jacea nothosubsp. pratensis, C. jacea subsp. jacea, and C. jacea subsp. nigra in OR where weed infestations often made up of mix of

these three species.

**Research Organization** State (9,15), USDA (10)

**References** 335, 1735

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Centaurea jacea L. subsp. nigra (L.)

Bonnier & Layens

Past Names/Synonyms Centaurea nigra L.

> Origin Europe

Common Name black knapweed

**AGENT** 

Species Larinus obtusus Gyllenhal Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 2004

Source Ex. Romania, Serbia

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Intentionally released on other Centaurea spp. Principal host is Centaurea stoebe sens. lat., but also damages seeds of other Centaurea spp., though to lesser extent. Spread naturally from Centaurea jacea nothosubsp. pratensis to C. jacea subsp. nigra. High attack rates in OR providing good to moderate control for all of C. jacea nothosubsp. pratensis, C. jacea subsp. jacea, and C. jacea subsp. nigra in OR where weed infestations often made up of mix of

these three species.

Research Organization State (9,15), USDA (10)

**References** 335, 1735

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Family         | Asteraceae                          |
| Species        | Centaurea solstitialis L.           |
| Origin         | Eurasia, Mediterranean              |
| Common Name    | yellow starthistle                  |
| AGENT          |                                     |
| Species        | Bangasternus orientalis (Capiomont) |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)         |
|                |                                     |

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1985

**Source** Ex. Greece (northern)

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially most widespread of established agents. Larval feeding typically destroys 60% of seeds within attacked seed heads. However, densities of the weevil have been declining since their peak a few years after initial release; current attack rate only 1% of available capitula. Predation, parasitism, and displacement by other established agents limit

populations in some areas.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition; Parasitism;

Predation

Research Organization USDA (7,12), State (6,9,14,15)

**References** 124, 334, 335, 1130, 1513, 1515, 1578,

1835, 2026

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea solstitialis (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Chaetorellia australis Héring

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

1988 Year

Ex. Greece (northern) Source

Established Yes Abundance Variable General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Larval feeding destroys up to 90% of seeds within attacked seed heads. However, attack rates have typically have not exceeded 10% of available capitula, likely due to poor synchrony with Centaurea solstitialis. Spring emerging flies often rely on C. cyanus because seed heads of C. solstitialis not vet available, which limits effectiveness

and distribution of this insect. Abundance varies, often in relation to

C. cyanus presence.

Limiting Factors Agent-host synchronization **Research Organization** USDA (7,12), State (6,9,14,15)

**References** 76, 78, 334, 335, 1513, 1514, 1767,

1838

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea solstitialis (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Eustenopus villosus (Boheman)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Eustenopus hirtus cf. abbreviatus Faust, Eustenopus hirtus (Waltl)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1990

Source

Ex. Greece (northern)

Established

Yes

**Abundance** High

**General Impact** Medium

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Larval feeding destroys up to 100% of seeds within attacked seed heads. Adult feeding causes abortion of attacked seed heads, having the largest total effect on the weed's fecundity. However, bud herbivory reduces plant's attractiveness to ovipositing seed predators, reducing direct negative effects of bud herbivory. In conjunction with Chaetorellia succinea, can reduce seed production by >70% overall. Only at low initial plant densities can this impact population growth; at many study sites plants compensate for decreased seedling density by growing larger and producing more seeds. Consumes higher proportion of seeds when plants uninfected with Puccinia jacea var. solstitialis. Parasitism and predation negates impact at some sites.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Predation

**Research Organization** USDA (7,12), State (6,9,14,15)

**References** 327, 332, 334, 335, 573, 616, 723, 1369, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1764, 1765,

1766, 1767, 1890, 1892

**ASTERACEAE** 

Centaurea solstitialis (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Larinus curtus Hochhut

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

Notes USDA-APHIS revoked permits in

2009 for the interstate transportation of Larinus curtus due to concerns of spreading Nosema, an internal

parasite.

References

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**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1992

**Source** Ex. Greece (northern)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Larval feeding destroys up to 100% of seeds within attacked seed heads. However, attack rates typically low in field. Abundance plateaued within few years of introductions; now varies from high in portions of OR, to moderate in WA, and becoming more limited in ID and CA. Less abundant than other seed feeding agents which have been unable to impact Centaurea solstitialis population trajectories. Some weevil populations limited by Nosema sp.

protozoans.

**Limiting Factors** 

Parasitism

Research Organization

USDA, State (6,9,14,15)

**References** 39, 124, 332, 335, 616, 1513, 1514,

1515, 1705, 1764, 1835, 1891

Centaurea solstitialis (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Puccinia jacea var. solstitialis Savile

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 2003

Source Ex. Turkey

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Under optimal conditions (moist, mild temperatures) can reduce biomass

and number of capitula, especially in conjunction with high plant competition. At drier sites, impact decreased and likely to be of only minor biological significance. Across much of weed's range, suboptimal conditions for rust prevent its persistence and/or significant impact. Infection by this rust sometimes additive with effects of seed predators; under other conditions indirectly causes reduction of seed predation which can

cancel out entirely the direct negative

impact of the rust.

Limiting Factors Climate

**Research Organization** State (15,22), USDA (2,7)

**References** 334, 335, 565, 566, 567, 1369, 1763,

1767, 2022, 2023

**ASTERACEAE** 

Centaurea solstitialis (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Urophora jaculata Rondani

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

United States of America Country

**Year** 1969

Source Ex. Italy

Established No.

**Notes** Released in belief it was *Urophora* 

sirunaseva. Failed to establish because U. jaculata is specific to Centaurea

solstitialis populations in Italy.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity

**Research Organization** USDA (7,12), State (4,14)

**References** 1835, 1965

**AGENT** 

Urophora sirunaseva (Héring) Species

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1984

Source Ex. Greece (northern)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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Centaurea solstitialis; Urophora sirunaseva (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Notes Gall formation decreases seed

production, though multiple galls required per seed head before seed reduction is significant. High gall density per capitulum not common. Though widely distributed, abundance low. Attack rates have decreased from peaks around 50% within few years following successful establishment to usually around 10%. Overall impact limited. Populations at some sites hindered due to competition with other seed head

agents.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition

Research Organization

USDA (7,12), State (6,9,14,15)

**References** 124, 332, 334, 335, 1513, 1514, 1515,

1767, 1839, 2029

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1984

**Source** Ex. Turkey

Established No. References 1800

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Centaurea stoebe L. sens. lat.

Past Names/Synonyms Centaurea stoebe L. subsp. micranthos (Gulger) Hayek,

Centaurea maculosa Lam.

**Notes** The two cytotypes of *Centaurea* 

stoebe L. sens. lat. are recognized as different species: C. stoebe L. is the appropriate name for the diploid form present throughout Europe while the appropriate nomenclature for the tetraploid form invasive in North America remains to be resolved. The editors of this catalogue will refer to this species as Centaurea stoebe sens. lat. until the resolution is made.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name spotted knapweed

References 1296

**AGENT** 

Species Agapeta zoegana (L.)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1982

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Variable

Centaurea stoebe; Agapeta zoegana (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada (continued)

**Notes** High populations may have significant

impact on knapweed populations. especially when in conjunction with Cyphocleonus achates and Larinus spp. However, though this agent is widespread throughout BC, densities decrease as distribution/dispersal

increase.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 153, 432, 1299

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 1984

**Source** Ex. Austria, Hungary

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Can cause significant reduction in

above-ground biomass and number of capitula per plant, but has not demonstrated any obvious effect on plant density. Expected to primarily

affect large plants.

**Research Organization** USDA (7,10), State (6,7,9,14,15),

**USDA-APHIS** 

**References** 335, 708, 1105, 1509, 1578, 1701, 1728,

1732, 1733, 1734, 1735, 2025

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea stoebe (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Bangasternus fausti (Reitter) Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1992

Source Ex. Greece

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Redistributed from Centaurea diffusa to C. stoebe sens. lat. Can destroy up to 100% of seed in attacked capitula. However, abundance limited, not likely due to interspecific competition. Prefers hot, dry areas and does not do well in areas with prolonged rain or at high elevations. Other causes limiting

success not well known.

**Limiting Factors** Climate: Elevation Research Organization USDA (10), State (15)

**References** 332, 335, 708, 1700, 1728, 1729, 1735

#### **ASTERACEAE**

**Centaurea stoebe** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Chaetorellia acrolophi White &

Marquardt

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

Year 1991

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Initially believed to have failed, but

establishment confirmed in 2008.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 150, 153

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1992

Source Ex. Austria, Switzerland

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Larval feeding reduces seed production, however densities limited throughout

established range so overall impact minimal. In ID, populations do not vary with abundance of other agents; at some OR sites interspecific competition

limits populations.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition Research Organization State (9.15), USDA (10)

**References** 332, 335, 708, 1502, 1728, 1735, 2001

**ASTERACEAE** 

Centaurea stoebe (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Cyphocleonus achates (Fåhraeus)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1987

Ex. Austria, Hungary, Romania Source

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Found at higher densities on this

species compared to Centaurea diffusa. Does best in hot and dry climates with loose soil and in patches with open canopy. High weevil populations can decrease knapweed density and stature, though evidence supporting this is anecdotal. Impact greatest in conjunction with other biocontrol agents. Adults sedentary, moving 0.27m/day.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 150, 153, 432

Centaurea stoebe; Cyphocleonus achates (continued)

#### RELEASE

Country United States of America

Year 1988

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary, Romania

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Abundance and impact vary. In some

locations, has been attributed with reducing *Centaurea stoebe* longevity, reproductive output, and density. In other studies, reproductive output unchanged, and decreased adult densities (where present) leads to increased seedling recruitment and no change in population overall. Numerous studies claim agent can be effective, but largely in combination with *Larinus* spp. (most important), with high plant competition, under dry conditions, and in

loose soil.

Limiting Factors Climate; Habitat

Research Organization USDA (10), State (7,9,14,15),

**USDA-APHIS** 

**References** 332, 335, 898, 1004, 1005, 1105, 1406,

1727, 1728, 1733, 1735, 1744, 2025,

2035

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea stoebe (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Larinus minutus Gyllenhal

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1991

Source Ex. Greece

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Frequently occurs in mixed populations

with Larinus obtusus. Preferred host is Centaurea diffusa so although distributed widely throughout BC, populations are limited on C. stoebe sens. lat. Where populations sufficiently large, may decrease seed output and plant stature from larval and adult

feeding, respectively.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 150, 153, 432

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Greece, Romania

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

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Centaurea stoebe; Larinus minutus (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Populations slower to build on this species compared to Centaurea diffusa. Abundance high in Pacific Northwest and portions of CO, limited in UT. Larval feeding decreases seed output, adult feeding decreases plant function. Weed may compensate early in season and in periods of excess precipitation, but during droughts and late in season impacts on population often significant. Works well in conjunction with high competing vegetation and Cyphocleonus achates but Larinus minutus and L. obtusus cause greater impact than *C. achates* at many sites.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Climate; Habitat

Research Organization USDA (7,10), State (9,14,15)

References 39, 332, 335, 490, 1005, 1074, 1105,

1728, 1735, 1736, 2025, 2035

**AGENT** 

Species Larinus obtusus Gyllenhal

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1992

Source Ex. Romania

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Centaurea stoebe; Larinus obtusus (continued)

**Country** Canada (continued)

**Notes** Frequently occurs in mixed populations with Larinus minutus. Larval feeding decreases seed output, adult feeding decreases plant function. High weevil populations correspond to widespread density decreases of Centaurea stoebe sens. lat. Prefers moister conditions, so has smaller distribution than L. minutus.

**Limiting Factors** 

Habitat

Other Species Attacked

Also attacks the invasive Centaurea

jacea L. nothosubsp. pratensis (W.D.J.

Koch) Čelak.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 153, 432

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1992

Source Ex. Romania, Serbia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

**General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Larval feeding decreases seed output. adult feeding decreases plant function.

Very effective in OR, decreasing in abundance and efficacy in WA and ID. Along with Larinus minutus infests 47% seed heads in MT, contributing to 84-90% reductions in seed production along with Urophora spp. Still insufficient

to reduce plant density at many sites even where abundance high.

**Research Organization** USDA (10), State (9,15)

**References** 39, 332, 335, 1105, 1728, 1735, 1736

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea stoebe (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Metzneria paucipunctella Zeller

Classification (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Contributes to overall consumer

pressure on knapweed seed heads, but generally not at levels sufficient to decrease weed populations. Limited population growth likely due to predation

and overwintering mortality.

**Limiting Factors** Climate; Predation

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the invasive Centaurea

jacea L. nothosubsp. pratensis (W.D.J.

Koch) Čelak.

Research Organization AAFC, UBC

**References** 117, 153, 432, 739, 1469

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1980

Source Ex. Switzerland via Canada

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Centaurea stoebe; Metzneria paucipunctella (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Notes Limited in CO MT and VA. Widespread

in ID OR WA where reduces seed production, but less than Urophora spp. Suffers from high overwintering

mortality, predation, and parasitism.

Limiting Factors Climate; Parasitism; Predation **Research Organization** USDA (7,10), State (1,6,7,9,15)

**References** 39, 332, 335, 1175, 1578, 1728, 1729,

1731, 1732, 1735, 1736

**AGENT** 

Species Pelochrista medullana (Staudinger)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1986

Source Ex. Austria

Established Nο

**Notes** Preferred host is Centaurea diffusa:

establishment not confirmed on either C. diffusa or C. stoebe sens. lat. Failure

likely due to overwintering mortality.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 153, 432

Centaurea stoebe; Pelochrista medullana (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1984

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Has been very slow to establish for

unknown reasons.

**Research Organization** USDA (7), State (7)

**References** 334, 1728, 1732, 1735

**AGENT** 

Species Pterolonche inspersa Staudinger
Classification (Lepidoptera: Pterolonchidae)

RELEASE

Country Canada Year 1987

Source Ex. Hungary, Austria

Established No.

Notes Preferred host is Centaurea diffusa.

Released on *C. stoebe* sens. lat. and initially recovered, but not observed on this species in recent years even when it is growing among moth-infested

C. diffusa.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 152, 153, 432

**ASTERACEAE** 

Centaurea stoebe; Pterolonche inspersa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1988

Source Ex. Hungary

Established No.

**Research Organization** USDA (7,10), State (7,9,15)

**References** 335, 1728, 1732

**AGENT** 

**Species** Sphenoptera jugoslavica Obenberger

Classification (Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1987

**Source** Ex. Greece (northern)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight
Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Redistributed from Centaurea diffusa to

C. stoebe sens. lat. Preferred host is C. diffusa, but can be found on C. stoebe sens. lat. growing in hot dry areas where the beetle decreases seed production and plant stature. Most C. stoebe sens. lat. infestations too moist to support

beetle populations.

Limiting Factors Climate Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 153, 432

Centaurea stoebe; Sphenoptera jugoslavica (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1987

Source Fx. Greece

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

Notes Preferred host is Centaurea diffusa

but spread naturally and artificially to C. stoebe sens. lat. which it attacks to lesser extent. Limited distribution and poor efficacy in most states. Widespread in OR and moderate in WA; attack rates at both are good at some sites and may

be displacing Agapeta zoegana at some

locations.

Research Organization USDA (10), State (15)

**References** 39, 332, 334, 335, 708, 1105, 1635,

1729, 1735, 1752

**AGENT** 

Species Terellia virens (Loew)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Austria. Switzerland

Established No

**Notes** Established initially, but flies not

recovered in recent monitoring efforts.

Competition with other biocontrol agents

likely responsible.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

Research Organization AAFC
References 117, 153

**ASTERACEAE** 

Centaurea stoebe; Terellia virens (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1992

Source Ex. Austria, Switzerland

Established Yes
Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Appears to be having difficult time

establishing at many sites because of competition with *Urophora* spp. and *Larinus* spp. Causes only minor

reductions in seed production.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

Other Species Attacked Attacks Centaurea diffusa Lam. to a

lesser extent.

**Research Organization** USDA (10,17), State (9,14,15)

**References** 39, 332, 335, 1105, 1728, 1735, 2025,

2027, 2028

**AGENT** 

Species Urophora affinis (Frauenfeld)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. France

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Centaurea stoebe; Urophora affinis (continued)

**Country** Canada (continued)

**Notes** High fly populations create numerous

galls that stunt plant growth and decrease seed production. Still, no apparent decline in plant density even though flies reduce knapweed seed

production substantially.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 153, 432, 727, 728, 739, 742, 1299

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Austria, France; Ex. Russia, France

via Canada

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Well established throughout most Centaurea diffusa and C. stoebe sens. lat.-infested areas of USA, particularly the Northwest. More abundant than Urophora quadrifasciata but together contribute to seed reduction of more than 50% at some sites. Seed reduction may retard rate at which weed spreads. but has not appreciably lowered stand density because sufficient seeds remain. At other sites, direct effect of Urophora galls on seed production negligible. Not considered as important or effective as Larinus spp. on this weed, and frequently inferior competitor to Larinus spp. and Metzneria.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition

**Research Organization** USDA (1,7,10), State (6,7,9,13,15)

**References** 39, 332, 334, 335, 728, 1005, 1501, 1578, 1728, 1732, 1735, 1736, 1992,

2001, 2025

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea stoebe (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Urophora quadrifasciata (Meigen)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada **Year** 1975

Source Ex. Russia

Established Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Intentionally released on Centaurea diffusa but naturally spread to C. stoebe sens. lat. by 1975 and intentionally redistributed thereafter. High fly populations create numerous galls that stunt plant growth and decrease seed production. Still, no apparent decline in plant density even though flies reduce knapweed seed production substantially.

Research Organization AAFC, UBC, MU

**References** 153, 432, 727, 728, 739, 742, 1299

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

# Family Asteraceae Species Centaurea virgata Lam. subsp. squarrosa (Boiss.) Gugler Centaurea squarrosa Willd. Past Names/Synonyms Centaurea squarrosa Willd. Eurasia, Asia Minor squarrose knapweed AGENT Species Agapeta zoegana (L.) Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1994

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Research Organization** USDA (10), State (21)

**References** 335, 490, 1578, 1735

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea virgata ssp. squarrosa (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Bangasternus fausti (Reitter)
Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

(Coleoptera, Curculorilua

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1993

Source Ex. Greece

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Redistributed from Centaurea diffusa

to *C. virgata* subsp. *squarrosa*. Can destroy up to 100% of seed in attacked capitula. Attack rates increasing in CA. Believed to be contributing to significant control of this weed in conjunction with *Larinus minutus*, though expected to replace *L. minutus* at most sites due to

earlier emergence. Abundance limited

in UT.

Limiting Factors Climate; Elevation

**Research Organization** State (14,15)

**References** 490, 1105, 1735, 1912, 1913, 2019,

2030, 2031, 2033, 2034

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea virgata ssp. squarrosa (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Cyphocleonus achates (Fåhraeus)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1995

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary, Romania

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Material Little

**Notes** Initially introduced onto *Centaurea* 

stoebe sens. lat. (primary host) and *C. diffusa*. Redistributions attempted on *C. virgata* subsp. *squarrosa* with

unknown establishment.

Research Organization USDA (16), State (7), USAE

References 335, 1727, 1897, 2033, 2034

**AGENT** 

Species Larinus minutus Gyllenhal

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1997

Source Ex. Greece, Romania

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Centaurea virgata ssp. squarrosa; Larinus minutus (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Initially introduced onto *Centaurea* 

stoebe sens. lat. and *C. diffusa*. Redistributions attempted on *C. virgata* subsp. *squarrosa*. Attacks over 90%

subsp. squarrosa. Attacks over 90% of seed heads at some sites in CA, destroying up to 100% seeds in attacked capitula. Believed to be contributing to significant control of this weed in conjunction with Bangasternus fausti, though expected to be replaced by B. fausti at most sites due to later emergence. Status in UT unknown.

Research Organization State (14)

References 335, 1074, 1912, 1913, 2019, 2030,

2031, 2033

AGENT

Species Pterolonche inspersa Staudinger

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pterolonchidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1990

Source Ex. Greece

Established No.

**Notes** Eggs distributed to *Centaurea virgata* 

subsp. squarrosa but failed to establish.

Research Organization USDA (10), State (21)

**References** 335, 553, 1105, 1735

Centaurea virgata ssp. squarrosa (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Sphenoptera jugoslavica Obenberger

Classification (Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

RELEASE

Country United States of America

Year 1996

Source Ex. Greece

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

Notes Redistributed from Centaurea

diffusa and C. stoebe sens. lat. to C. virgata subsp. squarrosa. Somewhat widespread and effective against this weed in CA; distribution limited in UT.

**Research Organization** State (14)

**References** 335, 553, 1735, 1912, 1913, 2017, 2033

**AGENT** 

Species Terellia virens (Loew)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1998

Source Ex. Austria, Switzerland

Established No

Notes Redistributed from Centaurea diffusa

and C. stoebe sens. lat. to C. virgata

subsp. squarrosa but failed to establish.

**References** 1728, 1912, 2017

**ASTERACEAE** 

Centaurea virgata ssp. squarrosa (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Urophora affinis (Frauenfeld)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

RELEASE

Country United States of America

**Year** 1988

Source Ex. Austria, France; Ex. Russia, France

via Canada

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Spread naturally and artificially from

other *Centaurea* spp. to *C. virgata* subsp. *virgata*. Established in only small numbers on this species. Attack rates to *Centaurea diffusa* and *C. stoebe* sens.

lat. much higher.

Research Organization USDA (10), State (15,21)

**References** 335, 728, 1572, 1578, 1580, 1732,

2017, 2033

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                |   |  |  |
|---------------------|---|--|--|
| Family              | Asteraceae  |  |  |
| Species             | Chondrilla juncea L.  |  |  |
| Notes               | There are three forms of this weed in Australia: narrow-leaf (A) which was initially most common, intermediate-leaf (B), broad-leaf (C). Seven genotypes of this weed are recognized in North America; five in the Pacific Northwest and two on the East Coast. |  |  |
| Origin              | Eurasia   |  |  |
| Common Name         | skeleton weed, rush skeletonweed  |  |  |
| AGENT               |   |  |  |
| Species             | Aceria chondrillae (Canestrini)   |  |  |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Eriophyes chondrillae (Canestrini)  |  |  |
| Classification      | (Acari: Eriophyidae)  |  |  |
| References          | 32, 1698  |  |  |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Argentina Year 1989

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown
Research Organization INTA

**References** 343, 344, 379, 1698

Source Ex. Italy via USA

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Chondrilla juncea; Aceria chondrillae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia
Year 1971

Source Ex. Greece

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Established readily but spread slowly

requiring widespread redistribution. Largely specific to common, narrowleaf form of the weed (A), though infrequently attacks form B. Can cause

severe stunting and premature death of

stems but not uniformly.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 375, 379, 381, 456

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia

Year 1985

Source Ex. Greece

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes This introduction made for intermediate-

leaf form of weed (B). Did not provide effective control, but the importance of that form never reached that of the common form (A) and skeleton weed

is no longer considered a significant

problem.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 379, 380, 380

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Chondrilla juncea; Aceria chondrillae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1977
Source Ex. Italy
Established Yes
Abundance Variable

General Impact Variable

Notes Widespread in OR and WA where

reduces flowering and seed production by 50-90%, depending on plant size and environmental conditions. Efficacy limited in CA due to predation and in ID due to high overwintering mortality.

Limiting Factors Predation; Climate

Research Organization USDA (7), State (6,9,14,15)

**References** 334, 335, 1241, 1505, 1508, 1578,

1698, 1749, 2004

**AGENT** 

Species Bradyrrhoa gilveolella (Treitschke)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Argentina Year 1992

Source Ex. Greece

Established No

Notes Released in low numbers. Reproduced

for one generation after release but subsequently considered failed.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization INTA

References 344, 379

**ASTERACEAE** 

Chondrilla juncea; Bradyrrhoa gilveolella (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Year 1974
Source Ex. Greece

Established No

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**Notes** Establishment failure due to rearing

difficulties and inbreeding of surviving

adults.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 377, 379, 456

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1978

Source Ex. Greece

Established No

**Notes** Established initially in ACT, though not

recovered since despite numerous

additional releases.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 377, 379, 456

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 2007

Source Ex. Greece via USA (ID, MT)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

Research Organization AAFC

References 117, 437

Chondrilla juncea; Bradyrrhoa gilveolella (continued)

RELEASE

Country United States of America

Year 2002

Source Ex. Greece

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate

General Impact Too early post release

Notes Becoming locally abundant at original

ID and OR release sites. Too early to determine impact and dispersal, though large scale monitoring efforts recently

initiated. WA status unknown.

**Research Organization** State (6,9)

References 334, 968, 1508, 1630

**AGENT** 

Species Cystiphora schmidti (Rübsaamen)

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Argentina

Year 1982

Source Ex. Greece via Australia

Established No Research Organization INTA

**References** 363, 379, 1356

**ASTERACEAE** 

Chondrilla juncea; Cystiphora schmidti (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia
Year 1971

Source Ex. Greece

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Established widely and generally

common, complementing damage by Puccinia chondrillina. In early spring/ summer can be particularly damaging to flowering stems of all forms of the weed. Parasitism first recorded in 1978 can reach 100% at end of summer, limiting

efficacy on late growth.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 375, 376, 379, 456

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1975

Source Ex. Greece via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Attacks all biotypes present in the

northwestern USA. Infested plants stunted and have decreased seed production. Impact in many areas limited

by parasitism and predation.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Predation

Research Organization USDA (7), State (6,9,14,15)

**References** 332, 334, 335, 1501, 1505, 1508, 1749,

2004

#### **ASTERACEAE** Chondrilla juncea (continued)

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Species Puccinia chondrillina Bubák & Syd. Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Argentina Year 1982

Source Ex. Italy via USA

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initial releases failed to establish. Established after further releases in 1984 and present in most areas where weed occurs, but at low densities. Negligible impact because strain not virulent enough against weed form

established in Argentina.

Research Organization INTA

**References** 343, 344, 379, 1356

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia Year 1971 Source Ex. Italy Established Yes

High Abundance **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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#### **ASTERACEAE**

Chondrilla juncea; Puccinia chondrillina (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia (continued)

Strain IT32. Strain is specific to most Notes

> widespread (narrow-leaf, A) form of weed only. Provided very high level of control such that remaining less-common forms of weed (B, C) subsequently increased in density and distribution. Forms B and C not controlled by combined agents, but are less economically important weeds.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 375, 376, 379, 382, 751

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia Year 1980 Source Ex. Turkey

Established No.

**Notes** Strain TU21. Strain is specific to

intermediate-leaf form (B) of weed. Persisted 1-2 years following release but has since disappeared. Considered

establishment failure.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 379, 380, 456

#### RELEASE

**Country** Australia Year 1982 Source Ex. Italy Established Yes **Abundance** Variable

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

General Impact Medium

Chondrilla juncea; Puccinia chondrillina (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Notes Strain IT36. Released against

intermediate-leaf form of weed (B). Widespread throughout the form's range except the hotter, drier mallee. Impact has not been measured but much less

than that of IT32.

Research Organization CSIRO

References 379, 380, 380, 751

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1996

Source Ex. Turkey

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Strain TU788. Strain attacked the broad-

leaf form (C) during early studies but was more virulent on the intermediate-leaf form (B). Established and spread initially; fate thereafter unknown. No recoveries from hot, dry mallee and impossible to distinguish from strain IT36 in cooler regions. Not recorded on

form C in the field.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 378, 379, 380, 380, 751

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Chondrilla juncea; Puccinia chondrillina (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1976 Source Ex. Italy

Established Yes

Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Strains PC-1 and PC-16. Efficacy

varies by fungus strain, weed genotype, and site conditions. Considered most effective agent in CA where decreases plant size and reproductive output. Less effective in ID and OR. Fares poorly on hot and dry sites. One strain parasitized.

**Limiting Factors** Climate; Specificity (genotypes have

differing susceptibility to fungus strains);

Parasitism

**Research Organization** USDA (2), State (6,9,14,15)

**References** 332, 334, 335, 1082, 1501, 1505, 1508,

1578, 1749, 2004

# **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family Asteraceae

Species Chromolaena odorata (L.) R. M. King

& H. Rob.

Past Names/Synonyms Eupatorium odoratum (L.)

Notes Two biotypes of Chromolaena

odorata have been identified. The form in southern Africa (SA) differs substantially both morphologically and in its higher cold tolerance from the more widespread invasive form found in Asia and West and Central Africa (A/WA). While the widespread A/WA biotype can be found throughout the tropical Americas and the Caribbean, recent molecular studies provide strong support for a Cuban or

Jamaican origin for the SA biotype.

Origin Caribbean, tropical and subtropical

Americas

Common Name chromolaena, Siam weed, triffid weed,

paraffienbos, kirinyu, kumpai jepang, rumput gol kar, sam-solokh, sap sua, ya-su'a-mop, Akyeampong weed, hagonoy, agonoi, huluhagonoi, pokok Tjerman, Awolowo weed, cò hoi

### **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Actinote anteas (Doubleday)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Nymphalidae)

RELEASE

Country Indonesia

**Year** 1999

Source Ex. Costa Rica

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Can cause severe defoliation in

locations with high moth populations,

leading to control of plant in conjunction with Actinote thalia pyrrha, Cecidochares connexa, and Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata. Populations somewhat limited by

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predation.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization IOPRI

**References** 426, 486, 2054, 2056

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### **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata (continued)

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Species Actinote thalia pyrrha Fabricius
Classification (Lepidoptera: Nymphalidae)

### **RELEASE**

Year 1999
Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes

Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Can cause severe defoliation in

locations with high moth populations, leading to control of plant in conjunction with *Actinote anteas*, *Cecidochares* 

connexa, and Pareuchaetes

pseudoinsulata.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the exotic

Austroeupatorium inulaefolium (Kunth)

R.M. King & H. Rob.

Research Organization IOPRI

References 426, 486, 2054, 2056

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Actinote thalia thalia Keifer

Classification (Lepidoptera: Nymphalidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Indonesia

**Year** 1999

Source Ex. Venezuela

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

**General Impact** Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Only established at two sites;

considered not as successful as other

Actinote spp.

Research Organization IOPRI

**References** 486, 1309, 2054, 2056

**AGENT** 

Species Apion brunneonigrum Béguin-

Billecoca

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Ghana

Year 1975

Source Ex. Trinidad

**Established** No

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 287, 288, 316, 317, 1309

### **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata; Apion brunneonigrum (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Guam

**Year** 1984

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

**Notes** Released at beginning of dry season

when host plants in poor condition.

**Limiting Factors** Poor host quality

Research Organization UOG

**References** 1305, 1309, 1317

**RELEASE** 

Country India

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

Research Organization IIBC, IIHR

References 250, 288, 313, 317, 1309

**RELEASE** 

Country Malaysia

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. Trinidad

**Established** No

**Notes** Persisted for 1 year but then not

recovered.

Research Organization DAMA

**References** 55, 288, 312, 313, 1309, 1398

**ASTERACEAE** 

Chromolaena odorata; Apion brunneonigrum (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Nigeria

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 287, 288, 312, 1309, 2052

**RELEASE** 

Country Sri Lanka

**Year** 1975

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 288, 316, 317, 1221

Chromolaena odorata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Calycomyza eupatorivora Spencer

Past Names/Synonyms Calycomyza flavinotum Frick pars

Classification (Diptera: Agromyzidae)

Notes Originally identified as Calycomyza flavinotum Frick. It was subsequently determined that C. flavinotum is a Nearctic species and tropical specimens previously included

in this species and collected on Chromolaena odorata (L.) R. M. King & H. Rob. in Jamaica have since been

described as a new species. C. eupatorivora Spencer.

**RELEASE** 

Country Papua New Guinea

Year 2005

Source Ex. Jamaica via Republic of South Africa

Established No.

Notes Establishment failure likely due to

small release size caused by rearing difficulties attributed to the climate being

too hot.

Limiting Factors Climate; Small release size

Research Organization NARI

**References** 418, 419, 2054

**ASTERACEAE** 

Chromolaena odorata; Calycomyza eupatorivora (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Republic of South Africa Country

Year 2003

Source Ex. Jamaica

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Displays a preference for shady

conditions where it may curb recruitment of the weed by stunting the growth of young plants. High larval mortality and highly selective oviposition by females likely to impede fly population growth.

Limiting Factors Climate; Habitat

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 992, 1742, 2053, 2054, 2056, 2057

**AGENT** 

Species Cecidochares connexa Macquart

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Procecidochares connexa Macquart

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Cote d'Ivoire

Year 2003

Source Ex. Colombia via Indonesia

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** As of 2009, had spread 100 km from

release site.

Research Organization IOPRI

**References** 484, 488, 1226, 2052, 2053

Chromolaena odorata; Cecidochares connexa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

Year 2004

Source Ex. Colombia via Indonesia via Guam

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Most successful biocontrol program in Micronesia to date. Chromolaena suppressed and no longer a concern on islands wherein Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata and Cecidochares

connexa have established.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 1226, 1304, 1309

RELEASE

Country Guam

Year 2002

Source Ex. Colombia via Indonesia

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** 2002 release site destroyed by Typhoon.

so additional release made in 2003. Most successful biocontrol program in Micronesia to date. Chromolaena suppressed and no longer a concern on islands wherein Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata and Cecidochares

connexa have established.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 364, 1226, 1304, 1309

**ASTERACEAE** 

Chromolaena odorata; Cecidochares connexa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country India 2005 Year

Ex. Colombia via Indonesia Source

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Most damaging of established agents.

Significantly reduces plant growth and reproductive output in low elevation areas and regions with longer wet season. Less effective at high elevations

and regions with long dry season where

populations slower to build.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization BIOTROP, ICAR

**References** 115, 1226, 2054

**RELEASE** 

Country Indonesia

Year 1995

Source Ex. Colombia

Established Yes Abundance Variable General Impact Variable

**Notes** Most damaging of established agents.

Significantly reduces plant growth and density in low elevation areas and regions with longer wet season. Less effective at high elevations and regions with long dry season where populations slower to build. Parasitism and predation locally limit populations but overall impact on this insect patchy

and isolated.

Limiting Factors Climate; Elevation; Parasitism; Predation

Research Organization IOPRI, BIOTROP

**References** 426, 485, 488, 1216, 1226, 1303, 1309,

1807, 1810, 1985, 2054

Chromolaena odorata; Cecidochares connexa (continued)

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| Country  | Northern Mariana Islands   |
| Year   | 2003   |
| Source   | Ex. Colombia via Indonesia via Guam  |
| Established  | Yes  |
| Abundance  | High   |
| General Impact   | Heavy  |
| Geographical Scale of Impact   | Widespread throughout range  |
| Notes  | 2003 releases failed while 2005, 2006 releases established. Most successful biocontrol program in Micronesia to date. Chromolaena suppressed and no longer a concern on islands wherein <i>Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata</i> and <i>Cecidochares connexa</i> have established.   |
| Research Organization  | UOG  |
| References   | 1226, 1304, 1309, 2054   |
| References   | 1220, 1304, 1309, 2034   |
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#### **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata; Cecidochares connexa (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Papua New Guinea

**Year** 2001

Source Ex. Colombia via Indonesia via

Philippines

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Most damaging of established agents.

Significantly reduces plant height and percent cover in more moist regions and at low elevations. In drier provinces populations slower to build and large stands of chromolaena still exist.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization QLD State, PNGDAL

**References** 134, 418, 419, 420, 426, 1309, 1404,

2054

#### RELEASE

Country Philippines

Year 2001

Source Ex. Colombia via Indonesia

**Established** Yes **Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Causes a dieback of stems and

branches, though overall status

unknown.

Research Organization IOPRI, BIOTROP, PCA

**References** 61, 426, 487, 1216, 1226, 1309

### **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata; Cecidochares connexa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Thailand Year 2002

Source Ex. Colombia via Indonesia via

Philippines via Papua New Guinea

Established No

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 426, 939, 1213, 1226, 1309, 2054

RELEASE

Country Thailand Year 2009

Source Ex. Colombia via Indonesia via Philippines via Papua New Guinea

Established No

Notes Recent attempts at establishment failed,

though releases are likely continuing.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 418, 426, 1226

RELEASE

Country Timor Leste

Year 2005

Source Ex. Colombia via Indonesia via

Philippines via PNG

Established Yes

Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Controls plant in some regions,

particularly moist areas at low

elevations. In drier regions populations

slower to build.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization QLD State, MAFF, UNTL

References 418, 421, 426, 966, 1226, 1309, 2054

**ASTERACEAE** 

Chromolaena odorata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Lixus aemulus Petri

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Republic of South Africa

**Year** 2011

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 992, 1002, 2053, 2056, 2057

**AGENT** 

**Species** Pareuchaetes aurata aurata (Butler)

Past Names/Synonyms Pareuchaetes aurata (Butler)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Erebidae)

References 998, 1742, 2059

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1990

Source Ex. Argentina

Established No.

**Notes** All attempts to free this insect of

microsporidia failed.

**Limiting Factors** Disease

Research Organization SASRI, DWAF, ARC-PPRI

**References** 992, 998, 999, 1742, 2054, 2058

Chromolaena odorata (continued)

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Species Pareuchaetes insulata (Walker) Classification (Lepidoptera: Erebidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2001

Source Ex. USA (FL)

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Introduced from three different sources in an attempt to increase host and climate matching. Though one release site confirmed successful and the population subsequently spread rapidly. attempted redistributions failed and populations later dwindled. Populations now typically low but vary by site or year. Can cause high levels of localized

> damage when populations high or in periods/sites with high moisture.

Limiting Factors Climate: Habitat

Other Species Attacked Also found on the exotic Ageratum

conyzoides L. growing in the vicinity of

outbreaks.

Research Organization SASRI, DWAF, ARC-PPRI

**References** 992, 1741, 1742, 2053, 2054, 2057

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata; Pareuchaetes insulata (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Republic of South Africa Country

**Year** 2002

Source Ex. Jamaica

Established No.

**Notes** The successfully established population

from Florida eventually intersected at least two Jamaica-sourced release sites further south. Because these two source populations are genetically indistinguishable and have shown no evidence of reproductive isolation, it is possible they have hybridized in the field. Given the failure of all other Jamaican and Cuban releases for this species, the editors of this catalogue are maintaining Florida as the source of the successfully established populations in

South Africa.

Research Organization SASRI, DWAF, ARC-PPRI

References 1741, 1742, 2053, 2057

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2003 Source Ex. Cuba

Established No

Research Organization SASRI, DWAF, ARC-PPRI

**References** 1741, 1742, 2053, 2057

### **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata Rego

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Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Ammalo insulata Walker,

Ammalo arravaca Jord.

Classification (Lepidoptera: Erebidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Cote d'Ivoire

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Trinidad via India via Sri Lanka via

India via Guam

Established No

**Notes** Initially believed to have established, but

subsequently considered failed. Failure

attributed to predation.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization IDEFOR, CIRAD-IRHO

**References** 250, 1309, 1797, 2052, 2060

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

Year 1988

Source Ex. Trinidad via India via Sri Lanka via

India via Guam

Established Yes
Abundance Variable

General Impact Variable

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Chromolaena odorata; Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

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Notes Most successful biocontrol program

in Micronesia to date. Chromolaena suppressed and no longer a concern on islands wherein *Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata* and *Cecidochares connexa* have established.

P. pseudoinsulata populations and impact high initially, but decreased and variable here and other islands

subsequently.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 250, 551, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1309, 2054

**RELEASE** 

Country Ghana

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Trinidad via India

Established No

Notes Although small amounts of feeding

damage observed shortly after releases, no recoveries made. Establishment failure attributed to predation by ants.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 158, 287, 288, 292, 314, 315, 1862

Chromolaena odorata; Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata (continued)

RELEASE

Country Ghana Year 1991

Source Ex. Trinidad via India via Sri Lanka via

India via Guam

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Populations vary by site and are

higher during wet season. Causes noticeable damage to weed throughout established range. In some areas, damage too minimal and insignificant to affect growth rate. At other sites, *Chromolaena odorata* cover and density have decreased significantly due to this

agent.

Limiting Factors Climate Research Organization CRIG

**References** 158, 250, 1309, 1796, 1797, 1862

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Guam **Year** 1985

Source Ex. Trinidad; Ex. Trinidad via India via

Sri Lanka via India

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Chromolaena odorata; Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata (continued)

**Country** Guam (continued)

**Notes** First releases failed due to predation.

Causes 100% defoliation in some areas. By 1989 this weed no longer predominant weed species in Guam; infestations reduced from thickets to scattered patches. One of few countries where impact by this agent has been sustained long-term. Currently effectiveness sometimes reduced by insect-induced defense in *Chromolaena odorata*, and agent's weakness in colonizing scattered distributions of

weed.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Host plant resistance

Research Organization UOG

**References** 250, 364, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1309, 1311,

1317, 1638, 2054

RELEASE

Country India Year 1973

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No

Notes Establishment failure likely due to ant

predation and viral infection.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Disease

Research Organization IIBC, IIHR

**References** 115, 250, 288, 292, 910, 1309, 1612,

1692

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata; Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country India

**Year** 1984

Source Ex. Trinidad via India via Sri Lanka

Established Yes
Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Because population introduced from

Trinidad eventually failed to field establish in India while surviving a later redistribution to Sri Lanka, it was subsequently reintroduced (successfully) from Sri Lanka. Initially this introduction did well and caused significant defoliation. Agent populations have since crashed and the weed has largely recovered. Predation, viral infection, poor climate matching blamed

for limited efficacy.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Disease; Climate

Research Organization IIHR, KAU

**References** 115, 250, 288, 910, 932, 1612, 1692

**RELEASE** 

Country Indonesia

**Year** 1992

Source Ex. Trinidad via India via Sri Lanka via

India via Guam

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Chromolaena odorata; Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata (continued)

**Country** Indonesia (continued)

**Notes** Likely intermixed with individuals

spreading naturally from East Malaysia. Also likely naturally spread from East Malaysia to Sulawesi. Causes massive defoliation during outbreaks, however outbreaks infrequent and sporadic and possibly limited by parasitism. Inflicts most damage in conjunction with

Cecidochares connexa.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization BIOTROP, IOPRI

**References** 250, 416, 485, 488, 1211, 1216, 1309,

1807, 1808, 1984, 1985, 2054

**RELEASE** 

Country Malaysia

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. Trinidad via India

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Population persisted for a few years at

release site but then not located until early 1980s. Now widely distributed at low densities. Outbreaks can cause severe damage. Weed still not under

control.

**Limiting Factors** Predation **Research Organization** DAMA

**References** 287, 288, 292, 1309, 1398, 2054

Chromolaena odorata; Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata (continued)

| RELEASE                      |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Country                      | Nigeria   |
| Year                         | 1973  |
| Source                       | Ex. Trinidad via India via Ghana  |
| Established                  | Yes   |
| Abundance                    | Moderate  |
| General Impact               | Unknown   |
| Geographical Scale of Impact | Unknown   |
| Notes                        | Initially believed to have failed establishment, but discovered in 2009. Unclear if result of initial release, or if naturally spread from nearby Ghana where released and established in 1991. Abundant where observed in Edo State and populations increasing with rainy season. Additional surveys warranted to determine overall establishment, abundance, and impact throughout Nigeria. |
| Research Organization        | IIBC  |
| References                   | 287, 288, 292, 314, 1309, 1863, 2052  |
|                              |   |
| RELEASE                      |   |
| Country                      | Northern Mariana Islands  |
| Year                         | 1986  |
| Source                       | Ex. Trinidad via India via Sri Lanka via<br>India via Guam  |
| Established                  | Yes   |
| Abundance                    | Variable  |
| General Impact               | Variable  |
| Notes  Research Organization | Initially spectacular population increases caused widespread defoliation and high plant mortality; however, after 1-2 years agent population declined and weed recovered. Outbreaks still occur but infrequent and less spectacular.  UOG   |
| References                   | 250, 1304, 1305, 1309, 1311, 1317, 1638, 2054   |

# **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata; Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata (continued)

| RELEASE               |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Country               | Palau  |
| Year                  | 1989   |
| Source                | Ex. Trinidad via India via Sri Lanka via                             |
|                       | India via Guam   |
| Established           | No   |
| References            | 250, 1301, 1304, 1305, 1309  |
|                       |  |
| RELEASE               |  |
| Country               | Palau  |
| Year                  | 2005   |
| Source                |  |
|                       | India via Guam via Federated States of                               |
|                       | Micronesia   |
| Established           | No   |
| References            | 250, 1302, 1304, 1309, 2054  |
|                       |  |
| RELEASE               | B  |
| Country               | <b>'</b>   |
| Year                  |  |
| Source                | Ex. Trinidad via India via Sri Lanka via<br>India via Guam           |
| Catabliahad           |  |
| Established           | Yes  |
| Abundance             | Variable   |
| General Impact        |  |
| Notes                 | Only seasonally damaging. After wet season larvae cause defoliation; |
|                       | however, in dry season numbers are low                               |
|                       | and damage to plants minimal.  |
| Limiting Factors      | Climate  |
| Research Organization | QLD State, PNGDAL  |
| References            | 134, 250, 418, 419, 420, 1309, 2054                                  |

### Chromolaena odorata; Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata (continued)

| RELEASE |
|---------|
| Country |
| V       |

**Year** 1989

Source Ex. Trinidad via India via Sri Lanka via

India via Cuam

India via Guam

Established No

**Notes** Heavy egg predation by ants probable

Republic of South Africa

cause of failure.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 250, 992, 996, 997, 1309, 1740, 1939,

2057, 2058

RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1998

Source Ex. Trinidad via India via Sri Lanka via

India via Guam via Indonesia

Established No

**Notes** Initially highly effective at release site

but not found in subsequent years. Establishment failure likely due to poor

climatic matching.

Limiting Factors Climate; Habitat

Research Organization DWAF, ARC-PPRI

**References** 250, 992, 1309, 1740, 2053, 2057, 2058

RELEASE

Country Sri Lanka Year 1973

Source Ex. Trinidad via India

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Chromolaena odorata; Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata (continued)

Country Sri Lanka (continued)

Notes Releases made from stock originating

from lab colonies in India as this species failed to field establish in India following initial 1973 field releases. Initially spectacular population increase caused widespread defoliation and high plant mortality; however, after 1-2 years agent population declined and weed recovered. Outbreaks still occur, especially during rainy season, but infrequent and less spectacular.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 287, 288, 292, 491, 1309, 2054

RELEASE

Country Thailand Year 1987

Source Ex. Trinidad via India via Sri Lanka via

India via Guam

Established No

**Notes** After repeated releases at numerous

sites until 1988, initially believed to be established. Subsequently considered

failed.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 55, 250, 1309, 1326, 1329, 1331, 1332

RELEASE

Country Vietnam Year 1988

Source Ex. Trinidad via India via Sri Lanka via

India via Guam via Thailand

Established No.

Research Organization VNBCRC, NBCRC

References 250, 944, 1309, 1326, 1329, 2054

# **ASTERACEAE** Chromolaena odorata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Past Names/Synonyms Mescinia nr parvula Zeller

Species Phestinia costella Hampson

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**References** 1710, 2054

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Guam

**Year** 1984

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

**Notes** Released in very low numbers.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization UOG

**References** 1309, 1317, 1638

# **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

**Species** Chrysanthemoides monilifera (L.)

Norl. subsp. monilifera

Origin southern Africa

Common Name boneseed

**AGENT** 

Species Aceria sp.

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Aceria neseri Meyer

Classification (Acari: Eriophyidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 2008

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Too early post release

Notes Small colonies persisted 12 months

post release. Establishment failure at some sites attributed to drought conditions and possibly predatory mites. Surviving well at only one site in TAS and establishment still uncertain. Under

evaluation.

Limiting Factors Possibly Predation; Climate

Research Organization VIC State, SA State, TAS State, CSIRO

**References** 7, 883, 1698

Chrysanthemoides monilifera ssp. monilifera (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Chrysolina fasciata (De Geer)

Past Names/Synonyms Chrysolina picturata (Clark)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

References 116

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1992

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No

Research Organization VIC State, NSW State, SA State, NT,

**CSIRO** 

**References** 6, 7, 8, 519

**AGENT** 

Species Chrysolina scotti Daccordi

Past Names/Synonyms Chrysolina sp., Chrysolina sp. 1

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1989

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No.

Notes Establishment failure likely due to

predation by ants and/or spiders.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization VIC State, CSIRO

**References** 6, 7, 8, 519, 843, 885

**ASTERACEAE** 

Chrysanthemoides monilifera ssp. monilifera (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Chrysolina sp. B

Past Names/Synonyms Chrysolina sp. 2

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1994

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No.

Research Organization CSIRO, VIC State, NSW State,

SA State, NT

**References** 6, 7, 8, 519, 885

**AGENT** 

Species Comostolopsis germana Prout

Classification (Lepidoptera: Geometridae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1989

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No

**Notes** Initially established at just one site in

VIC where rearing of the moth took place in field plots. Subsequently considered establishment failure, possibly due to predation, poor climate

matching and host preference.

Limiting Factors Predation; Climate; Specificity

Research Organization VIC State, NSW State, SA State, NT,

CSIRO, QLD State

**References** 6, 7, 519, 843, 885, 1958

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Chrysanthemoides monilifera ssp. monilifera (continued)

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Species Mesoclanis magnipalpis Bezzi

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1998

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No

Research Organization VIC State, NSW State

**References** 7, 519, 1272, 1273, 1279

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 2005

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No.

Research Organization VIC State

**References** 7, 519, 1272, 1273, 1279

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 2009

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No.

Research Organization VIC State

References 7, 1273

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Chrysanthemoides monilifera ssp. monilifera (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Mesoclanis polana Munro

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1996

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No

**Notes** Intentionally released against

Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. rotundata, it was hoped that spillover attack would occur on C. m. monilifera where the two subspecies overlapped

in NSW.

Research Organization VIC State, NSW State, CSIRO

References 7, 530

**AGENT** 

Species Tortrix s.l. subsp. chrysanthemoides

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**Notes** This species is referred to as *Tortrix* sp. in Australia and Tortrix s.l. subsp.

chrysanthemoides in New Zealand.

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

Year 2007

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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# ASTERACEAE; Chrysanthemoides monilifera ssp. monilifera Tortrix ssp. chrysanthemoides (continued)

**Country** New Zealand (continued)

**Notes** Present at several release sites on the

North Island. Impact small to date given short length of establishment. Predation

and parasitism also hinder populations.

Limiting Factors Predation; Parasitism

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 161, 761, 1064, 1070

**AGENT** 

Species Tortrix sp.

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**Notes** This species is referred to as *Tortrix* 

sp. in Australia and Tortrix s.l. subsp. chrysanthemoides in New Zealand.

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 2000

**Source** Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No.

**Notes** Collected from *Chrysanthemoides* 

monilifera subsp. monilifera.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization VIC State, NSW State, CSIRO,

TAS State

**References** 5, 7, 519, 841, 885

# **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Chrysanthemoides monilifera (L.)

Norl. subsp. rotundata (DC.) Norl.

Origin southern Africa

Common Name bitou bush

**AGENT** 

Species Cassida sp. 3

Past Names/Synonyms Cassida sp.

**Classification** (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1995

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Established at most release sites but

populations low and impact negligible.

Research Organization VIC State, NSW State

References 7, 519

Chrysanthemoides monilifera ssp. rotundata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Chrysolina scotti Daccordi

Past Names/Synonyms Chrysolina sp., Chrysolina sp. 1,

Chrysolina sp. A

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1990

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No.

**Notes** Establishment failure likely due to

predation by ants and/or spiders.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization VIC State

**References** 6, 7, 8, 519, 843

AGENT

Species Chrysolina sp. B

Past Names/Synonyms Chrysolina sp. 2

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1995

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No.

Research Organization CSIRO, VIC State, NSW State,

SA State, NT

**References** 7, 8, 519

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Chrysanthemoides monilifera ssp. rotundata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Comostolopsis germana Prout

Classification (Lepidoptera: Geometridae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1989

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Spread rapidly and now well established throughout range of this subspecies. Overall impact insufficient to control weed alone, but can significantly reduce flowering and seed production leading to decreases in seed bank persistence and

dispersal. Impact limited by parasitism at

some locations.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization VIC State, NSW State, SA State, NT.

CSIRO, QLD State

**References** 6, 7, 519, 843, 1958

Chrysanthemoides monilifera ssp. rotundata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Mesoclanis magnipalpis Bezzi

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia Year 2005

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No.

Research Organization VIC State, NSW State

**References** 7, 1272, 1279

**AGENT** 

Species Mesoclanis polana Munro

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia Year 1996

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Spread rapidly and now well established throughout range of this subspecies. Overall impact insufficient to control weed alone, but can significantly reduce flowering and seed production leading to decreases in seed bank persistence and dispersal. More effective at northern

locations in Australia than southern.

Research Organization VIC State, NSW State

**References** 5, 7, 519, 529, 530, 841

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Chrysanthemoides monilifera ssp. rotundata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Tortrix sp.

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**Notes** This species is referred to as *Tortrix* sp. in Australia and Tortrix s.l. subsp.

chrysanthemoides in New Zealand.

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia Year 2000

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No.

**Notes** Collected from *Chrysanthemoides* 

monilifera subsp. monilifera.

Research Organization VIC State, NSW State

References 774

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 2001

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Collected from *Chrysanthemoides* 

monilifera subsp. rotundata. Established at only small percentage of release sites. Predation limits populations such

that this is an ineffective agent.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization VIC State, NSW State

**References** 7, 519, 841, 1418, 1756, 1757

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Family              | Asteraceae  |
| Species             | Cirsium arvense (L.) Scop.  |
| Origin              | Eurasia   |
| Common Name         | Canada thistle, creeping thistle,<br>Californian thistle, field thistle |
| AGENT               |   |
| Species             | Altica carduorum Guérin-Méneville                                       |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Haltica carduorum Guérin-Méneville                                      |
| Classification      | (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)   |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 1963

Source Ex. France, Switzerland

Established No

Notes Slow development in cool summers

exposed larvae to high predation.

Unsuccessful in cold regions.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Climate

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 361, 725, 1186, 1468, 1469, 1471, 1628

#### **RELEASE**

Country England
Year 1969
Source Ex. France

Established No.

Notes Overwintered successfully in cages, but

climate unsuitable for survival.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

 $\textbf{Research Organization} \quad \text{IIBC, IC, MAFF}$ 

**References** 72, 283, 1647

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Cirsium arvense; Altica carduorum (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** New Zealand

Year 1979

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established No.

Notes Establishment failure likely due to

unfavorable climatic conditions.

Limiting Factors Climate Research Organization DSIR

**References** 361, 720, 917, 1064

### **RELEASE**

**Country** New Zealand

**Year** 1990

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established No.

**Notes** Initially believed to have established

on both North and South Island

following widespread release effort, but

subsequently not recovered.

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 361, 720, 1064

#### RELEASE

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1966

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**Source** Ex. Switzerland via Canada

Established No.

**Research Organization** USDA (1,7), State (12)

**References** 44, 332, 361, 1504, 1506, 1628, 1730

Cirsium arvense; Altica carduorum (continued)

RELEASE

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1970

**Source** Ex. France (Atlantic Coast)

Established No.

**Research Organization** USDA (1,7), State (12)

**References** 361, 1504, 1628

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1982

Source Ex. Italy

Established No

Notes Establishment failure likely due to

predation by native carabid.

Limiting Factors Predation

**Research Organization** USDA (1,7), State (12,20)

**References** 83, 1182, 1578

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Wales

**Year** 1969

Source Ex. France

Established No

**Notes** Overwintered successfully in cages, but

climate unsuitable for survival.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization IIBC, IC, MAFF

**References** 72, 283, 1647

**ASTERACEAE** 

Cirsium arvense (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Cassida rubiginosa O.F. Müller

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

Year 2007

Source Ex. Austria, France, Switzerland

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

Notes Though too early to definitively declare

field impact, a field-release experiment indicated competition from typical New Zealand pasture species is more important factor than herbivory by Cassida rubiginosa and this agent will likely have insignificant impact on weed though formal evaluation studies will

commence soon.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 360, 361, 664, 761, 1059, 1064

TABLE 1

Cirsium arvense (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Ceratapion onopordi (Kirby)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion onopordi Kirby

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 2008

Source Ex. Austria, France, Switzerland

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Only a limited number of releases made

as mass-rearing proved difficult.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 361, 664, 1064

**AGENT** 

Species Hadroplontus litura (Fabricius)

Past Names/Synonyms Ceutorhynchus litura (Fabricius)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

References 307, 361

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1965

Source Ex. France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Cirsium arvense; Hadroplontus litura (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada (continued)

**Notes** Though established at most release

sites, the weevil has low reproductive and dispersal ability. Mining over multiple years decreases root biomass, when in conjunction with other stresses. Even in conjunction with other agents,

overall impact limited.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 361, 1138, 1186, 1471, 1474, 1476,

1483, 1628

RELEASE

**Country** New Zealand

**Year** 1976

Source Fx. Switzerland

Established No

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 361, 720, 917

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

Year 1988

Source Ex. Great Britain

Established No

Notes Establishment failure possibly due to the

limited number of individuals released.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 361, 720, 761, 917

Cirsium arvense; Hadroplontus litura (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Germany

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though some reports indicate very

effective due to reduced overwintering survival of *Cirsium arvense*, most studies show lack of impact. Likely due to only non-essential parenchyma tissue being consumed by larvae, leaving vascular tissues untouched.

Some populations infected with *Nosema* 

pathogens.

**Limiting Factors** Disease

**Research Organization** USDA (1,7,10), State (6,7,9,13,15)

**References** 83, 332, 335, 361, 1182, 1501, 1504,

1506, 1512, 1558, 1578, 1730, 1731

**AGENT** 

**Species** Larinus carlinae (Olivier)

Past Names/Synonyms Larinus planus (Fabricius)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

References 694

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1990

Source Ex. Unknown via USA (MD)

Established Yes

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Cirsium arvense; Larinus carlinae (continued)

**Country** Canada (continued)

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Although its first arrival was

unintentional, this species was intentionally redistributed to four other Canadian provinces. This second population was intentionally introduced. Abundance and survival hindered by

harsh overwintering conditions and

parasitism.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Climate

**Other Species Attacked** Also attacks native thistle spp.

**References** 361, 432, 1186

**AGENT** 

Species Lema cyanella (L.)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

RELEASE

Country Canada

**Year** 1983

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established No.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 361, 1186

Cirsium arvense; Lema cyanella (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada Year 1993

Source Ex. Switzerland, France via

New Zealand

Established No.

**Notes** Initially one population established at

low densities in AB, but concerns over nontarget attack led to eradication of the population. No longer considered

established.

Other Species Attacked Fed upon native nontarget thistles which

led to the intentional eradication of the

insect.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 361, 1186

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 1983

Source Ex. Switzerland via Canada

Established No. Research Organization DSIR

**References** 720, 761, 917, 1186

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 1990

Source Ex. Switzerland, France

Established Yes **Abundance** Rare General Impact None

**Notes** Established at only one site despite wide

release history. Considered insignificant

biocontrol agent.

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 361, 720, 1064, 1186

#### **ASTERACEAE**

**Cirsium arvense** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Rhinocyllus conicus (Frölich)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**Notes** In the USA, interstate shipment

permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within

each state.

References 1457

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1968

**Source** Ex. France (Rhine Valley)

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Naturally spread from releases and/ or redistributions made on Carduus acanthoides and Ca. nutans. but also redistributed from Ca. nutans to Cirsium arvense. Though increasingly widespread on Ci. arvense in western provinces, Carduus spp. (especially nutans) are more preferred and receive higher attack, albeit still insufficient to reduce weed stands in absence of competition. Weevils emerging from Cirsium spp. heads smaller than from Ca. nutans; low impact on Ci. arvense

overall.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on native Cirsium spp.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 361, 437, 729, 735, 742, 1185,

1186, 1628, 2080

Cirsium arvense; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 1973

Source Ex. France (Rhine Valley) via Canada

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Initially released on *Carduus nutans* 

subsp. nutans but also found feeding on Cirsium arvense. Capitulum attack rates lower on Ci. arvense than the preferred host (Carduus nutans subsp. nutans) on which attack levels still insufficient to control weed. Ineffective strategy for controlling Ci. arvense since established populations of weed reproduce primarily

by vegetative means.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the exotic hybrid of

Carduus nutans L. subsp. nutans and Ca. acanthoides L. as well as the exotic

Cirsium vulgare (Savi) Ten.

References 361, 688, 761, 914, 915, 916, 1064,

1650

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1973

**Source** Ex. Italy, France (Rhine Valley)

Established Yes **Abundance** Moderate General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Cirsium arvense; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

United States of America (continued)

Notes Agents sourced from Carduus nutans

(Ex. France) and Ca. pycnocephalus (Ex. Italy) found attacking Cirsium arvense secondarily. Redistributed intentionally from Ca. nutans to Ci. arvense. Affects seed production potential which is unlikely to impact Ci. arvense since established plants/ infestations reproduce mainly by

vegetative means.

Attacks 22 of 90 Cirsium spp. native to Other Species Attacked

> the USA. Interstate shipment permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within each state.

Research Organization State (15)

> References 332, 334, 335, 361, 1457, 1501, 1506,

> > 1578

**AGENT** 

Species Urophora cardui (L.) Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. Austria, France, Germany

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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Cirsium arvense; Urophora cardui (continued)

**Country** Canada (continued)

Notes Populations vary across Canada and

by year but are highest in areas with sheltering canopy, near water, and in climates with mild winter temperatures. Rare in the prairie region. Under favorable conditions can reduce density

and stature of *Cirsium arvense*. In other areas, even in combination with *Hadroplontus litura* has no measurable

impact.

Limiting Factors Climate; Habitat Research Organization AAFC, UG, MU

References 437, 735, 1186, 1469, 1471, 1477, 1478,

1628

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1986

Source Ex. Finland

**Established** Yes **Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Populations vary by location and year

but are highest in areas with sheltering canopy, near water, and in climates with mild winter temperatures. Under favorable conditions can reduce density and stature of *Cirsium arvense*. In other areas, even in combination with *Hadroplontus litura* has no measurable

impact.

Limiting Factors Climate; Habitat

Research Organization AAFC
References 1186, 1478

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Cirsium arvense; Urophora cardui (continued)

RELEASE

**Country** Canada **Year** 1996

Source Ex. Austria, France via USA (OR)

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Established initially but not intentionally

surveyed since 2000 so may no longer

be present.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 152, 1185, 1186, 1578

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 1976

Source Ex. Switzerland; Ex. Austria, France,

Germany via Canada

Established No.

**Notes** Material received from Switzerland was

intermixed with material received from Canada (original source Austria, France, Germany). Survived for several years at low densities at one site on South Island

but died out by 1985.

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 720, 917, 1064

Cirsium arvense; Urophora cardui (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1995

Source Ex. Austria, Finland, France, Germany

via Canada

Established Yes
Abundance Rare

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Impact unknown but likely negligible

given that galls commonly eaten by

stock.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 361, 761, 1064

RELEASE

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1996

Source Ex. Austria, France via USA (OR)

Established Yes
Abundance Rare

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** No longer differentiated from population

sourced via Canada. Impact unknown but likely negligible given that galls

commonly eaten by stock.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 361, 761, 1064, 1578

**ASTERACEAE** 

Cirsium arvense; Urophora cardui (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1977

**Source** Ex. Austria, France

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Attacked plants may be stunted and

produce fewer seeds; however overall impact largely limited. Restricted to shaded infestations, close to riparian areas. Larvae in galls preyed on by birds, rodents, ants, and unidentified

mite.

Limiting Factors Habitat; Predation

Research Organization USDA (1,7,10), State

(1,6,7,9,13,14,15,21)

**References** 332, 334, 335, 361, 1182, 1501, 1504,

1506, 1578, 1731

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1985

Source Ex. Austria, France, Germany via

Canada

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Galls recovered at two sites in 1987.

but none recovered since then. If established, impact likely minor (similar to efficacy of this agent elsewhere).

Limiting Factors Habitat; Predation

Research Organization USDA (1), State (1)

**References** 361, 1008, 1182, 1506, 1578

# **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |  |
|----------------|--|
| Family         | Asteraceae   |
| Species        | Cirsium palustre (L.) Scop.  |
| Origin         | Eurasia  |
| Common Name    | marsh thistle  |
| AGENT          |  |
| Species        | Rhinocyllus conicus (Frölich)  |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)  |
| Notes          | In the USA, interstate shipment permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within each state. |
| References     | 1457   |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 1997

**Source** Ex. France (Rhine Valley)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

**Notes** Redistributed from *Carduus nutans* in field, Cirsium palustre lab colonies, and Cirsium arvense in field to field Ci. palustre. Carduus spp. (especially nutans) are more preferred and receive higher attack, though still insufficient to reduce weed stands in absence of competition. Impact on Ci. palustre has not been formally studied but is believe to be negligible. Though field survival in BC has been achieved in limited regions, populations remain low. Sustained survival has been difficult in other regions of BC. Establishment trials currently underway to determine limiting factors. (continued at top of next column)

#### ASTERACEAE

Cirsium palustre; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

Country Canada (continued)

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on native Cirsium spp.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 729, 1185, 1186, 1841, 2080

#### RELEASE

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1973

**Source** Ex. France (Rhine Valley) via Canada

Established Yes
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Initially released on *Carduus nutans* 

subsp. *nutans* but also found feeding on *Cirsium palustre*. Impact to *Ci. palustre* not studied formally; however, impact on preferred host (*Ca. nutans* subsp. *nutans*) insufficient to control the weed

population.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the exotic hybrid of

Carduus nutans L. subsp. nutans and Ca. acanthoides L. as well as the exotic

Cirsium vulgare (Savi) Ten.

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 688, 761, 914, 915, 916, 1064, 1650

# **ASTERACEAE** Cirsium palustre (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Cirsium palustre (continued)

**ASTERACEAE** 

**Species** Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer) Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

Notes A 2002 revision of Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer) concluded that this species was in fact a complex of three species, with distinct host plant genus preferences: T. horridus, T. mortadelo Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz, and T. briesei Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz with preferences for Cirsium, Carduus, and Onopordum thistles, respectively. The authors of this revision stated "it is highly likely that the introductions originally made into Canada from Germany to control Carduus spp., as well as those into the United States from Italy to control Carduus spp. and Cirsium vulgare are either T. mortadelo sp. n. or a mixture of T. horridus and T. mortadelo sp. n." However because specimens in North America have not been examined in greater detail utilizing the new keys, the editors of this catalogue must refer to them all with the only name under which they have appeared in North American literature, T. horridus. All three species are supposedly present in Australia. While it is believed Australia sourced their T. mortadelo from New Zealand, surveys in New Zealand yielded T. horridus only, regardless of whether the host surveyed was Cirsium or Carduus. Molecular studies are currently underway to determine if the species complex is truly a complex, and to (continued at top of next column)

Species Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer)

Notes (continued) what level, but until new results are

published the editors of this catalogue follow the published conclusion that three distinct *Trichosirocalus* species have been utilized in thistle weed

biological control.

References 27, 689

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada **Year** 2007

Source Ex. Germany

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Redistributed from *Carduus* spp. to

Cirsium palustre.

Research Organization AAFC

References 117, 729

**TABLE** 

# **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Family              | Asteraceae  |
| Species             | Cirsium vulgare (Savi) Ten.   |
| Origin              | Eurasia, northern Africa  |
| Common Name         | spear thistle, bull thistle, Scotch thistle, common thistle, Fuller's thistle |
| AGENT               |   |
| Species             | Cheilosia grossa (Fallén)   |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Cheilosia corydon (Harris)  |
| Classification      | (Diptera: Syrphidae)  |

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 2001 Source Ex. Italy Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Intentionally released on *Carduus* spp. but occasionally found attacking large rosettes of Cirsium vulgare, decreasing plant function and seed production. However, Carduus species are preferred

over Cirsium.

Other Species Attacked Damage similar to that caused by this

agent has been observed in several native thistles species (Cirsium edule group), thus caution should be used when considering introduction of this fly into new areas. Also rarely found attacking Carduus acanthoides L., especially plants with large diameter

stems (>10 mm).

Research Organization State (15)

**References** 332, 334, 1506, 2002

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Cirsium vulgare (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Rhinocyllus conicus (Frölich) Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) Notes In the USA, interstate shipment

> permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within

each state.

References 1457

## **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia **Year** 1990 Source Ex. France

Established No.

Research Organization VIC State **References** 186, 1602

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia Year 1994

Source Ex. France

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Isolated populations are established

in VIC, some of which have spread up to 22 km from release sites. Formal evaluation is lacking. Next generation recoveries made in TAS though still too

early to claim establishment.

Research Organization VIC State, TAS State

References 186, 883, 1602

Cirsium vulgare; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1968

**Source** Ex. France (Rhine Valley)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Naturally spread from releases and/

or redistributions made on Carduus acanthoides and Ca. nutans. Carduus spp. (especially nutans) are more preferred and receive higher attack, though still insufficient to reduce weed stands in absence of competition. Impact on Cirsium vulgare has not been formally studied but is likely to be low.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on native Cirsium spp.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 729, 742, 1186, 1628, 2080

RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1984

Source Ex. France (western)

Established No

General Impact Compromised

Notes Cirsium vulgare plants in area destroyed

with herbicides soon after the release.

**Limiting Factors** Other control methods

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 821, 2073

**ASTERACEAE** 

Cirsium vulgare; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1985

Source Ex. Italy via USA (CA)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Release made on *Silybum marianum* 

in 1985, which was subsequently considered failed due to herbicidal control. However, weevils successfully established at this site on *Cirsium vulgare*. Infected seed heads have significantly fewer seeds compared to uninfected seed heads. However weevils have been slow to disperse and numbers remain low overall; only 12.6% of seed heads attacked at release site, and damage decreases as the season

progresses.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 637, 821, 992, 2073

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1986

Source Ex. France (western)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight
Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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Cirsium vulgare; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

**Notes** Population not distinguished from 1985 release in the literature. Infected seed heads have significantly fewer seeds compared to uninfected seed heads. However weevils have been slow to disperse and numbers remain low overall; only 41.5% of seed heads attacked at release site, and damage decreases as the season progresses.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 821, 992, 2073

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1973

**Source** Ex. Italy, France (Rhine Valley)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Agents sourced from *Carduus nutans* 

(Ex. France) and Ca. pycnocephalus (Ex. Italy) found attacking Cirsium vulgare secondarily. Because Ci. vulgare flowers much later than the primary hosts, impact to this species is

minimal.

Other Species Attacked Attacks 22 of 90 Cirsium spp. native to

the USA. Interstate shipment permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within each state.

Research Organization State (15)

**References** 332, 335, 1457, 1506

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Cirsium vulgare (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Classification

Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer) (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

Notes A 2002 revision of Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer) concluded that this species was in fact a complex of three species, with distinct host plant genus preferences: T. horridus. T. mortadelo Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz, and T. briesei Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz with preferences for Cirsium, Carduus, and Onopordum thistles, respectively. The authors of this revision stated "it is highly likely that the introductions originally made into Canada from Germany to control Carduus spp., as well as those into the United States from Italy to control Carduus spp. and Cirsium vulgare are either T. mortadelo sp. n. or a mixture of T. horridus and T. mortadelo sp. n." However because specimens in North America have not been examined in greater detail utilizing the new keys, the editors of this catalogue must refer to them all with the only name under which they have appeared in North American literature, T. horridus. All three species are supposedly present in Australia. While it is believed Australia sourced their T. mortadelo from New Zealand, surveys in New Zealand yielded *T. horridus* only, regardless of whether the host surveyed was Cirsium or Carduus. Molecular studies are currently underway to determine if the species complex is truly a complex, and to (continued on next page)

### **ASTERACEAE**

Cirsium vulgare (continued)

Species Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer)

Notes (continued) what level, but until new results are published the editors of this catalogue follow the published conclusion that three distinct Trichosirocalus species

have been utilized in thistle weed

biological control.

References 27, 689

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1996

Source Ex. Germany via Canada via New

Zealand

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Redistributed from *Carduus nutans* 

subsp. nutans to Cirsium vulgare. Individuals now established on Ca. nutans considered to be Trichosirocalus horridus while these on Ci. vulgare are T. horridus. Confirmed established at one site each in VIC and TAS though formal evaluation of dispersal and

impact lacking.

Research Organization CSIRO, VIC State, NSW State

References 186, 886, 1602

### **ASTERACEAE**

Cirsium vulgare; Trichosirocalus horridus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1974 Source Ex. Italy

Established Yes Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Following initial releases on Carduus

acanthoides in VA, some 20% of Cirsium vulgare plants within release areas exploited by this agent. Also redistributed intentionally to Ca. acanthoides. Few plant roots found infested with this agent in WY. Status in

KS unknown.

Other Species Attacked Also found feeding on five native

> Cirsium spp. in the USA. Consequently, interstate transport not permitted, and some states have prohibited its redistribution within their borders.

Observed on the exotic Cirsium arvense (L.) Scop., though impact likely minimal.

**Research Organization** State (7,13)

**References** 47, 335, 710, 1010, 1578, 1778

Cirsium vulgare (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Urophora stylata (Fabricius)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1993

Source Ex. France

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

**General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Evidence of insect presence in VIC varies by site and year. Where established, seed reduction up to 32% per capitulum has been recorded; capitula attack has varied 1 to 83%. Large amounts of seed still produced so control is not likely, though formal studies addressing impact are lacking.

> Establishment unconfirmed in NSW but confirmed for 2010 TAS release.

Research Organization CSIRO, VIC State, NSW State

References 186, 883, 886, 1602

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Germany, Switzerland

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Cirsium vulgare; Urophora stylata (continued)

**Country** Canada (continued)

Notes Naturally dispersed from all release sites

and now abundant. Cirsium vulgare has decreased at most sites, likely due to combination of land use and attack by Urophora stylata and Rhinocyllus

conicus.

Research Organization AAFC, MU

**References** 117, 432, 437, 735, 744, 1469, 1628

RELEASE

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1976

Source Ex. France, Austria

Established No

General Impact Compromised

Notes Release site mowed one year after

release and colony disappeared.

**Limiting Factors** Land use

Research Organization AAFC, MU

References 744, 1469, 1628

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

Year 1998

Source Ex. France via Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Impact has not been evaluated in

New Zealand.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 749, 761, 1051, 1064, 1602

### **ASTERACEAE**

Cirsium vulgare; Urophora stylata (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

**Year** 1999

Source Ex. Germany, Switzerland via Canada

via USA

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Intermixed with and no longer

differentiated from earlier release via Australia. Impact has not been

evaluated in New Zealand.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 744, 761, 1051, 1064, 1506

RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1983

**Source** Ex. Germany (western)

Established No.

Notes Main population accidentally destroyed

by herbicidal application. Secondary release site failed as well for unknown

reasons.

**Limiting Factors** Other control methods

Research Organization ARC-PPRI References 992, 2073 **ASTERACEAE** 

Cirsium vulgare; Urophora stylata (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1987

Source Ex. Germany (western), France

(western)

Established No

**Research Organization** ARC-PPRI

**References** 992, 2073

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**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1989

**Source** Ex. Germany (Rhine Valley)

Established No

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 992, 2073

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1983

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**Source** Ex. Germany, Switzerland via Canada

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Populations cyclical in OR, limited in

CA, CO and WA. From 60 to 90% of seed heads attacked in some areas, which has reduced seed production by up to 60%. However, in general, difficult to maintain high fly populations on this

short-lived weed.

**Research Organization** USDA (1,7), State (9,14,15)

**References** 332, 334, 335, 926, 927, 1501, 1506,

1578, 1799, 1902

### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

# **WEED** Family Asteraceae Elephantopus mollis Kunth Species Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Elephantopus scaber L. **Notes** In the 4th edition of this catalogue, Elephantopus scaber L. was listed as a synonym for *Elephantopus* mollis Kunth. Though some release records indicate releases were made on both species in various regions, it is unclear if two species were truly present, or if both names were used for the same species. More recent references indicate the species are indeed separate and that the weed targeted for biological control is E. mollis. Consequently, the editors of this version of the catalogue refer to E. mollis alone, and list E. scaber as a name that has been incorrectly applied to E. mollis. Origin Central America, Caribbean Common Name elephant's foot, tobacco weed, lata hina, tobacco weed, tavoko ni veikau References 817, 846 **AGENT** Species Tetraeuaresta obscuriventris (Loew) Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Elephantopus mollis; Tetraeuaresta obscuriventris (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Fiji Year 1957

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though parasitized, agent is widely

established with vast numbers. Control value documented as substantial, though formal evaluation of impact

lacking.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization DAF

**References** 288, 635, 961, 1376, 1547, 1940

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1961

Source Ex. Trinidad via Fiji

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Widespread and abundant following

release. Partial control on KA initially, but more recently appears to be

ineffective agent.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 30, 44, 407, 408, 409, 1149, 1349, 1940

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |   |
|----------------|---|
| Family         | Asteraceae  |
| Species        | Gutierrezia spp.  |
| Notes          | Encompasses numerous species in the genus <i>Gutierrezia</i> , including the most problematic <i>Gutierrezia</i> sarothrae (Pursh) Britton & Rusby and <i>G. microcephala</i> (DC.) A. Gray |
| Origin         | North America, South America  |
| Common Name    | snakeweeds  |
| AGENT          |   |
| Species        |   |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)   |

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

**Year** 1988

Source Ex. Argentina

Established No

Notes The target weed species are native to

the USA.

Research Organization USDA (3,13), State (35,40)

**References** 346, 460, 464

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family Asteraceae

Species Jacobaea vulgaris Gaertn.

Past Names/Synonyms Senecio jacobaea L.

Origin Eurasia, northern Africa

Common Name ragwort, tansy ragwort

**References** 434, 891, 1064, 1450, 1777

#### **AGENT**

Species Botanophila jacobaeae (Hardy)

Past Names/Synonyms Hylemyia jacobaeae (Hardy),

Pegohylemyia jacobaeae (Hardy)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Hylemyia seneciella (Meade)

Classification (Diptera: Anthomyiidae)

**Notes** The introduction from New Zealand

to Australia contained flies that were incorrectly identified as both *Hylemyia* seneciella (Meade) and *H. jacobaeae* (Hardy). However a closer inspection showed they were all *H. jacobaeae*.

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia **Year** 1959

Source Ex. England via New Zealand

Established No

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 305, 456, 564, 886, 891

Jacobaea vulgaris; Botanophila jacobaeae (continued)

RELEASE

Country New Zealand

Year 1936

Source Ex. England

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Can destroy large number of seeds in attacked heads, however most seed heads bloom later in season and escape

herbivory.

**Limiting Factors** Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 527, 720, 761, 835, 1064, 1246, 1769

**AGENT** 

Species Botanophila seneciella (Meade)

Past Names/Synonyms Pegohylemyia seneciella (Meade),

Hylemyia seneciella (Meade)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Hylemya seneciella (Meade)

Classification (Diptera: Anthomyiidae)

RELEASE

Country Canada Year 1968

**Source** Ex. France via USA (CA)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Jacobaea vulgaris; Botanophila seneciella (continued)

Country Canada (continued)

**Notes** Though widely distributed throughout

BC, abundance is low. Populations often restricted to small relic populations of weed less desired by other biocontrol agents. Unable to control weed alone but contributes to partial control in combination with *Longitarsus* spp. and

Cochylis atricapitana.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 434, 437, 594, 745, 746, 1469

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

**Year** 1936

Source Ex. England

Established No

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 527, 720, 835, 1064, 1246, 1769

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1966

Source Ex. France

**Established** Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Least effective of the three tansy ragwort

biological control agents established in the USA. Only early seed heads are utilized; later-developing capitula generally escape attack. Best used as a

complement to the other two.

Research Organization USDA (7,12), State (8,9,15)

**References** 332, 335, 338, 594, 1202, 1501, 1578,

1836, 2003

Jacobaea vulgaris (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Cochylis atricapitana (Stephens)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1987

Source Ex. Spain

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Causes significant damage in VIC and

TAS by reducing plant size and survival.

**Limiting Factors** Possibly Predation

Research Organization VIC State, TAS State

**References** 564, 886, 890, 891, 1228, 1229

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1990

Source Ex. Spain via Australia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Established readily in NS where

controlled weed within 5 years and

dispersed widely. In BC populations smaller and restricted to coastal regions: introductions into interior climates failed.

Though likely contributes to partial

control with Longitarsus spp., formal

evaluation of impact lacking.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 434, 2003

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Jacobaea vulgaris; Cochylis atricapitana (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

Year 2006

Source Ex. Spain via Australia

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** No evidence yet the agent has

established.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 761, 891, 1064

**AGENT** 

Longitarsus flavicornis (Stephens) Species

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Longitarsus jacobaeae (Waterhouse)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

Notes The first release of Longitarsus

flavicornis (Stephens) was originally

misidentified as Longitarsus

jacobaeae (Waterhouse) and released under that name in Australia in

1979. The true L. jacobaeae was subsequently released in Australia

in 1987.

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1979

Source Ex. France

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

**General Impact** Variable

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Jacobaea vulgaris; Longitarsus flavicornis (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

**Notes** Substantial to complete control in

TAS. Less effective where there is winter flooding or water logging. In VIC effective above 500m at high rainfall sites, but failed to establish in warm,

drier, coastal areas.

Limiting Factors Climate: Habitat

Research Organization VIC State

**References** 383, 564, 886, 887, 890, 891, 1229,

1523

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1985

Source Ex. Spain

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

**General Impact** Variable

**Notes** This second introduction intermixed with earlier release and no longer differentiated. Substantial to complete control in TAS. Less effective where there is winter flooding or water logging. In VIC effective above 500m at high rainfall sites, but failed to establish in

warm, drier, coastal areas.

**Limiting Factors** Climate: Habitat

Research Organization VIC State

**References** 564, 886, 891, 1229, 1523

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Jacobaea vulgaris (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Longitarsus jacobaeae (Waterhouse)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1987

Source Ex. Italy via USA (OR) via New Zealand

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Variable

Notes Establishment, spread and impact

minimal in VIC. In TAS, populations established, however they overlap with the very similar Longitarsus flavicornis,

and the species are no longer

differentiated.

Research Organization VIC State

References 564, 886, 890, 891, 1229

RELEASE

Country Canada

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Italy via USA (CA)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Populations from numerous sources

released in 1970s and not differentiated. Abundant in cool coastal climates but establishment failed or very limited in interior. Where populations large, controls weed well in conjunction with

other biocontrol agents.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 25, 434, 437, 735, 745

Jacobaea vulgaris; Longitarsus jacobaeae (continued)

#### RELEASE

Country Canada Year 1972

Source Ex. England

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Populations from numerous sources

released in 1970s and not differentiated. Abundant in cool coastal climates but establishment failed or very limited in interior. Where populations large, controls weed well in conjunction with

other biocontrol agents.

**Limiting Factors** Climate **Research Organization** AAFC

**References** 25, 434, 437, 735, 745

#### RELEASE

Country Canada Year 1973

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established No

Notes Though originally recorded as

established, subsequent establishment results and beetle phenology indicated

the original Swiss biotype failed.

**Limiting Factors** Climate **Research Organization** AAFC

**References** 25, 434, 437, 735, 745

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Jacobaea vulgaris; Longitarsus jacobaeae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 1976

Source Ex. Italy via USA (OR)

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Populations from numerous sources

released in 1970s and not differentiated. Abundant in cool coastal climates but establishment failed or very limited in interior. Where populations large, controls weed well in conjunction with

other biocontrol agents.

**Limiting Factors** Climate **Research Organization** AAFC

**References** 25, 434, 437, 735, 745

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 2011

Source Ex. Switzerland via USA (MT)

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Additional population from Switzerland

released beginning to increase efficacy in cold habitats. Releases of this strain

ongoing.

Limiting Factors Climate
Research Organization AAFC

**References** 434, 437, 745, 1538

Jacobaea vulgaris; Longitarsus jacobaeae (continued)

RELEASE

**Country** New Zealand

Year 1983

Source Ex. Italy via USA (OR)

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Weed density declined dramatically at

most sites soon after agent introduction. Sites with high rainfall less successful as these conditions favor the weed and

hinder the agent.

**Limiting Factors** Climate **Research Organization** DSIR

**References** 720, 761, 1064, 1769

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1968
Source Ex. Italy
Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Most effective of established Jacobaea

vulgaris agents. Has reduced *J. vulgaris* populations densities by 90% at some coastal or mild-climate locations. Works well in conjunction with *Tyria jacobaeae*.

**Research Organization** USDA (7,12), State (8,9,15)

**References** 332, 338, 756, 1202, 1461, 1501, 1777,

1836, 2003

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Jacobaea vulgaris; Longitarsus jacobaeae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1969

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established No.

**Research Organization** USDA (7,12), State (8,9,15)

**References** 1777, 1836

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 2002

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Better suited to climate where the Italian

strain did poorly (inland, colder regions). Rapidly increasing at release sites in ID and MT, though populations still limited.

**Research Organization** State (6,7), USDA (10)

**References** 334, 338, 1538, 1776, 1777, 2003

### ASTERACEAE Jacobaea vulgaris (continued)

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**AGENT** 

Species Platyptilia isodactyla (Zeller)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pterophoridae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1999

Source Ex. Spain

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Well established in VIC and TAS with

capitulum production 48-67% less in

attacked plants in VIC.

Research Organization TAS State, VIC State

**References** 886, 891, 1275, 1418

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 2006

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Source Ex. Spain via Australia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Medium

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Established readily and beginning

to decrease weed population where released. Showing promising results complementing effects of *Longitarsus* 

jacobaeae.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 761, 891, 1064, 1084

**ASTERACEAE** 

Jacobaea vulgaris (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Tyria jacobaeae (L.)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Callimorpha jacobaeae (L.)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Erebidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1930

Source Ex. England via New Zealand

Established No

Research Organization CSIR\*

References 387, 564

RELEASE

Country Australia

**Year** 1936

Source Ex. England

Established No

**Notes** Establishment failure due to heavy

predation by *Harpobittacus nigriceps* (Selys) and other insects as well as disease outbreaks during laboratory

rearing.

Limiting Factors Predation; Disease

Research Organization CSIR\*

References 387, 564

Jacobaea vulgaris; Tyria jacobaeae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia Year 1955

Source Ex. England

Established No

**Notes** Though some colonies initially survived

in field, eventually disappeared due to heavy predation by *Harpobittacus nigriceps* (Selys) and other insects, parasitism, and disease outbreaks. Laboratory rearing severely impacted by

disease outbreaks.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Disease; Parasitism

Research Organization VIC State, CSIRO
References 140, 456, 564, 1622

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia
Year 1955
Source Ex. Italy
Established No

**Notes** Imported stock ill-adapted to Australian

conditions; no progeny survived to achieve successful pupation.

Limiting Factors Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization VIC State

**References** 140, 456, 564, 1622

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia **Year** 1962

Source Ex. Switzerland, Austria

Established No

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Jacobaea vulgaris; Tyria jacobaeae (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

**Notes** Each release established for up to

3 seasons but eventually disappeared due to build-up of predation by insects and birds, parasitism, and disease.

Limiting Factors Predation; Disease; Parasitism

Research Organization VIC State
References 456, 564, 1621

RELEASE

**Country** Australia **Year** 1978

**Source** Ex. Switzerland via Canada; Ex. France

via USA (CA) via Canada

Established No

**Notes** One population persisted for 4 years,

but all eventually disappeared.

Predation, disease and environmental factors (poor climate matching) likely

factors in disappearance.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Disease; Climate

Research Organization VIC State

**References** 456, 564, 746, 755, 1622

RELEASE

Country Australia Year 1993

Source Ex. England via New Zealand

Established Yes
Abundance Rare
General Impact None

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Jacobaea vulgaris; Tyria jacobaeae (continued)

Country Australia (continued)

**Notes** Though some colonies survived initially

in TAS, eventually disappeared due to predation, parasitism, and lack of suitable pupation sites. One population established in VIC since 1994, however not spreading and impact expected to

be negligible.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Parasitism; Habitat

Research Organization TAS State, VIC State

**References** 883, 886, 890, 891, 1229

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1961

Source Ex. Sweden

Established No

Limiting Factors Predation; Parasitism

Research Organization AAFC

References 746

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1962

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Jacobaea vulgaris; Tyria jacobaeae (continued)

Country Canada (continued)

Notes Can cause complete defoliation of

Jacobaea vulgaris which can lead to decreased winter survivorship and decreased seed production in some locations at some times. However, J. vulgaris populations persist in all major infested areas despite even high cases of defoliation. Weather-induced fluctuations of weed control insect populations rather than vice versa.

**Limiting Factors** Climate **Research Organization** AAFC

**References** 434, 743, 745, 746, 747, 1469

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1966

Source Ex. France via USA (CA)

Established No

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 437, 746, 755

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1929

Source Ex. England

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Populations vary by year and location.

At high densities, severe defoliation has been observed killing plants, though most New Zealand populations are able to regrow. Rarely sufficient to markedly

impact the weed.

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Jacobaea vulgaris; Tyria jacobaeae (continued)

**Country** New Zealand (continued)

Other Species Attacked Occasionally found causing spillover

attack on the native Senecio minimus Poir, and S. biserratus Belcher

Research Organization Cl

**References** 720, 761, 1064, 1246, 1768, 1769

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1959

Source Ex. France

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

**General Impact** Variable

Notes Populations fluctuate; high densities often completely defoliate plants. In mild regions of CA, OR, WA the weed often re-grows and recovers sufficiently to successfully overwinter and reproduce. In the colder, harsher Intermountain West, frosts usually kill regrowth before plants fully recover so moth is more effective at reducing weed populations. Complements effect of Longitarsus jacobaeae. Due to observed nontarget attack, interstate transport not permitted, and some states have prohibited its redistribution within their borders. (continued at top of next column)

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Jacobaea vulgaris; Tyria jacobaeae (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Limiting Factors

Predation; Parasitism; Disease

Other Species Attacked

Documented attacking the introduced Senecio vulgaris L. and S. seneca, the ornamental Senecio bicolor (Willd.) Tod. (whose name has since been changed to Jacobaea maritima [L.] Pelser & Meijden) and the native S. integerrimus Nutt., S. triangularis Hook. and Packera pseudaurea (Rydb.) W.A. Weber & Á.

Löve. Consequently, interstate transport not permitted, and some states have prohibited its redistribution within their

borders.

Research Organization References

USDA (7,12), State (8,9,15)

332, 334, 338, 755, 756, 758, 1202,

1457, 1461, 1501, 1836, 2003

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

# Family Asteraceae Species Mikania micrantha Kunth Origin Central America, South America mile-a-minute weed, mikania vine, wa bosucu, wa butako AGENT Species Actinote anteas (Doubleday) Classification (Lepidoptera: Nymphalidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Indonesia **Year** 1999

Source Ex. Costa Rica

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Released intentionally against

Chromolaena odorata, but quickly spread and established on Mikania micrantha as well. Along with Actinote thalia pyrrha, helps control weed in some lowland areas. Populations somewhat limited by predation.

Limiting Factors Predation Research Organization IOPRI

**References** 416, 486, 2054

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Mikania micrantha (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Actinote thalia pyrrha Fabricius

Classification (Lepidoptera: Nymphalidae)

RELEASE

Country Indonesia

**Year** 1999

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Released intentionally against

Chromolaena odorata, but quickly spread and established on Mikania micrantha as well. Along with Actinote

anteas, helps control weed in some

lowland areas.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the exotic

Austroeupatorium inulaefolium (Kunth)

R.M. King & H. Rob.

Research Organization IOPRI

**References** 416, 486, 2054

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#### **ASTERACEAE**

Mikania micrantha (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Liothrips mikaniae (Priesner)

Classification (Thysanoptera: Phlaeothripidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Malaysia

Year 1990

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

**Notes** Establishment failure due to predation.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization IIBC, PLANTI

**References** 55, 290, 416, 878, 879, 1096

**RELEASE** 

Country Solomon Islands

Year 1988

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

Notes Initially believed to have established

from the 1989 release as subsequent redistributions made. However believed

to have died out by 1990.

Research Organization MAL, IIBC

References 290, 416, 1438, 1864

**ASTERACEAE** 

Mikania micrantha (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Puccinia spegazzinii De Toni

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

**Year** 2009

Source Ex. Ecuador

Established Yes

**Abundance** Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Isolate IMI 393075. Establishment

higher in wetter regions. Having impact at several sites locally and continuing to spread, though it is too soon to determine overall abundance and

impact.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization KRS, SPC

**References** 416, 418, 424, 537

**RELEASE** 

Country India

Year 2005

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No

Notes Isolate IMI 393067. Failed to establish

in Assam where biotype of weed resistant to this pathotype, and where dry season is long. Initially believed to thrive in Kerala where dry season short. Subsequent observations show it failed to establish persistent populations in the

field.

Limiting Factors Specificity; Climate

Research Organization CABI-United Kingdom, KFRI

References 114, 537, 539, 1606

Mikania micrantha; Puccinia spegazzinii (continued)

RELEASE

Country Papua New Guinea

**Year** 2008

Source Ex. Ecuador

**Established** Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Too early post release

Notes Isolate IMI 393075. Established and

spread rapidly, especially in wet regions. Already reducing growth rate and cover at some sites, but too soon post release

to know overall impact.

Limiting Factors Climate

Other Species Attacked Found infecting the native species

Mikania cordata (Burm. f.) B.L. Rob.

Research Organization NARI

**References** 416, 418, 424, 537

**RELEASE** 

Country People's Republic of China

Year 2006

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Source Ex. Argentina

Established No

Notes Isolate IMI 393078. Though there

was spread at the release site initially, currently believed to have failed. Does not establish or perform well at dry sites.

Limiting Factors Climate

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Research Organization CABI-United Kingdom, CAAS-BCI, GEI

References 416, 537, 538

**ASTERACEAE** 

Mikania micrantha; Puccinia spegazzinii (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country People's Republic of China

**Year** 2011

**Source** Ex. Ecuador via Papua New Guinea

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Isolate IMI 393075. Established at three

sites.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization CABI-United Kingdom, CAAS-BCI, GAF

**References** 418, 418, 424, 764

RELEASE

**Country** Taiwan

Year 2008

Source Ex. Ecuador

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Too early post release

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Notes Isolate IMI 393075. Though still too

early post release to determine overall impact, rust spread already observed from southern to central Taiwan. Does not establish or perform well at dry sites; high disease severity corresponds with

humid and shaded hillsides.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

 $\textbf{Research Organization} \quad \text{CABI-United Kingdom, TFB}$ 

References 416, 418, 537, 538, 1844

Mikania micrantha; Puccinia spegazzinii (continued)

RELEASE

**Country** Vanuatu **Year** 2012

Source Ex. Ecuador via Papua New Guinea

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release General Impact Too early post release

Notes Isolate IMI 393075. Established and spreading on Efate and Tanna but too

soon to assess impact.

**Limiting Factors** Climate **Research Organization** DLQS

**References** 204, 418, 424

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Onopordum acanthium L.
Origin Eurasia, northern Africa

Common Name Scotch thistle

**AGENT** 

Species Rhinocyllus conicus (Frölich)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**Notes** In the USA, interstate shipment

permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within

each state.

References 1457

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1998

Source Ex. France (Rhine Valley)

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Redistributed from *Carduus nutans* 

to Onopordum acanthium. The single release site was monitored and an unknown larva recovered, however it was not confirmed to be Rhinocyllus conicus. Site status remains unknown.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on native Cirsium spp.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 729, 1186

Onopordum acanthium; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

United States of America Country

**Year** 1973

**Source** Ex. France (Rhine Valley)

Established No.

**Notes** Sourced from Carduus nutans.

Redistributed from Ca. nutans to Onopordum acanthium. Failure to establish likely due to strain being collected from host species different

from release target.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity

Other Species Attacked Attacks 22 of 90 Cirsium spp. native to

the USA. Interstate shipment permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within each state.

**Research Organization** State (15)

**References** 332, 1457, 1501, 1578

RELEASE

Country United States of America

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Italy

Established No.

Notes Sourced from Carduus pycnocephalus.

Failure to establish likely due to strain being collected from host species

different to release target.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity

Other Species Attacked Attacks 22 of 90 Cirsium spp. native to

the USA. Interstate shipment permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within each state.

Research Organization USDA (1), State (15)

**References** 332, 335, 1457

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Onopordum acanthium; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1976

Source Ex. Unknown

Established No.

**Notes** Though this release was likely a

within-CA redistribution from other local sources, it remains unclear from which species and host plant it was originally

sourced.

Other Species Attacked Attacks 22 of 90 Cirsium spp. native to

> the USA. Interstate shipment permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended

for redistribution within each state.

**Research Organization** State (14)

**References** 231, 924, 1457, 1512

**AGENT** 

**Species** *Trichosirocalus horridus* (Panzer)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

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Notes A 2002 revision of Trichosirocalus horridus (Panzer) concluded that this species was in fact a complex of three species, with distinct host plant genus preferences: T. horridus, T. mortadelo Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz, and T. briesei Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz with preferences for Cirsium, Carduus, and Onopordum thistles, respectively. The editors of this revision stated "it is highly likely that the introductions originally made into Canada from Germany to control Carduus spp., as well as those into

**Onopordum acanthium** (continued)

**Species** *Trichosirocalus horridus* (Panzer)

Notes (continued)

the United States from Italy to control Carduus spp. and Cirsium vulgare are either T. mortadelo sp. n. or a mixture of T. horridus and T. mortadelo sp. n." However because specimens in North America have not been examined in greater detail utilizing the new keys, the editors of this catalogue must refer to them all with the only name under which they have appeared in North American literature, T. horridus. All three species are supposedly present in Australia. While it is believed Australia sourced their T. mortadelo from New Zealand, surveys in New Zealand yielded T. horridus only, regardless of whether the host surveyed was Cirsium or Carduus. Molecular studies are currently underway to determine if the species complex is truly a complex, and to what level, but until new results are published the editors of this catalogue follow the published conclusion that three distinct *Trichosirocalus* species have been utilized in thistle weed biological control.

References 27, 689

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Onopordum acanthium; Trichosirocalus horridus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1991

Source Ex. Germany

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Naturally spread from releases and/or

redistributions made on *Carduus* spp. and Cirsium vulgare. Also redistributed intentionally from Ca. nutans to

Onopordum acanthium.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 729, 735

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1994 Source Ex. Italy Established No.

Notes Redistributed from Carduus nutans to

Onopordum acanthium but failed to

establish.

Also found feeding on five native Other Species Attacked

> Cirsium spp. in the USA. Consequently, interstate transport not permitted, and some states have prohibited its redistribution within their borders. Also observed on the exotic Cirsium arvense (L.) Scop., though impact likely minimal.

**Research Organization** State (15)

**References** 47, 332, 335, 710, 1578, 1778

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

## Family Asteraceae Species Onopordum acaulon L. Origin Eurasia, northern Africa stemless thistle AGENT Species Eublemma amoena (Hübner) Classification (Lepidoptera: Erebidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia **Year** 2000

**Source** Ex. France (southern)

Established No

 $\textbf{Notes} \quad \text{Redistributed from } \textit{Onopordum } \text{spp.}$ 

complex (*O. acanthium*, *O. illyricum*, and their hybrids) to *O. acaulon*. Establishment failure possibly due to poor weather condition at release time and prolonged drought post release.

Limiting Factors Climate
Research Organization CSIRO
References 1608

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Onopordum acaulon (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Larinus latus Herbst

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Australia

Year 2001

Source Ex. Greece

Established Unknown

**Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Redistributed from *Onopordum* spp.

complex (O. acanthium, O. illyricum, and

their hybrids) to O. acaulon.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 171, 1759

TABLE

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

Family Asteraceae
Species Onopordum spp.

Notes Comprises Onopordum acanthium
L. (Scotch thistle) and O. illyricum L.
(Illyrian thistle) as a complex of parent and hybrid forms in Australia

Origin Eurasia, northern Africa
Common Name Scotch thistle, Illyrian thistle

AGENT

Species Botanophila spinosa Rondani
(Diptera: Anthomyiidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia Year 1999

**Source** Ex. France (southern)

**Established** No **Research Organization** CSIRO

**References** 171, 172, 175, 1418

#### **AGENT**

Species Eublemma amoena (Hübner)
Classification (Lepidoptera: Erebidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia Year 1998

Source Ex. France (southern)

Established Yes

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#### **ASTERACEAE**

Onopordum spp.; Eublemma amoena (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Abundance Limited
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Observed reducing size of attacked

plants. Currently the restricted range and low population sizes limit impact

overall.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 171, 172, 175

#### **AGENT**

Species Larinus latus Herbst

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

#### RELEASE

**Country** Australia **Year** 1992

Source Ex. Greece

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Infests the majority of capitula in

Onopordum patches on the mainland, significantly decreasing production/ release of viable seed. In combination with other agents contributes to control, though impact decreased somewhat by large and long-lived seed bank. Establishment in TAS confirmed though too early (for recent releases) to

determine impact.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 171, 175, 883, 886, 1758, 2012

Onopordum spp. (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Lixus cardui Olivier

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1993

**Source** Ex. France (southern)

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Most widely established agent on mainland Onopordum. Significantly decreases plant stature and seed production. In combination with other agents contributes to control. Establishment in TAS confirmed though too early (for recent releases) to

determine impact.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 168, 171, 175, 176, 883, 886, 1762,

2012

**ASTERACEAE** 

Onopordum spp. (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Tephritis postica Loew

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1995

**Source** Ex. France (southern)

Established No.

Notes Establishment failure probably due to

adult winter mortality and over-dispersal

of survivors.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 171, 172, 175, 2012

**AGENT** 

Species Trichosirocalus briesei Alonso-

Zarazaga & Sanchez-Ruiz

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**Notes** A 2002 revision of *Trichosirocalus* horridus (Panzer) concluded that this

species was in fact a complex of three species, with distinct host plant genus preferences: T. horridus, T. mortadelo Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz, and T. briesei Alonso-Zarazaga & Sánchez-Ruiz with preferences for Cirsium, Carduus, and Onopordum thistles, respectively. All three are supposedly present in Australia.

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**TABLE** 

Onopordum spp. (continued)

Species Trichosirocalus briesei Alonso-

Zarazaga & Sanchez-Ruiz (continued)

**Notes** Because there is a disagreement

for the morphological parameters selected by taxonomists for this separation, molecular studies are currently underway to determine if the species complex is truly a complex, and to what level. Until new conclusions are reached, the editors of this catalogue follow the three published names of the separation.

**References** 27, 171, 175

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1997

Source Ex. Spain (northern)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Observed reducing size of attacked

plants and killing smaller rosettes. Currently the restricted range and low population sizes limit impact overall.

Research Organization CSIRO

References 171, 175

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Onopordum spp. (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Urophora terebrans (Loew)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 2000

Source Ex. Italy (central)

Established No

Notes Difficult to rear and discarded after

Larinus latus became widespread.

Research Organization CSIRO

References 171, 172, 175, 1418

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Parthenium hysterophorus L.

Origin North America, Central America,

South America

Common Name parthenium weed, parthenium,

congress grass

**AGENT** 

Species Bucculatrix parthenica Bradley

Past Names/Synonyms Bucculatrix sp. D

Classification (Lepidoptera: Bucculatricidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1984

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though widely established, populations

vary by season and weatherincreasing in summer/autumn with high rainfall and becoming scarce in dry times. In favorable conditions up to 50% of total leaf area is destroyed, but

in general populations are low with no

obvious impact on the weed.

Limiting Factors Climate; Season Research Organization QLD State, IIBC

**References** 497, 1194, 1209, 1215

**ASTERACEAE** 

Parthenium hysterophorus (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Carmenta sp. nr ithacae

(Beutenmüller)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Sesiidae)

Notes The population of Carmenta ithacae

from Parthenium hysterophorus in Mexico may be a different species from the more polyphagous

population from the USA, and hence is referred to as Carmenta sp. nr.

ithacae.

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1998

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Though initially believed to be of

only limited abundance, in summer 2012 widespread establishment seen throughout central QLD: abundance and impact expected to continue to increase.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 493, 497, 1418

Parthenium hysterophorus (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Conotrachelus albocinereus Fiedler

Past Names/Synonyms Conotrachelus sp.

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1995

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Though established in central QLD is

neither widespread nor abundant.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 497, 1222

**AGENT** 

Species Epiblema strenuana (Walker)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1982

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Parthenium hysterophorus; Epiblema strenuana (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Notes Widely established throughout range

of weed, reaching densities of 20 to 30 larvae per plant. Major contributor to substantial control, especially when young plants attacked and in presence of pasture competition. Heavy infestations reduce plant height and seed production. Insect populations

decline after long dry periods.

Research Organization QLD State, IIBC

References 496, 497, 1209, 1215

**AGENT** 

**Species** *Listronotus setosipennis* (Hustache)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Australia

Year 1982

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

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**Notes** Though populations widespread,

typically low abundance and only seasonally present in large numbers causing significant damage locally. More effective in alluvial or black soil and in regions with prolonged dry seasons and

erratic rainfall.

Limiting Factors Climate; Soil

Research Organization QLD State

References 496, 497, 1209, 1969

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Parthenium hysterophorus; Listronotus setosipennis (continued)

#### RELEASE

Country Australia
Year 1991

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Collected from drier areas with hot

summers and cool winters in attempt to improve agent's effectiveness under drier conditions. Subsequently not differentiated from Brazilian population. Though widespread, typically low abundance and only seasonally present in large numbers causing significant damage locally. More effective in alluvial or black soil and in regions with prolonged dry seasons and erratic

rainfall.

Limiting Factors Climate; Soil
Research Organization QLD State
References 437

#### **AGENT**

Species Platphalonidia mystica (Razowski &

Becker)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia Year 1992

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes

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#### **ASTERACEAE**

Parthenium hysterophorus; Platphalonidia mystica (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Confirmed established since reared

from field-collected stems, though at low levels. Larvae difficult to distinguish from the widely established *Epiblema* 

strenuana.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 496, 497, 679

#### **AGENT**

Species Puccinia abrupta Dietel & Holw. var.

partheniicola (H.S. Jacks.) Parmelee

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Established easily in southern QLD

where impact only minor. Sporadic or absent in rest of state due to unsuitable

dry conditions.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization IIBC, QLD State

**References** 497, 561, 1431

Parthenium hysterophorus (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Puccinia xanthii Schwein. var.

parthenii-hysterophorae Seier, H.C.

Evans & Á. Romero

Past Names/Synonyms Puccinia melampodii Dietel & Holway

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 2000

Source Ex. Mexico, USA (TX)

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Established readily in northern QLD

where dry summers caused low

population levels and only minor impact. Sporadic or absent in rest of state due to

unsuitable dry conditions.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization QLD State

References 494, 495, 497

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Republic of South Africa

Year 2010

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Establishment hampered by destruction of release sites and host plant death

due to dry conditions post-release. Spread recorded from MP release sites.

Additional releases ongoing.

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#### **ASTERACEAE**

Parthenium hysterophorus; Puccinia xanthii (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

Limiting Factors Land use; Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI, SASRI, WFW

**References** 992, 1737, 1738, 1739

**AGENT** 

Species Smicronyx lutulentus Dietz

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1981

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

**General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Originally believed to have failed

field establishment; populations did not become abundant until 14 years following release. Though now widely established, incidence is sporadic. Impact varies from negligible during dry

periods to significant seed reduction due

to high insect populations after rain.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization QLD State

References 496, 497, 1209, 1215, 1219

Parthenium hysterophorus (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Stobaera concinna (Stål)

Classification (Hemiptera: Delphacidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1983

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Established on *Parthenium* 

hysterophorus in north QLD and on Ambrosia artemisiifolia in southeast

QLD.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 494, 497, 1209, 1215

**AGENT** 

Species Zygogramma bicolorata Pallister

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1980

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Variable

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Parthenium hysterophorus; Zygogramma bicolorata (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

**Notes** Though widespread and abundant

on Ambrosia artemisiifolia two years following introduction, populations did not become abundant on Parthenium hysterophorus until 12 years following release. Outbreaks of Zygogramma bicolorata cause complete defoliation that reduces plant vigor, reproductive output, weed density and soil seed banks. Outbreaks occur with sufficient summer rain and in central QLD but not

in north.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization QLD State, IIBC

**References** 496, 497, 1209, 1215, 1219

**RELEASE** 

Country India

Year 1984

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Variable

**Notes** In some regions causes 100%

defoliation, reducing weed population. In other areas, high densities still

insufficient to control weed alone. Failed

to establish is hot, dry regions.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the economically

important *Helianthus annuus* L. (thus far with no evidence of economic loss to sunflower crops) and the exotic

Xanthium strumarium L.

Research Organization IIBC, IIHR, ICAR, KAU

**References** 499, 555, 905, 1034

Parthenium hysterophorus; Zygogramma bicolorata (continued)

RELEASE

Country Sri Lanka

Year 2004

Source Ex. Mexico via India

Established No

Research Organization DASL

**References** 82, 499, 778

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Pilosella aurantiaca (L.) F. W. Schultz

& Sch. Bip.

Past Names/Synonyms Hieracium aurantiacum L.

Origin Europe

Common Name orange hawkweed

**AGENT** 

Species Aulacidea subterminalis Niblett
Classification (Hymenoptera: Cynipidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 2011

Source Ex. Switzerland

**Established** Unknown **Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

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#### **ASTERACEAE**

Pilosella aurantiaca; Aulacidea subterminalis (continued)

**Country** Canada (continued)

**Notes** Few galls observed one year following

release, though too early post release to confirm sustained establishment. Pilosella aurantiaca is not preferred host, so additional release efforts will

focus on P. flagellaris.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity

Research Organization AAFC, CABI-Switzerland

References 427

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 2011

Source Ex. Switzerland

**Established** Unknown **Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization State (7), CABI-Switzerland

**References** 1102, 1103

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                       |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Past Names/Synonyms Origin | Asteraceae  Pilosella flagellaris (Willd.) ArvTouv.  Hieracium flagellare Willd.  Europe  whiplash hawkweed |
|                            | Aulacidea subterminalis Niblett (Hymenoptera: Cynipidae)  |

#### RELEASE

Country Canada
Year 2011
Source Ex. Switzerland

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Few galls observed one year following

initial release. Too early post release to confirm sustained establishment.

Research Organization AAFC, CABI-Switzerland

References 437

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| Species Past Names/Synonyms Origin | Asteraceae  Pilosella officinarum Vaill.  Hieracium pilosella L.  Eurasia  mouse-ear hawkweed |
|------------------------------------|---|
|                                    | Aulacidea subterminalis Niblett<br>(Hymenoptera: Cynipidae)                                   |

#### **RELEASE**

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1999

Source Ex. Switzerland, Germany

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight
Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Field impact not formally evaluated but

anecdotal evidence suggests will not be able to control weed alone. Drought

limits survival.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the introduced Pilosella

aurantiaca (L.) F. W. Schultz & Sch. Bip.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 690, 761, 1056, 1064, 1696, 1702

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Pilosella officinarum (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Cheilosia psilophthalma (Becker)

Classification (Diptera: Syrphidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

Year 2006

**Source** Ex. Switzerland, Germany

Established No.

**Notes** Rearing difficulties resulted in only

limited release where establishment not

confirmed.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 1052, 1056, 1064, 1702

**AGENT** 

Species Cheilosia urbana (Meigen)

Classification (Diptera: Syrphidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

Year 2006

**Source** Ex. Switzerland, Germany

Established No.

**Notes** Rearing difficulties resulted in only

limited release where establishment not

confirmed.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 1052, 1056, 1064, 1702

**ASTERACEAE** 

Pilosella officinarum (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Macrolabis pilosellae (Binnie)

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

**Year** 2002

**Source** Ex. Switzerland, Germany

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Field impact not formally evaluated but

anecdotal evidence suggests it will not be able to control weed alone. Drought

limits survival.

Limiting Factors Climate

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the introduced Pilosella

> piloselloides (Vill.) Sojak subsp. praealta and P. caespitosa (Dumort.) P. D. Sell &

C. West

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 690, 761, 1052, 1056, 1064, 1696, 1702

**AGENT** 

Species

Oxyptilus pilosellae Zeller

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pterophoridae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

Year 1999

**Source** Ex. Switzerland, Germany

Established No.

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Pilosella officinarum; Oxyptilus pilosellae (continued)

**Country** New Zealand (continued)

Notes Rearing difficulties resulted in release at

only one site where it did not establish.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 1064, 1702

**AGENT** 

Species Puccinia hieracii var. piloselloidarum

(Probst) Jørst.

**Classification** (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1998

Source Ex. Ireland

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially an unintentional introduction that was later redistributed, but many Pilosella officinarum populations were resistant. Consequently two additional strains were deliberately introduced from Ireland to aid in control. Widely distributed and suppresses growth by 10-20%. Infection highest under moist conditions, but impact greatest when

infection followed by drought conditions.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization ARNZ

**References** 761, 1064, 1702

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Pluchea carolinensis (Jacq.) G. Don

Past Names/Synonyms Pluchea odorata (L.) Cass.

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Pluchea symphytifolia (Mill.) Gillis

**Notes** Though listed as the correct name for this weed in select references, Pluchea symphytifolia (Mill.) Gillis is not a true synonym of this weed and

is now synonomized with a different

taxon.

Origin tropical Americas

Common Name sour bush, hairy fleabane

References 326, 978

**AGENT** 

Species Acinia picturata (Snow)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Acinia fucata Fabricius

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1959

Source Ex. Guatemala

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Though established throughout the Notes

state, populations never reached densities sufficient to suppress weed. Typical seed destruction as low as

5-6%.

Research Organization HDOA, State (52)

**References** 29, 44, 399, 406, 612, 762, 1026

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#### **ASTERACEAE**

Pluchea carolinensis (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dichomeris aenigmatica (Clarke)

Past Names/Synonyms Trichotaphe aenigmatica Clarke

Classification (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae)

**References** 326, 1605

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1957

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact None

play role.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 44, 399, 406, 612, 762, 1026, 1349

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

**Species** Rhaponticum repens (L.) Hidalgo

Past Names/Synonyms Centaurea repens L., Acroptilon

repens (L.) DC.

Origin Central Asia

Common Name Russian knapweed

References 792

**AGENT** 

Species Aulacidea acroptilonica Tyurebaev

Classification (Hymenoptera: Cynipidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Canada

Year 2008

Source Ex. Uzbekistan

Established Yes

**Abundance** Too early post release

**General Impact** Too early post release

Research Organization AAFC, CABI-Switzerland

**References** 1613, 1614

RELEASE

**Country** United States of America

Year 2009

Source Ex. Uzbekistan

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

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Notes Too early post release to determine overall abundance and impact, though populations have significantly increased at one MT site. Parasitism becoming

apparent.

Research Organization State (7), CABI-Switzerland

**References** 1103, 1613, 1614

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Rhaponticum repens (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Jaapiella ivannikovi Fedotova

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 2009

Source Ex. Uzbekistan

Established Yes

**Abundance** Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

Research Organization AAFC, CABI-Switzerland

**References** 1613, 1614

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 2009

Source Ex. Uzbekistan

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release
General Impact Too early post release

Notes Establishment also likely for CA but

confirmation only tentative. Though too early post release to determine overall abundance and impact, initial results from first WY release site indicate attack reduces seed output per shoot by 91% and above-ground biomass by 34%. Established at several sites in MT, but populations have not significantly

increased.

Research Organization State (7), USDA (19), CABI-Switzerland

**References** 334, 1103, 1613, 1614

**ASTERACEAE** 

Rhaponticum repens (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Subanguina picridis (Kirjanova)

Brzeski

Past Names/Synonyms Paranguina picridis (Kirjanova)

Kirjanova & Ivanova, Mesoanguina

picridis (Kirjanova) Chizhov &

Subbotin

Classification (Tylenchida: Anguinidae)

RELEASE

Country Canada

**Year** 1977

Source Ex. Kazakhstan

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Though initially established in BC and

SK, many release sites lost due to subsequent land use. No evaluations conducted since 2002 to confirm current establishment, abundance and impact. If still present, likely limited in establishment and impact, but most promising for spring-moist and irrigated

sites.

Limiting Factors Land use Research Organization AAFC, MU

References 117, 152, 742, 1944

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1984

Source Ex. Kazakhstan via Canada

Established No

**Research Organization** USDA (7,10), State (9,13,15,21)

**References** 1469, 1501, 1596, 1597, 1944

Rhaponticum repens; Subanguina picridis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1990

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Source Ex. Turkey, Uzbekistan

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Reduces plant biomass and flowering,

though infections not consistent from year to year due to varying moisture conditions. Lack of moisture limits survival. Does not move readily; needs to be propagated and redistributed on

large scale. Not cost-effective.

Limiting Factors Climate

Other Species Attacked Also attacks to a lesser extent the

native *Centaurea rothrockii* Greenman (whose name has since been changed to *Plectocephalus rothrockii* (Greenm.) D. J. N. Hind), the cultivated *Cynara scolymus* L. (whose name has since been changed to *Cynara cardunculus* L. subsp. *cardunculus*), and maybe also attacks the exotic *Centaurea diffusa* 

Lam.

Research Organization USDA (7,10), State (9,13,15,21)

**References** 39, 74, 334, 335, 1101, 1596, 1597,

1735

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

**Species** Silybum marianum (L.) Gaertn.

**Origin** Mediterranean, southwest Europe,

northern Africa

Common Name milk thistle, variegated thistle

**AGENT** 

Species Rhinocyllus conicus (Frölich)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**Notes** In the USA, interstate shipment

permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within

each state.

References 1457

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1988

Source Ex. France

Established Yes
Abundance Limited

General Impact None

Notes Established at a few sites and some

dispersal has occurred, but no impact

detected on the weed.

Research Organization VIC State

**References** 186, 1274

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Silybum marianum; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Republic of South Africa Country

**Year** 1985

Source Ex. Italy via USA (CA)

Established No.

General Impact Compromised

**Notes** Soon after release, the plants were

destroyed with herbicides and weevils never became established on Silybum marianum, though they did establish at

this site on Cirsium vulgare.

Limiting Factors Other control methods

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 637, 821, 992, 2073

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1969

Source Ex. France (Rhine Valley) via Canada

Established No.

Notes Sourced from Carduus nutans. Failure

to establish likely due to strain being collected from host species different to release target. In CA, newly hatched larvae failed to exit from the large, outer bracts of milk thistle capitula upon which

eggs hatched.

Limiting Factors Specificity

Other Species Attacked Attacks 22 of 90 Cirsium spp. native to

the USA. Interstate shipment permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within each state.

**Research Organization** USDA (7,9), State (5,14,15)

**References** 637, 645, 1457, 1830

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Silybum marianum; Rhinocyllus conicus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1971 Source Ex. Italy Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact None

**Notes** Sourced from Silybum marianum.

Capable of causing significant amount of damage to capitula but often feed below seeds; all seeds rarely killed in any attacked seed head. Oviposition typically ends before all capitula produced. In TX, only infestations in moist, shady conditions attacked.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

Other Species Attacked Attacks 22 of 90 Cirsium spp. native to

> the USA. Interstate shipment permits revoked in 2000, and not recommended for redistribution within each state.

**Research Organization** USDA (7,9), State (5,14,15)

**References** 38, 137, 332, 335, 637, 645, 1457,

1506, 1578, 1830, 1837

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

Family Asteraceae

Species Sonchus arvensis L.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name perennial sow-thistle

AGENT

Species Cystiphora sonchi (Bremi)

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada **Year** 1981

Source Ex. Austria

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact None

Notes Populations widespread in SK and

initially high in AB but since decreased due to parasitism. Populations fluctuate in many locations; extremely dry or moist soils reduce number of emerging adults. Reduction of *Sonchus arvensis* in NS needs further study to determine whether this agent is responsible. No noticeable impact in other parts of

range.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Habitat

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the exotic Sonchus

oleraceus L.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 432, 1185, 1196, 1472, 1475, 1480

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Sonchus arvensis (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species *Liriomyza sonchi* Hendel Classification (Diptera: Agromyzidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1987

Source Ex. Austria

**Established** No

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 1196, 1475

**AGENT** 

Species Tephritis dilacerata (Loew)
Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1979 Source Ex. Austria

**Established** No **Research Organization** AAFC

**References** 742, 1196, 1470, 1472, 1475

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Family              | Asteraceae   |
| Species             | <i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i> (L.) Sch. Bip.  |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Tripleurospermum maritimum (L.)<br>W. D. J. Koch subsp. inodorum (L.)<br>Appleq., Matricaria perforata Mérat |
| Notes               | Diploid and tetraploid forms occur in both Europe and North America.   |
| Origin              | Eurasia  |
| Common Name         | scentless chamomile  |
| References          | 60, 1195   |
| AGENT               |  |
| Species             | Microplontus edentulus (Schultze)  |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Ceutorhynchus edentulus Schultze   |
| Classification      | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)  |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada **Year** 1997 Source Ex. Austria Established Yes

Abundance Rare General Impact None

Notes Established only at one site. No

evidence of impact in field. Larval mining in stems occurs too late to impact plant fitness, and mining in receptacles does not destroy seeds. Parasitism may play

role in low population levels.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism Research Organization ARC

**References** 432, 1185, 1195, 1197

#### **ASTERACEAE**

**Tripleurospermum inodorum** (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Omphalapion hookerorum (Kirby)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion hookeri Kirby

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Omphalapion hookeri (Kirby)

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae) References 1195, 1286, 1934

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada **Year** 1992

**Source** Ex. Germany

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Releases of this population were intermixed in populations of those already present adventively and subsequently not distinguished. Up to 78% seed heads attacked by Omphalapion hookerorum and up to 32% by Rhopalomyia tripleurospermi. Estimated seed production reduced up to 19% by combination of both species. Up to 17 O. hookerorum adults found per seed head (mean 3.9); dispersing up to 2.8 km/yr.

Research Organization ARC, AAFC

References 117, 432, 1139, 1185, 1188, 1195, 1197,

1481

#### **ASTERACEAE**

**Tripleurospermum inodorum** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Rhopalomyia tripleurospermi

Skuhravá & Hinz

Past Names/Synonyms Rhopalomyia n. sp.

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

Year 1999

Source Ex. Austria

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Up to 78% seed heads attacked by Omphalapion hookerorum and up to 32% by Rhopalomyia tripleurospermi. Estimated seed production reduced up to 19% by combination of both species. Plants often stunted by heavy galling and have decreased and/or delayed flower production. Anecdotal reports suggest weed populations declining in areas with heavy attack. Dispersing up

to 5.2 km/yr.

Research Organization ARC

**References** 117, 432, 1185, 1195, 1197

**ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Xanthium strumarium L.

Past Names/Synonyms Xanthium pungens Wallroth, Xanthium

occidentale Bertol., Xanthium italicum

Moretti. Xanthium canadense Mill.

Notes A dozen or more taxa (treated as species, subspecies, varieties, and/or forms) are often referred to as Xanthium strumarium sens. lat. in Europe and America and are lumped as well by the editors of this catalogue/database. Four of these species are recognized in Australia within the Noogoora burr complex (Xanthium occidentale Bertol., X. italicum Moretti, X. orientale L., and X. cavanillesii Schouw). All Australian entries under this complex pertain to releases made against what Australian biological control workers referred to as X. occidentale. The Euaresta aequalis Loew entry in Fiji pertains to observations on X. strumarium L. and X. canadensis Mill. The Ophraella communa LeSage entry in Japan pertains to observations on X. strumarium L., X. canadensis Mill., and X. italicum Moretti.

Origin North America, South America,

Central America

Common Name noogoora burr, cocklebur

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Xanthium strumarium (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Epiblema strenuana (Walker)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1984

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely established but generally at

low densities. Not impacting the weed at current population levels. Limiting factor possibly lack of hosts when adults

emerge from winter diapause.

**Limiting Factors** Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1215, 1874, 1880, 1881

**RELEASE** 

Country Papua New Guinea

**Year** 2002

**Source** Fx. Mexico via Australia

Established No.

**Notes** Two releases were made; both cultures

died out before establishment could be confirmed, likely due to release sizes

being too small.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization NARI

**References** 418, 427, 1881

**ASTERACEAE** 

Xanthium strumarium (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Euaresta aequalis Loew

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1932

Source Ex. USA (CA, KS, TX)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact None

**Notes** Distribution limited and established at

low levels. When burs attacked, usually

only one seed fed upon leading to no

significant impact.

Research Organization CSIR\*, CPPB\*, QLD State

**References** 1880, 1881, 1989

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

**Year** 1951

Source Ex. USA via Australia

Established No.

**Notes** Severe flooding following release may

have led to the establishment failure.

**Limiting Factors** Flooding

Research Organization KRS

**References** 1374, 1376, 1547

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#### **ASTERACEAE**

Xanthium strumarium (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Mecas cana subsp. saturnina

(LeConte)

Past Names/Synonyms Mecas saturnina LeConte

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**References** 1099, 1252

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1963

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Previously established at one site. No

recent recoveries; possibly died out.

Research Organization QLD State, CSIRO

**References** 753, 1880, 1881, 1936

**AGENT** 

Species Nupserha vexator (Pascoe)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Nupserha antennata Gahan

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Australia

Year 1964

Source Ex. India

Established Yes

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Xanthium strumarium; Nupserha vexator (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though widely established and

frequently found at high densities, has

provided little control.

Research Organization QLD State, CSIRO

References 753, 1880, 1881, 1936

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. India

Established No.

Research Organization KRS

References 960

RELEASE

Country Fiji

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. India via Australia

Established No.

Research Organization KRS

References 960

# **AZOLLACEAE**

| Origin        | Azollaceae  Azolla filiculoides Lam.  North America, Central America, South America  Azolla, water fern, red water fern, fairy |
|---------------|--|
| AGENT Species | fern  Stenopelmus rufinasus Gyllenhal (Coleoptera: Erirhinidae)  |

## RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1997

Source Ex. USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Control Impact Make

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Has not failed to control a single site where released, typically in <10 months.

Azolla filiculoides no longer a significant

problem in South Africa.

Other Species Attacked Also found in very low numbers on

what was originally believed to be the indigenous *Azolla pinnata* R. Br. subsp. *africana* (Desv.) R. M. K. Saunders & K. Fowler, but which has since been identified as *Azolla microphylla* Kaulf.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 297, 800, 805, 992, 1199

#### **AZOLLACEAE**

Azolla filiculoides; Stenopelmus rufinasus (continued)

## **RELEASE**

Country Zimbabwe

**Year** 1999

Source Ex. USA (FL) via Republic of South

Africa

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Took ~11 months to control the weed

100% at three sites in Zimbabwe. The weed no longer poses a threat to aquatic ecosystems in southern Africa.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 418, 797, 804, 1199

# **BASELLACEAE**

| WEED   |  |
|--------|--|
| Origin | Basellaceae  Anredera cordifolia (Ten.) Steenis  South America  Madeira vine, potato vine, mignonette vine, jalap vine |
|        | Plectonycha correntina Lacordaire<br>(Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)   |

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia **Year** 2011

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Release program ongoing. Initial results

promising, but too early to assess overall impact and establishment at

many sites.

Research Organization QLD State, NSW State

References 118, 841, 1413, 1423, 1704

# **BIGNONIACEAE**

Family Bignoniaceae
Species Dolichandra unguis-cati (L.) L. G.
Lohmann
Past Names/Synonyms Macfadyena unguis-cati (L.)
A.H.Gentry
Origin tropical Americas
Cat's claw creeper

AGENT
Species Carvalhotingis hollandi Drake
Classification (Hemiptera: Tingidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2007

Source Ex. Brazil, Argentina

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Though confirmed established, impact

unknown. Population build-up hindered by dry and hot climatic conditions and

exposed sites.

Limiting Factors Climate; Habitat
Research Organization ARC-PPRI
References 982, 984, 992

#### **BIGNONIACEAE**

Dolichandra unguis-cati (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Carvalhotingis visenda Drake &

Hambleton

Classification (Hemiptera: Tingidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 2007

Source Ex. Paraguary; Ex. Brazil, Argentina via

Republic of South Africa

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Too early post release

Notes Rate of spread from release sites slow.

Under evaluation.

**Research Organization** QLD State

**References** 492, 494, 500, 501

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2007

Source Ex. Brazil, Argentina

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Populations increasing; abundant at a

local scale but not at all sites. Where large, causes die-back at points of growth on stems and widespread leaf defoliation. Establishment and population

build-up hindered by dry and hot climatic

conditions and exposed sites.

**Limiting Factors** Climate: Habitat

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 982, 984, 992

#### **BIGNONIACEAE**

Dolichandra unguis-cati (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Charidotis auroguttata Boheman

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1999

Source Fx. Venezuela

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Minimal population build-up and

no signs of spread. Predation and parasitism tentatively assigned as

factors limiting establishment and

population growth.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Parasitism

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 984, 992, 1713, 1971, 1972

**AGENT** 

Species Hylaeogena jureceki Obenberger

Classification (Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 2012

**Source** Ex. Brazil, Argentina via Republic of

South Africa

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

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#### **BIGNONIACEAE**

Dolichandra unguis-cati; Hylaeogena jureceki (continued)

RELEASE

Country Australia (continued)

Notes Larvae and adults recovered from many

release sites in QLD, but it is too early to

confirm field establishment.

**Research Organization** QLD State

References 494, 500

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2007

**Source** Ex. Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Though still too early to determine,

establishment and population build-up not as successful as for *Carvalhotingis visenda*; both are hindered by dry and hot climatic conditions and exposed sites. Where established, foliar damage is minimal and no measurable impact on plant growth or biomass has been

recorded.

Limiting Factors Climate; Habitat

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 982, 984, 992

**BIGNONIACEAE** 

Dolichandra unguis-cati (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Hypocosmia pyrochroma Jones

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 2008

Source Ex. Brazil, Argentina via Republic of

South Africa

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Larvae initially recovered from some

release sites, but field establishment still

not yet confirmed.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 492, 500, 1418

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2010

**Source** Ex. Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Establishment not yet confirmed. Under

evaluation.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 498, 982, 984, 992

# **BIGNONIACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |  |
|----------------|--|
| Family         | Bignoniaceae                                     |
| Species        | Tecoma stans (L.) Juss. ex Kunth var. stans      |
| Origin         | tropical Americas                                |
| Common Name    | yellow bells                                     |
| AGENT          |  |
| Species        | Prospodium transformans (Ellis & Everh.) Cummins |
| Classification | (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)                   |

# **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 2010

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No

Notes Establishment failure due possibly to

combination of incomplete compatibility and very high temperatures post

inoculation that appear to kill off infections. Evaluation underway.

**Limiting Factors** Possibly host plant incompatibility;

possibly climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI **References** 1131, 2006

# **BORAGINACEAE**

| WEED                |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Family              | Boraginaceae  |
| Species             | Cordia curassavica (Jacq.) Roem. & Schult.  |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Cordia macrostachya (Jacq.) Roem. & Schult., Cordia cylindrostachya (Ruiz & Pav.) Roem. & Schult. |
| Origin              | South and Central America,<br>Caribbean   |
| Common Name         | black sage  |
| AGENT               |   |
| Species             | Eurytoma attiva Burks   |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Eurytoma sp. nr howardii D.T.   |
| Classification      | (Hymenoptera: Eurytomidae)  |

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Malaysia **Year** 1977

Source Ex. Trinidad via Mauritius

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Rapidly spread throughout country. Helped limit spread and dispersal by seed. Heavily parasitized, though populations recovered. With Metrogaleruca obscura reduced dominance of this weed such that

it is no longer a problem.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism Research Organization DAMA

**References** 55, 71, 288, 318, 1396, 1678, 1845

#### **BORAGINACEAE**

Cordia curassavica; Eurytoma attiva (continued)

RELEASE

**Country** Mauritius **Year** 1949

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Destroys large proportion of fruit,

severely limiting dispersal of plant. In conjunction with *Metrogaleruca obscura*, has led to complete control of plant such that it is no longer considered a weed on

Mauritius.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 288, 586, 668, 1973

**RELEASE** 

Country Sri Lanka Year 1978

Source Ex. Trinidad via Mauritius via Malaysia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Spread quickly. Locally, damage

observed to be severe with up to 80% of seed destroyed. Overall impact not recently evaluated, but along with *Metrogaleruca obscura*, successful control had been predicted to be likely

soon after original releases.

Research Organization IIBC, DASL

**References** 288, 1679

**BORAGINACEAE** 

Cordia curassavica (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Metrogaleruca obscura (Degeer)

Past Names/Synonyms Schematiza cordiae Barber

**Classification** (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Malaysia **Year** 1977

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Spread throughout peninsular Malaysia.

Caused extensive defoliation and reduced plant size. Heavily predated, though populations recovered. With *Eurytoma attiva* reduced dominance of this weed such that it is no longer a

problem.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization DAMA

**References** 55, 71, 288, 318, 1678, 1845

**RELEASE** 

Country Mauritius Year 1948

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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#### BORAGINACEAE

Cordia curassavica; Metrogaleruca obscura (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Mauritius (continued)

Notes Causes complete defoliation and

suppression of flowering over large areas. In conjunction with *Eurytoma attiva*, has led to complete control of plant such that it is no longer considered

a weed on Mauritius.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 288, 586, 668, 1675, 1973

**RELEASE** 

Country Sri Lanka Year 1978

Source Ex. Trinidad via Malaysia

Established Yes
Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Established, spreading and causing

extensive defoliation at local level.

Overall impact not recently evaluated,

but along with Eurytoma attiva,

successful control had been predicted to be likely soon after original releases.

Research Organization IIBC, DASL

**References** 288, 1679

#### **BORAGINACEAE**

Cordia curassavica (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Physonota alutacea Boheman

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Mauritius

**Year** 1947

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No

**Notes** Not established, apparently due to ant

predation.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 288, 586, 668, 1675

TABLE

## **BORAGINACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Family         | Boraginaceae                |
| Species        | Cynoglossum officinale L.   |
| Origin         | Eurasia                     |
| Common Name    | houndstongue                |
|                |                             |
| AGENT          |                             |
| Species        | Longitarsus quadriguttatus  |
|                | (Pontoppidan)               |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae) |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada
Year 1998
Source Ex. Austria

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Last confirmed present in AB in 2009, but Mogulones crucifer subsequently destroyed all known individuals of Cynoglossum officinale and Longitarsus quadriguttatus has not been found since. No formal evaluations conducted where still present in BC. Recent qualitative observations on decreases in agent populations may suggest that overall impact is limited. Given high success of M. crucifer, continued use of L. quadriguttatus not recommended.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 436, 437, 440, 1629

#### **BORAGINACEAE**

Cynoglossum officinale (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Mogulones crucifer (Pallas)

Past Names/Synonyms Mogulones cruciger Herbst,
Ceutorhynchus cruciger Herbst

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Canada **Year** 1997

Source Ex. Hungary, Serbia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Readily established, rapidly reduced

weed populations throughout release

area and beyond

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on native and other

introduced species in the Boraginaceae, but sporadically and to a lesser amount than on its preferred host *Cynoglossum* 

officinale L.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 40, 117, 432, 435, 436, 440, 442

# **BORAGINACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Family         | Boraginaceae                     |
| Species        | Echium plantagineum L.           |
| Origin         | Spain, Portugal, northern Africa |
| Common Name    | Paterson's curse, salvation Jane |
| AGENT          |                                  |
| Species        | Dialectica scalariella (Zeller)  |
| Classification | (Lepidoptera: Gracillariidae)    |

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia **Year** 1980

Source Ex. France, Portugal

Established No

Notes Loss of plants due to drought and

grasshoppers contributed to failure at some sites. Further releases prevented

by High Court injunction.

Limiting Factors Climate; Predation

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 454, 458, 1661

RELEASE

Country Australia Year 1988

Source Ex. France, Portugal

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact Variable

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#### **BORAGINACEAE**

Echium plantagineum; Dialectica scalariella (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Notes Releases resumed in 1988 following

the lifting of High Court injunction after government inquiries found that control of the weed would be in the national interest. Spread throughout temperate range of weed but failed in upland areas of VIC and likely all TAS due to high mortality in winter. Lack of host over summer second factor implicated limiting population growth. Occasional heavy damage, particularly to drought-stressed plants, but in general not

contributing to control.

Limiting Factors Agent-host synchronization; Climate

Other Species Attacked Commonly attacks other temperate

herbaceous native and introduced

Boraginaceae.

Research Organization VIC State, QLD State, NSW State,

SA State, WA State

References 121, 458, 886, 1335, 1500, 1574, 1656,

1661, 1929

#### **BORAGINACEAE**

Echium plantagineum (continued)

AGENT

Species Longitarsus aeneus Kutschera
Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

RELEASE

Country Australia Year 1993

Source Ex. France, Spain

Established No.

**Notes** Could not rear in quarantine and

direct field release of larvae-infested plants failed to establish due to poor seasonal synchrony of release and synchronization with host plant.

**Limiting Factors** Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization CSIRO, VIC State References 1500, 1655, 1656, 1661

**AGENT** 

Species Longitarsus echii (Koch)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia **Year** 1996

Source Ex. France, Spain

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

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**BORAGINACEAE** 

Echium plantagineum; Longitarsus echii (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

**Notes** Establishment rates of 84%. Kills plants

before flowering, causes economically significant reductions in plant density. Abundance and impact typically high on mainland, but can be variable as most effective agent in drier Mediterranean climate areas. Early TAS releases failed due to site management issues, but establishment confirmed following 2008

releases.

Limiting Factors Climate; Land use Research Organization CSIRO, VIC State

**References** 121, 366, 883, 886, 1277, 1574, 1655,

1656, 1661

AGENT

**Species** Meligethes planiusculus (Heer)

Classification (Coleoptera: Nitidulidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Australia **Year** 1996

**Source** Ex. France, Portugal

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact None

Notes Spread rapidly and currently established

widely but not at high enough densities to limit seeding. Overall impacts

negligible.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 121, 366, 1335, 1574, 1655, 1656,

1661, 1760

#### **BORAGINACEAE**

Echium plantagineum (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** Mogulones geographicus (Goeze)

Past Names/Synonyms Ceutorhynchus geographicus (Goeze)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1993

Source Ex. France, Portugal

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Widespread. Initially observed

dispersing prior to population build-up; more recently populations increasing greatly at several locations around

Australia. Attack more frequent on larger plants. While significant damage observed locally, contribution to control

difficult to measure overall.

Research Organization CSIRO, VIC State

**References** 121, 366, 886, 1335, 1500, 1574, 1655,

1656, 1661, 1761

**BORAGINACEAE** 

Echium plantagineum (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Mogulones larvatus (Schultze)

Past Names/Synonyms Ceutorhynchus larvatus Schultze

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1990

Source Ex. France

Established No.

**Notes** Establishment failure due to low release

numbers and being out of synchrony

with the Australian season.

**Limiting Factors** Agent-host synchronization; Small

release size

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 366, 1651, 1655, 1656, 1661

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1992

Source Ex. France, Portugal

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Established widely building up to very

high densities locally on mainland. Causes pre-flowering plant mortality

50-80%. Negatively affected by

drought and late autumn rains that limit aestivation survival. Major contributor to control of this weed in high rainfall areas. Early TAS releases failed due to site management issues, but establishment confirmed following

2008 releases.

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#### **BORAGINACEAE**

Echium plantagineum; Mogulones larvatus (continued)

Country Australia (continued)
Limiting Factors Climate; Land use

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the exotic *Echium vulgare* L. Research Organization CSIRO, VIC State, WA State, SA State,

**NSW State** 

References 121, 366, 883, 886, 1276, 1500, 1655,

1656, 1661, 1662

#### **AGENT**

Species Opsilia coerulescens (Scopoli)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Phytoecia coerulescens (Scopoli)

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

References 293, 1108

#### **RELEASE**

Year 1995

Source Ex. France

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact None

**Notes** Only present in low numbers in NSW but

widespread in northern VIC. Ineffective; no difference found in plant performance between attacked and unattacked

plants.

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the exotic Echium vulgare

L. and the native *Cynoglossum australe* R.Br. Damage on the latter was very low and the larvae were small, restricted by

the size of the flowering stem.

Research Organization CSIRO, VIC State

References 1107, 1335, 1574, 1656, 1661

## **BORAGINACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Boraginaceae

Species Heliotropium amplexicaule Vahl

Origin South America
Common Name blue heliotrope

**AGENT** 

Species Deuterocampta quadrijuga (Stäl)
Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia Year 2001

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Observed causing severe localized

damage though formal evaluation of

overall impact lacking.

Research Organization CSIRO

References 170, 177, 178, 1418

# **BORAGINACEAE** (continued)

Family Boraginaceae
Species Heliotropium europaeum L.
Origin Mediterranean Europe, northern Africa common heliotrope

AGENT
Species Longitarsus albineus (Foudras)
Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1979

Source Ex. Greece

Established No.

**Notes** Though small numbers found season

following release, subsequent drought conditions limited host availability and

insects died out.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 453, 456, 457, 1659

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1981

Source Ex. France, Greece

Established No

**Notes** Though small numbers found season

following release, subsequent drought conditions limited host availability and

insects died out.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 456, 457, 1659

**BORAGINACEAE** 

Heliotropium europaeum; Longitarsus albineus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia
Year 1987

Source Ex. Unknown

Established No

**Notes** Thousands of mass-reared adults

released though establishment failed. Small numbers found few seasons following releases but never again after

1992 despite presence of host.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 457, 1656, 1659

**AGENT** 

Species Uromyces heliotropii Sred.

**Classification** (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Turkey

Established Yes
Abundance Rare
General Impact None

**Notes** Occasional sightings but no apparent

impact. Poor establishment due to climate (too dry at some release sites) and inability of overwintering teliospores

to synchronize germination with

reappearance of target in spring; target

annual and ephemeral.

**Limiting Factors** Climate; Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 457, 752, 1656, 1658, 1659

#### **WEED**

Family Cactaceae

Species Acanthocereus tetragonus (L.)

Hummelinck

Past Names/Synonyms Acanthocereus pentagonus (L.)

Britton & Rose

**Origin** southern North America to northern

South America

Common Name sword pear **References** 1112, 1224

#### **AGENT**

**Species** Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de

Willink

Classification (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae)

Notes The cactus mealybug first utilized for biological control of weedy cacti species was collected from cacti in Argentina and identified as Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y Trelles). A later review redescribed this species as Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de Willink, though the type specimen was collected from Alternanthera pungens Kunth (Amaranthaceae) and the host range was described to also include species in the Portulacaceae. Recent taxonomic work has clarified that the species attacking cacti is H. festerianus, while H. pungens is a distinct species attacking plants in the Amaranthaceae, Portulacaceae,

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#### **CACTACEAE**

## Acanthocereus tetragonus (continued)

**Species** Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y

Trelles) (continued)

Notes (continued)

and additional species, but not the Cactaceae. Hypogeococcus pungens has not been intentionally utilized anywhere in the world as a biological control agent. It is mentioned in this catalogue only as an incorrect synonym for *H. festerianus*, the true cactus mealybug biological control

agent.

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1980

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

This cactus species slower growing and has fewer spine clusters than others. leaving *Hypogeococcus festerianus* more vulnerable to predation and limiting population size. Weed only occurs in limited areas in central QLD where H. festerianus causes deformed growth. No evaluation undertaken on this cactus, but main infestation has greatly reduced in extent and control is regarded as adequate.

Limiting Factors Predation Research Organization QLD State **References** 847, 1224

# CACTACEAE; Acanthocereus tetragonus Hypogeococcus festerianus (continued)

RELEASE

Country New Caledonia

Year 2003

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established No.

Notes Establishment failure likely due to too

small of release number, a result of

difficulties in quarantine rearing.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization QLD State, DDR

**References** 179, 1224

RELEASE

Country New Caledonia

**Year** 2007

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established No

**Notes** Establishment failure due to difficulties

in rearing and observations that Acanthocereus tetragonus might be

unsuitable host.

Limiting Factors Specificity

Research Organization QLD State, DDR

References 623, 1216, 1224

# AGENT

Acanthocereus tetragonus (continued)

CACTACEAE

Species Nealcidion cereicola (Fisher)

Past Names/Synonyms Alcidion cereicola Fisher

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**References** 992, 1252, 1437

RELEASE

Country Australia

**Year** 1979

Source Ex. Argentina

Established No

**Research Organization** QLD State

References 1216, 1217, 1220, 1224

TABLE 1

## **CACTACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family

Cactaceae

Species Cereus jamacaru DC. subsp.

jamacaru

Past Names/Synonyms Cereus jamacaru DC.

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms

Cereus peruvianus (L.) Miller

For many years the South African populations have been referred to by the misapplied name C. peruvianus (L.) Miller, and more recently to C. jamacaru DC. In the present work,

South African populations have largely been assigned to two taxa: Cereus hildmannianus K. Schum.

subsp. uruguayanus (R. Kiesling) N. P. Taylor is cultivated in South Africa and should be treated at least as potentially invasive while

C. jamacaru DC. subsp. jamacaru is widely naturalized and invasive in South Africa. Biological control efforts of Cereus spp. have largely

been reported for *C. jamacaru* subsp. jamacaru, but could also apply to C. hildmannianus subsp. uruguayanus.

Origin South America

Common Name

gueen of the night, bobbejaanpaal,

môrester, nagblom

References 1930

**CACTACEAE** 

Cereus jamacaru (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y

Trelles)

**Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms** 

Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de

Willink

Classification

(Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae)

Notes The cactus mealybug first utilized for biological control of weedy cacti species was collected from cacti in Argentina and identified as Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer v Trelles). A later review redescribed this species as Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de Willink, though the type specimen was collected from Alternanthera pungens Kunth (Amaranthaceae) and the host range was described to also include species in the Portulacaceae. Recent taxonomic work has clarified that the species attacking cacti is H. festerianus, while H. pungens is a distinct species attacking plants in the Amaranthaceae, Portulacaceae, and additional species, but not the Cactaceae. Hypogeococcus pungens has not been intentionally utilized anywhere in the world as a biological control agent. It is mentioned in this catalogue only as an incorrect synonym for *H. festerianus*, the true cactus mealybug biological control agent.

Cereus jamacaru; Hypogeococcus festerianus (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1983

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Heavy
Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Released onto Harrisia martinii but

also attacked *Cereus jamacaru* subsp. *jamacaru* on which it reduces fruit production and leads to death of both seedlings and large plants. Biocontrol program against this weed is now

considered complete.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 991, 992, 993, 1340, 1437

#### CACTACEAE

Cereus jamacaru (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Nealcidion cereicola (Fisher)

Past Names/Synonyms Alcidion cereicola Fisher
Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**References** 992, 1252, 1437

#### RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1990

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Released onto mixed cacti stand

containing both Harrisia martinii and Cereus jamacaru subsp. jamacaru in 1990. Redistributed from C. jamacaru subsp. jamacaru to another mixed stand with H. martinii and C. jamacaru subsp. jamacaru in 1997. Only established at a few sites but does extensive damage where populations reach high levels, causing large stem sections to break off, or entire plant to collapse. Biocontrol program against this weed now considered complete, though throughout

much of South Africa this is largely due to *Hypogeococcus festerianus*.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 991, 992, 993, 1258, 1437

## **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                          |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Family                        | Cactaceae  |
| Species                       | Cylindropuntia fulgida (Engelm.) F.M.<br>Knuth var. fulgida  |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | Cylindropuntia rosea (DC.) Backeb.   |
| Notes                         | In South Africa, <i>Cylindropuntia fulgida</i> (Engelm.) F.M. Knuth var. <i>fulgida</i> was known for many years incorrectly as <i>C. rosea</i> (DC.) Backeb., which is similar and closely related. |
| Origin                        | Mexico, southern USA   |
| Common Name                   | chain-fruit cholla   |
| AGENT                         |  |
| Species                       | Dactylopius tomentosus (Lamark)  |
| Classification                | (Hamintara: Daatylaniidaa)   |
|                               | (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)   |
| Notes                         | Different biotypes of <i>Dactylopius</i> tomentosus have been identified based on the source species from which they were collected.   |
|                               | Different biotypes of <i>Dactylopius</i> tomentosus have been identified based on the source species from  |

### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. USA (TX) via Australia

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

(continued at top of next column)

# CACTACEAE; Cylindropuntia fulgida var. fulgida Dactylopius tomentosus (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

**Notes** Imbricata biotype, redistributed from Cylindropuntia imbricata to C. fulgida var. fulgida. Following release, not as effective as on C. imbricata and C. leptocaulis. This was later shown to be due to existence of different biotypes, with this "Imbricata" biotype not preferring C. fulgida var. fulgida. Presently kills some small plants, but largely ineffective against large plants.

Overall impact minimal.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 840, 992, 993, 1165, 1167, 1258, 1437

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2003

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes **Abundance** High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Cholla biotype. Established rapidly and colonized entire infestations at most sites of release. Pugnacious ants preventing establishment at some sites in NC. Now redistributed in lieu of herbicide applications. Particularly effective against small plants but also defoliates large plants which, following hand felling, then succumb without reproducing. Despite additional predation by coccinellids, Cylindropuntia fulgida var. fulgida is now considered

**Limiting Factors** Predation Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 992, 993, 1166, 1167, 1258, 1437

under complete control.

# **CACTACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family Cactaceae

Species Cylindropuntia fulgida (Engelm.) F.M.

Knuth var. mamillata (A. Schott ex

Engelm.) Backeb.

Origin Mexico, southern USA

Common Name boxing glove cactus (applied only

to the crested morphotype, forma

monstrosa), coral cactus

#### **AGENT**

**Species** Dactylopius tomentosus (Lamark)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

Notes Different biotypes of Dactylopius

tomentosus have been identified based on the source species from

which they were collected.

References 1167

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2011

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

(continued at top of next column)

# CACTACEAE; Cylindropuntia fulgida var. mamillata Dactylopius tomentosus (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

**Notes** Cholla biotype, redistributed from Cylindropuntia fulgida var. fulgida to C. fulgida var. mamillata. Has nearly wiped out the plants at first release site. Though releases have been limited thus far, establishment has occurred at most sites. Pugnacious ants preventing establishment at some locations, and some populations limited by coccinelid

predation.

**Limiting Factors** Predation Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 993, 1437

## **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| Cactaceae  |
|--|
| Cylindropuntia imbricata (Haw.) F.M.<br>Knuth  |
| Opuntia imbricata (Haw.) DC.   |
| Mexico, southern USA   |
| imbricate prickly pear, kabelturksvy, devil's rope, rope pear  |
|  |
| Dactylopius tomentosus (Lamark)  |
| Dactylopius newsteadi  |
| (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)   |
| Different biotypes of <i>Dactylopius</i> tomentosus have been identified based on the source species from which they were collected. |
| 1167   |
|  |

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia Year 1925

Source Ex. USA (TX) Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Rapid establishment and very effective on small or re-growing plants, but less so on larger plants. Populations initially high but decreased once small target weeds largely eradicated. Populations also somewhat limited by predation. Still controls the weed to a very low distribution, killing any seedlings around established plants. (continued at top of next column)

#### **CACTACEAE**

## Cylindropuntia imbricata; Dactylopius tomentosus (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Other Species Attacked Also established on the introduced

Cylindropuntia leptocaulis (DC.) F.M. Knuth and C. tunicata (Lehm.) F.M. Knuth on which it has significant impact and on the introduced *C. rosea* (DC.)

Backeb. on which it is ineffective.

Research Organization CPPB\*

> 509, 753, 840, 847, 1989 References

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. USA (TX) via Australia

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Imbricata biotype. Particularly effective against small plants but also defoliates large plants which, following hand felling, then succumb without reproducing. Chemical or mechanical control needed occasionally to supplement the agents, but overall impacts of biological control are

significant.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

> References 840, 992, 993, 1165, 1167, 1258, 1342,

> > 1437

# CACTACEAE Cylindropuntia imbricata (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Metamasius spinolae (Gyllenhal)

Classification (Coleoptera: Dryophthoridae)

## RELEASE

**Country** Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No

Notes Redistributed from Opuntia ficus-indica

to Cylindropuntia imbricata.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 50, 992, 1258

# **CACTACEAE** (continued)

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Family Cactaceae

Species Cylindropuntia leptocaulis (DC.) F.M.

Knuth

Origin Mexico, southern USA

Common Name pencil cactus, desert Christmas

cactus, desert Christmas cholla,

potloodkaktus

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius tomentosus (Lamark)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

Notes Different biotypes of Dactylopius

tomentosus have been identified based on the source species from

which they were collected.

References 1167

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1977

Source Ex. USA (TX) via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Imbricata biotype, redistributed

from *Cylindropuntia imbricata* to *C. leptocaulis*. Successfully controlled practically all known infestations. Isolated plants are still found, but no additional control measures are

necessary.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 840, 992, 993, 1258, 1437, 1930

## **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                          |   |  |  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Family                        | Cactaceae   |  |  |
| Species                       | Harrisia balansae (K. Schum.) N. P.<br>Taylor & Zappi |  |  |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | Harrisia bonplandii (Pfeiff.) Britton & Rose          |  |  |
| Origin                        | South America   |  |  |
| AGENT                         |   |  |  |
| Species                       | Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y Trelles)           |  |  |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de                      |  |  |

Willink Classification (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae)

Notes The cactus mealybug first utilized for biological control of weedy cacti species was collected from cacti in Argentina and identified as Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y Trelles). A later review redescribed this species as Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de Willink, though the type specimen was collected from Alternanthera pungens Kunth (Amaranthaceae) and the host range was described to also include species in the Portulacaceae. Recent taxonomic work has clarified that the species attacking cacti is H. festerianus, while H. pungens is a distinct species attacking plants in the Amaranthaceae, Portulacaceae, and additional species, but not the Cactaceae. Hypogeococcus pungens has not been intentionally utilized anywhere in the world as a biological control agent. It is mentioned in this catalogue only as an incorrect synonym for H. festerianus, the true cactus mealybug biological control agent.

## CACTACEAE

Harrisia balansae; Hypogeococcus festerianus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2006

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though initially introduced for control

of Harrisia martinii, causing extensive

damage to *H. balansae* as well.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI **References** 992, 1224

## **CACTACEAE** (continued)

# Family Cactaceae Species Harrisia martinii (Labour.) Britton Past Names/Synonyms Eriocereus martinii (Labour.) Riccob. Origin Argentina, Paraguay Harrisia cactus, moon cactus, toukaktus AGENT Species Cactoblastis sp. nr doddi Cactoblastis sp. Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

#### RELEASE

Country Australia Year 1978

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Initially believed to have failed

establishment. Small population possibly found on *Cylindropuntia tunicata* in central QLD in 2013. As *C. tunicata* is not the normal field host, small population may be persistent on *Harrisia* spp. Confirmation in 2013/2014

required.

Research Organization QLD State

References 847, 1214, 1216, 1220, 1224

#### CACTACEAE

Harrisia martinii (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** Eriocereophaga humeridens O'Brien

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Australia

Year 1976 Source Ex. Brazil

Established No

**Notes** Establishment occurred at some sites

but colonies died out as host plant was destroyed by *Hypogeococcus* 

festerianus. Not established.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 847, 1220, 1224

TABLE

Harrisia martinii (continued)

#### **AGENT**

**Species** Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y

Trelles)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms

Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de

Willink

Classification

(Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae)

**Notes** The cactus mealybug first utilized for biological control of weedy cacti species was collected from cacti in Argentina and identified as Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer v Trelles). A later review redescribed this species as Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de Willink, though the type specimen was collected from Alternanthera pungens Kunth (Amaranthaceae) and the host range was described to also include species in the Portulacaceae. Recent taxonomic work has clarified that the species attacking cacti is H. festerianus, while H. pungens is a distinct species attacking plants in the Amaranthaceae. Portulacaceae. and additional species, but not the Cactaceae. Hypogeococcus pungens has not been intentionally utilized anywhere in the world as a biological control agent. It is mentioned in this catalogue only as an incorrect synonym for *H. festerianus*, the true cactus mealybug biological control agent.

#### **CACTACEAE**

Harrisia martinii; Hypogeococcus festerianus (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1975

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Established rapidly and developed large

populations. Within 3 years large plants killed, by 1979 chemical treatment was ended in favor of biological control using

this insect.

Research Organization QLD State

> References 847, 1220, 1224, 1816

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1983

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Despite heavy predation in the field, has

been a very effective biocontrol agent and has killed off large infestations of the weed in South Africa. Biocontrol program against this weed now

considered complete.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 991, 992, 1224, 1258, 1437

#### CACTACEAE

Harrisia martinii (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Nealcidion cereicola (Fisher)

Past Names/Synonyms Alcidion cereicola Fisher

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**References** 992, 1252, 1437

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

Year 1974

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Initially widely established and very

effective in killing top growth of large *Harrisia* plants. Spread slow. Small plants and regrowth not suitable for larval development; progressively out-competed by *Hypogeococcus festerianus*. Not surveyed specifically since 1990s so unknown if still present. If established, populations likely rare

and with negligible impact.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1216, 1217, 1220, 1224, 1816

#### CACTACEAE

Harrisia martinii; Nealcidion cereicola (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1990

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes First released onto mixed cacti stand

containing both Harrisia martinii and Cereus jamacaru subsp. jamacaru. Redistributed from C. jamacaru subsp. jamacaru to another mixed stand with H. martinii and C. jamacaru subsp. jamacaru. Only limited establishment. Where populations reach high densities, can cause large stem sections to break off. Plants can re-grow following attack. Biocontrol program against this weed now considered complete,

though throughout much of South Africa

this is largely due to Hypogeococcus

festerianus.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 991, 992, 993, 1258

#### **CACTACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family Cactaceae

Species Harrisia regelii (Weing.) Borg

Past Names/Synonyms Eriocereus regelii (Weing.) Backeb.

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Harrisia pomanensis (F. A. C. Weber ex K. Schum.) Britton & Rose, Harrisia

bonplandii (Parmentier) Britton & Rose, Eriocereus ?bonplandii (Parm.

ex Pfeiff.) Riccob.

Notes Initially identified as Eriocereus regelii

(Weing.) Backeb. in Australia. This was subsequently believed to have been a misidentification so the name was later reported as Eriocereus ?bonplandii (Parm. ex Pfeiff.) Riccob.; E. bonplandii was later synonomized with Harrisia pomanensis (F. A. C. Weber ex K. Schum.) Britton & Rose. A recent re-examination of Australian material indicated the species in question is H. regelii (Weing.) Borg

(the new name for E. regelii).

Origin Argentina Common Name Harrisia cactus

**References** 35, 588, 1092

**AGENT** 

Species Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y

Trelles)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de

Classification (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae)

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#### **CACTACEAE**

Harrisia regelii (continued)

**Species** Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y

Trelles) (continued)

**Notes** The cactus mealybug first utilized for biological control of weedy cacti species was collected from cacti in Argentina and identified as Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y Trelles). A later review redescribed this species as Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de Willink, though the type specimen was collected from Alternanthera pungens Kunth (Amaranthaceae) and the host range was described to also include species in the Portulacaceae. Recent taxonomic work has clarified that the species attacking cacti is H. festerianus, while H. pungens is a distinct species attacking plants in the Amaranthaceae, Portulacaceae, and additional species, but not the Cactaceae. Hypogeococcus pungens has not been intentionally utilized anywhere in the world as a biological control agent. It is mentioned in this catalogue only as an incorrect synonym for *H. festerianus*, the true cactus mealybug biological control agent.

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

Year 1982

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes

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Harrisia regelii; Hypogeococcus festerianus (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Provides effective control.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 847, 1216, 1224

**AGENT** 

Species Nealcidion cereicola (Fisher)

Past Names/Synonyms Alcidion cereicola Fisher

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**References** 992, 1252, 1437

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1974

**Source** Ex. Argentina

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Initially widely established and very

effective in killing top growth of large *Harrisia* plants. Spread slow. Small plants and regrowth not suitable for larval development; progressively out-competed by *Hypogeococcus festerianus*. Not surveyed specifically since 1990s so unknown if still present. If established, populations likely rare

and with negligible impact.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1216, 1217, 1224

# **CACTACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Cactaceae

Species Harrisia tortuosa (J. Forbes ex Otto &

A. Dietr.) Britton & Rose

Past Names/Synonyms Eriocereus tortuosus (J. Forbes ex

Otto & A. Dietr.) Riccob.

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Harrisia tortuosus (Forbes) Britton &

Rose

Origin Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay

Common Name Millmerran Harrisia cactus

**AGENT** 

Species Cactoblastis sp. nr doddi

Past Names/Synonyms Cactoblastis sp.

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1980

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Initially believed to have established

while causing very little damage; later recorded as not established. Small population possibly found on *Cylindropuntia tunicata* in central QLD in 2013. As *C. tunicata* is not the normal field host, small population may be persistent on *Harrisia* spp. Confirmation

in 2013/2014 required.

**Research Organization** QLD State

**References** 847, 1214, 1216, 1224

Harrisia tortuosa (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y

Trelles)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms

Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de

Willink

Classification (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae)

Notes The cactus mealybug first utilized for biological control of weedy cacti species was collected from cacti in Argentina and identified as Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer v Trelles). A later review redescribed this species as Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de Willink, though the type specimen was collected from Alternanthera pungens Kunth (Amaranthaceae) and the host range was described to also include species in the Portulacaceae. Recent taxonomic work has clarified that the species attacking cacti is H. festerianus, while H. pungens is a distinct species attacking plants in the Amaranthaceae, Portulacaceae, and additional species, but not the Cactaceae. Hypogeococcus pungens has not been intentionally utilized anywhere in the world as a biological control agent. It is mentioned in this catalogue only as an incorrect synonym for *H. festerianus*, the true cactus mealybug biological control agent.

#### **CACTACEAE**

Harrisia tortuosa; Hypogeococcus festerianus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1976

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

**General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Established rapidly and developed large

populations. Within 3 years large plants killed, by 1979 chemical treatment was ended in favor of biological control using

this insect.

Research Organization QLD State

References 847, 1216, 1220, 1224

**AGENT** 

Species Nealcidion cereicola (Fisher)

Past Names/Synonyms Alcidion cereicola Fisher

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

References 992, 1252, 1437

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1976

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

(continued on next page)

#### CACTACEAE

Harrisia tortuosa; Nealcidion cereicola (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Notes Initially widely established and very

effective in killing top growth of large Harrisia plants. Spread slow. Small plants and regrowth not suitable for larval development; progressively out-competed by Hypogeococcus festerianus. Not surveyed specifically since 1990s so unknown if still present. If established, populations likely rare

and with negligible impact.

Research Organization QLD State

References 847, 1216, 1217, 1224

| WEED |        |          |
|------|--------|----------|
|      | Family | Cactacea |

Species Opuntia aurantiaca Lindl. **Origin** Argentina, Uruguay

Common Name jointed cactus, tiger pear, katjie

**AGENT** 

Species Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia Year 1926

**Source** Ex. Argentina

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Variable

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CACTACEAE

Opuntia aurantiaca; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

Country Australia (continued)

**Notes** Initially released against *Opuntia stricta*,

but naturally spread and attacks this species as well. Contributes to control in some areas by killing small stems and young growth; in most regions plant recovers quickly and not killed by attack.

Also attacks the exotic Opuntia elata Other Species Attacked

> Link & Otto ex Salm-Dyck, O. elatior Mill., and O. humifusa (Raf.) Raf. Spillover attack found on melons and

tomatoes.

CPPB\* Research Organization

> References 130, 509, 510, 511, 753, 844, 845, 847,

> > 1989

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1933

Ex. Argentina via Australia Source

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Released intentionally and redistributed

on Opuntia ficus-indica, but naturally spread to O. aurantiaca growing in the vicinity of release sites. Causes temporary destruction of above ground surface parts of weed, though the plant recovers rapidly. Small plants which have not formed tuberous underground growth, however, often completely killed. Overall not effective in the control of this

cactus.

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**Opuntia aurantiaca; Cactoblastis cactorum** (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

Other Species Attacked Occasionally found providing

incomplete control on the exotic *Cylindropuntia fulgida* (Engelm.) F.M. Knuth var. *fulgida*, *C. imbricata* (Haw.) F.M. Knuth., *Opuntia monacantha* (Willd.) Haw., *O. spinulifera* Salm-Dyck, *O. salmiana* J. Parm. ex Pfeiff., and *Austrocylindropuntia subulata* 

(Muehlenpf.) Backeb.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 992, 1258, 1259, 1490, 2071

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius austrinus De Lotto

Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius sp. nr confusus

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1933

Source Ex. Argentina

**Established** Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Increased rapidly following introduction.

Provides successful control in all areas. Most damaging in hot dry times and less

so in hot wet seasons.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 511, 844, 845, 847, 1989

#### **CACTACEAE**

Opuntia aurantiaca; Dactylopius austrinus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1935

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** High populations can decimate

Opuntia aurantiaca populations, however populations of Dactylopius austrinus are variable. O. aurantiaca infestations increase in density during wet years, which favor the plant but not D. austrinus, and decrease during dry years. The insect has successful wave of attack then deteriorates due to extensive regrowth from underground tubers and loose lying joints. Predation significant in the past, but rarely problematic in mature colonies at

present.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 992, 993, 1256, 1259, 1342, 1490

**Opuntia aurantiaca** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius ceylonicus (Green)

Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius indicus Green

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1935

Source Ex. Argentina

Established No

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 511, 1989

**AGENT** 

Species Melitara prodenialis Walker

Past Names/Synonyms Zophodia prodenialis Walker,

Melitara bollii (Zeller)

**Classification** (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1928

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established No.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 509, 511, 635, 944, 1989

CACTACEAE

**Opuntia aurantiaca** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Mimorista pulchellalis Dyar

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1979

Source Ex. Argentina

Established No.

**Notes** Initially established at low levels.

Subsequently assumed to have died

out.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 992, 1259, 1348

**AGENT** 

Species Nanaia sp.

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1983

Source Ex. Peru

Established No.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 834, 992, 1259, 2074

TABLE 1

**Opuntia aurantiaca** (continued)

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Species Tucumania tapiacola Dyar Past Names/Synonyms Zophodia tapiacola (Dyar)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia Year 1935

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes
Abundance Rare
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Can be locally damaging in some areas

at some times but generally rare in field.

Other Species Attacked Also attacks (albeit mildly) the exotic

Opuntia humifusa (Raf.) Raf., O. stricta (Haw.) Haw. and Harrisia martinii

(Labour.) Britton

**Research Organization** CPPB\*

**References** 844, 845, 847, 1989

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1976

Source Ex. Argentina

Established No.

**Notes** Initially believed to have established, but

has since died out. Predation and hostplant incompatibility limited populations.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 992, 1256, 1259

#### **CACTACEAE**

**Opuntia aurantiaca; Tucumania tapiacola** (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1982

Source Ex. Argentina

Established No

**Notes** Predation limited populations.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 992. 1259

#### **WEED**

Family Cactaceae

Species Opuntia elatior Mill.

Origin Caribbean, Central America,

Colombia, Venezuela

Common Name prickly pear

#### **AGENT**

Species D

Dactylopius ceylonicus (Green)

Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius indicus Green

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country India

Year post 1863

Source Ex. Brazil. Mexico

Established No.

Notes Redistributions from Opuntia

monacantha to O. elatior failed as this

species is specific to O. monacantha.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity **References** 1548, 1831

# CACTACEAE

**Opuntia elatior** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

Notes Different biotypes of Dactylopius

opuntiae exist which are suited to

certain Opuntia species and not to

others.

References 833

**RELEASE** 

Country India

Year 1926

Source Ex. USA (AZ, CA, TX) via Australia via

Sri Lanka

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely established giving complete

control.

References 635, 1542, 1548

**RELEASE** 

Country Indonesia

Year 1935

Source Ex. USA (AZ, CA, TX) via Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Hiah

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Established rapidly throughout Sulawesi

Island, providing complete control by

1939.

Research Organization DAI

**References** 635, 1548

**CACTACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Cactaceae

Species Opuntia engelmannii Salm-Dyck ex

Engelm.

Past Names/Synonyms Opuntia lindheimeri Engelm., Opuntia

tardospina Griffiths, Opuntia aff.

lindheimeri Engelm.

**Notes** This species was not found during

a recent survey of Cactaceae on Nevis. It is unclear if this is because other control measures successfully eradicated the plant, or if the original

species identification was incorrect.

Origin North America

Common Name Texas prickly pear, small round-leaved

prickly pear, kleinrondeblaarturksvy

**AGENT** 

Species Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Antigua

**Year** 1960

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic

of South Africa via Nevis

Established Yes

Abundance Hiah

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes

Initially released on Opuntia triacantha

but spread to O. engelmannii var. lindheimeri. Isolated clumps that previously escaped attack were heavily

infested and collapsing by 1970.

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Opuntia engelmannii; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

**Country** Antigua (continued)

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the cultivated and

naturalized Nopalea cochenillifera (L.)

Salm-Dyck.

Research Organization DAA

**References** 99, 288, 1680, 2071, 2079

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federation of St Kitts and Nevis

Year 1957

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic

of South Africa

Established No.

**Notes** Initial reports claimed *Cactoblastis* 

cactorum rapidly provided control of this species in pastures. However, Opuntia engelmannii var. lindheimeri was not found during a recent survey of Cactaceae on Nevis. It is unclear if this is because control measures successfully eradicated the plant, or if the original species identification was

incorrect.

Research Organization IIBC

References 99, 288, 1459, 1680, 2071

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1938

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

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#### CACTACEAE

Opuntia engelmannii; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

Notes Redistributed from Opuntia ficus-indica

to O. engelmannii. Heavy mortality occurs among larvae because of the very excessive excretions of highly mucilaginous sap where they attempt entrance. Does not thrive in or accomplish as much destruction on this species as O. ficus-indica, and often serves as a trap by attracting (mortally) many individuals away from O. ficus-indica when the two weed species grow together.

Other Species Attacked

Occasionally found providing incomplete control on the exotic *Cylindropuntia* 

fulgida (Engelm.) F.M. Knuth var. fulgida, C. imbricata (Haw.) F.M. Knuth., Opuntia monacantha (Willd.) Haw., O. spinulifera Salm-Dyck, O. salmiana J. Parm. ex Pfeiff., and Austrocylindropuntia subulata (Muehlenpf.) Backeb.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 992, 993, 1258, 1342, 1490, 2071

### CACTACEAE

Opuntia engelmannii (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius austrinus De Lotto

Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius sp. nr confusus

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Federation of St Kitts and Nevis

**Year** 1957

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Republic of South

Africa

Established No

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 99, 288, 446, 1459, 1680

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

Notes Different biotypes of Dactylopius

opuntiae exist which are suited to certain Opuntia species and not to

others.

References 833

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federation of St Kitts and Nevis

**Year** 1957

Source Ex. USA via Australia via Republic of

South Africa

Established No.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 99, 288, 1459, 1490, 1680

CACTACEAE

Opuntia engelmannii; Dactylopius opuntiae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1938

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Ficus biotype, redistributed from

Opuntia ficus-indica to O. engelmannii.
Successful control when its predators
can be kept at a negligible level.
Re-inoculations frequently necessary

to keep target plants in check.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 635, 833, 992, 993, 1258, 1342, 1490

### **CACTACEAE** (continued)

### **WEED** Family Cactaceae Species Opuntia ficus-indica (L.) Mill. Past Names/Synonyms Opuntia cordobensis Spegazzini, Opuntia megacantha Salm-Dyck **Notes** Previous literature referred to this release as occurring on Opuntia cordobensis Spegazzini which has since been synonymized with O. ficus-indica (L.) Mill. While some authors consider O. ficus-indica to be a spineless cultivar derived from O. megacantha, many other authors consider O. megacantha to also be a cultivated taxon or a name applied to multiple ruderal reversions to spininess from the escaped, cultivated O. ficus-indica and they treat O. megacantha as a later synonym. The editors of this catalogue are in the latter group. Origin Mexico Common Name Indian fig, mission prickly pear, grootdoringturksvy **AGENT** Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg) Species Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

### CACTACEAE

Opuntia ficus-indica; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1950

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Overall, weed under substantial levels

of control. Together with *Dactylopius* opuntiae provides excellent control in lowland and coastal regions. Following initial control there is indication of resurgence at certain mid range elevations. Infestations at elevations higher than 914m remain unaffected.

Limiting Factors Elevation

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 325, 326, 413, 601, 612, 762, 1452,

1453, 1948

RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1933

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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### CACTACEAE

Opuntia ficus-indica; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

**Notes** Helpful in checking regrowth as it attacks mainly young plants on the outskirts of infestations. Nearly 90% of the originally infested area of 900,000 ha was reclaimed by the action of mainly Dactylopius opuntiae and, to a lesser extent. Cactoblastis cactorum. Populations limited by predation, and the inability of larvae to penetrate thick cuticles of older stems or to survive thick

mucilaginous exudate.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Other Species Attacked Occasionally found providing

incomplete control on the exotic Cylindropuntia fulgida (Engelm.) F.M. Knuth var. fulgida, C. imbricata (Haw.) F.M. Knuth., Opuntia monacantha (Willd.) Haw., O. spinulifera Salm-Dyck, O. salmiana J. Parm. ex Pfeiff., and Austrocylindropuntia subulata

(Muehlenpf.) Backeb.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 50, 51, 668, 992, 993, 1258, 1342,

1490, 2071, 2075

### CACTACEAE **Opuntia ficus-indica** (continued)

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|   |   |   |   |   |

Species Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell)

Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius sp.

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius confusus (Cockerell)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

Notes Different biotypes of Dactylopius

opuntiae exist which are suited to certain Opuntia species and not to

others.

References 833

### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1949

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Overall, weed under substantial levels

of control. More effective in areas of low rainfall. Together with Cactoblastis cactorum provides excellent control in lowland and coastal regions. Following initial control there is indication of resurgence at certain mid range elevations. Infestations at elevations higher than 914m remain unaffected.

Limiting Factors Elevation; Climate

**Research Organization** HDOA

**References** 325, 326, 413, 601, 612, 1452, 1453,

1948

Opuntia ficus-indica; Dactylopius opuntiae (continued)

### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1949

Source Ex. USA (CA)

Established No.

Notes Originally tested on Opuntia ficus-indica but did not survive. Released on HA on what was believed to be O. cordobensis, a plant found near the shore of northwest side of island of HA but not seen or reported thereafter. O. cordobensis has since been synonomized with O. ficusindica. Insect established initially but was quickly exterminated by predaceous

ants.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization BAF

**References** 35, 413, 601, 635, 762, 1948

### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1938

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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### **CACTACEAE**

Opuntia ficus-indica; Dactylopius opuntiae (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

**Notes** Ficus biotype. Aided by hand-felling, contributed most to the spectacular

clearance of nearly 90% of the originally infested area. About 900,000 ha reclaimed by the action of mainly Dactylopius opuntiae and, to lesser extent, Cactoblastis cactorum.

Subsequently redistributed throughout South Africa. Though widespread, still many plants in most provinces free of this agent. Populations largest and most effective when predators chemically controlled and in areas of lower rainfall.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

> References 50, 51, 635, 833, 992, 993, 1258, 1342,

> > 1490, 2075

### CACTACEAE

Opuntia ficus-indica (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Lagocheirus funestus Thomson

Past Names/Synonyms Archlagocheirus funestus (Thomson)

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**References** 992, 1252

### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1951

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Can cause total destruction of plants,

however distribution very limited. Replaced *Dactylopius opuntiae* and *Cactoblastis cactorum* at higher altitudes

in some areas.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 399, 413, 601, 612, 1452, 1453

### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1943

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Rare

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Still localized around original release

sites, but rare and has played only minor role in biological control of *Opuntia ficus*-

indica.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 50, 51, 992, 1342

### CACTACEAE

Opuntia ficus-indica (continued)

### **AGENT**

Species Melitara dentata (Grote)

Past Names/Synonyms Melitara doddalis Dyar

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1949

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 413, 601, 635, 1948

### **AGENT**

Species Melitara prodenialis Walker

Past Names/Synonyms Melitara bollii (Zeller)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1949

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established No

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 413, 601, 635, 1948

### CACTACEAE Opuntia ficus-indica (continued)

### **AGENT**

Species Metamasius spinolae (Gyllenhal)
Past Names/Synonyms Cactophagous spinolae (Gyllenhal)
Classification (Coleoptera: Dryophthoridae)

### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1948

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Very local distribution. Abundant

and destructive at two localities only.

Dispersal extremely slow.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 50, 51, 992, 1342

#### **AGENT**

Species Moneilema armatum LeConte

Past Names/Synonyms Monilema crassum LeConte,

Moneilema crassum Melsheimer

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**References** 326, 1099

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1950

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 413, 601, 635, 1948

### **CACTACEAE** (continued)

### **WEED**

Family Cactaceae

Species Opuntia humifusa (Raf.) Raf.

Origin North America

Common Name creeping prickly pear, large-flowered

prickly pear

#### **AGENT**

Species Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

Notes Different biotypes of Dactylopius

opuntiae exist which are suited to certain Opuntia species and not to

others.

References 833

### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2000

Source Ex. North America via Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Stricta biotype. Redistributed from

Opuntia stricta to O. humifusa.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 833, 993, 1258

### **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Family              | Cactaceae   |
| Species             | Opuntia littoralis (Engelm.) Cockerell  |
| Origin              | southwestern coastal USA including<br>Santa Cruz Island and Baja California,<br>Mexico  |
| Common Name         | prickly pear, coastal prickly pear  |
| AGENT               |   |
| Species             | Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell)  |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Dactylopius sp.   |
| Classification      | (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)  |
| Notes               | Different biotypes of <i>Dactylopius</i> opuntiae exist which are suited to certain <i>Opuntia</i> species and not to others. |
| References          | 833   |

### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 1951

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia via Hawaii USA

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Main agent for control on Santa Cruz Island; reduced cactus by 75% by 1979.

Opuntia oricola is less susceptible than O. littoralis; high initial attack rates on O. littoralis and hybrids have replaced many stands with less attacked O. oricola. This and predation have slowed

rate of destruction in more recent times. Target weed considered native.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization State (4,5)

References 635, 638, 639, 643

### **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                          |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Family                        | Cactaceae  |
| Species                       | Opuntia monacantha (Willd.) Haw.                                   |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | Opuntia vulgaris Mill.,<br>Opuntia monocantha (Willd.) Haw.        |
| Origin                        | Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay                               |
| Common Name                   | prickly pear, drooping prickly pear, smooth tree pear, suurturksvy |
| References                    | 35, 845, 1091, 1930  |
| AGENT                         |  |
| Species                       | Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg)                                       |
| Classification                | (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)   |

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Mauritius **Year** 1950

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic

of South Africa

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Weed initially controlled by Dactylopius,

however subsequent predation led to increase in *Opuntia* spp. *Cactoblastis cactorum* established immediately and restored control to weed population. Wild *Opuntia* spp. now rare on Mauritius and always attacked by *C. cactorum*.

Research Organization MAM

**References** 586, 668, 2071

**Opuntia monacantha** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius ceylonicus (Green)

Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius indicus Green

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1914

Source Ex. Brazil via India via Sri Lanka

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Established rapidly and readily

controlled the weed in all areas.

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the exotic Opuntia elata

Link & Otto ex Salm-Dyck

Research Organization PPTC, QLD State

**References** 509, 845, 847, 1989

**RELEASE** 

Country India

Year 1795

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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CACTACEAE

Opuntia monacantha; Dactylopius ceylonicus (continued)

**Country** India (continued)

**Notes** Introduced for commercial purposes in

the mistaken belief it was Dactylopius

coccus Costa. Established and provided complete control. Populations

now variable because weed

infestations typically decimated locally. Redistribution of insects to southern India in 1836 and Sri Lanka in 1865 mark the first attempt at biological

control of a weed.

**References** 635, 636, 1542, 1548, 1831, 2077

RELEASE

Country India

Year 1821

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** This release again made for commercial

purposes in the mistaken belief it was *Dactylopius coccus* Costa. Was found to be identical to the agents already common in India from the 1795 release; the populations were subsequently not differentiated. Established and provided complete control. Populations now

variable because weed infestations

typically decimated locally.

**References** 635, 1542, 1831, 2077

### CACTACEAE

Opuntia monacantha; Dactylopius ceylonicus (continued)

RELEASE

**Country** Mauritius **Year** 1914

Source Ex. Brazil via India via Sri Lanka via

Republic of South Africa

Established Yes
Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes By 1928 had almost completely cleared

the island of *Opuntia monacantha*. Subsequently, introduction of a predator reduced effectiveness. *Cactoblastis cactorum* then introduced and controlled weed. *Dactylopius* spp. not seen in recent surveys so may be extinct from Mauritius, though because *Opuntia* spp. now restricted to inaccessible sites, may

still be present.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization MAM

**References** 586, 635, 668, 1293

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1913

Source Ex. Brazil via India via Sri Lanka

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Within a few years brought Opuntia

monacantha under control. Populations of the weed still flare, though no additional control measures needed,

aside from utilizing this biocontrol agent.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 51, 635, 992, 1258, 1342

CACTACEAE

Opuntia monacantha; Dactylopius ceylonicus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Sri Lanka Year 1865

Source Ex. Brazil via India

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Widely established and providing

complete control of the weed over vast areas. Populations now variable because weed infestations typically

decimated locally.

**References** 635, 636, 1542, 1548, 2077

AGENT

Species Dactylopius confusus (Cockerell)

Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius greenii Cockerell
Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia
Year 1915

**Source** Ex. South America via Germany via

Republic of South Africa

Established No.

Research Organization PPTC, QLD State

**References** 635, 1989

Opuntia monacantha; Dactylopius confusus (continued)

| RELEASE               |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Country               | Australia   |
| Year                  | 1926  |
| Source                | Ex. South America via Germany via Republic of South Africa  |
| Established           | No  |
| Notes                 | Initially established but failed to survive when food source destroyed by <i>Dactylopius ceylonicus</i> . |
| Limiting Factors      | Interspecific competition   |
| Research Organization | CPPB*   |
| References            | 635, 1989   |
|                       |   |
| RELEASE               |   |
| Country               | India   |
| Year                  | 1836  |
| Source                | Ex. South America via Germany via Republic of South Africa  |
| Established           | No  |
| References            | 446, 635, 1831  |
|                       |   |
| RELEASE               |   |
| Country               | India   |
| Year                  | 1838  |
|                       |   |

Established No

**References** 446, 635, 1831

**Source** Ex. South America via Germany via Republic of South Africa

### CACTACEAE

Opuntia monacantha; Dactylopius confusus (continued)

### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1832

**Source** Ex. South America via Germany

Established No

collect dye, though the misidentification of this species led to it causing some of the first (though inadvertent) effects of biological control of weeds. Not recorded recently, probably as a result of the destruction of the weed by

Dactylopius ceylonicus.

Research Organization Private

**References** 51, 446, 635

### CACTACEAE

**Opuntia monacantha** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius tomentosus (Lam.)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**Notes** Different biotypes of *Dactylopius* 

opuntiae exist which are suited to certain Opuntia species and not to

others.

References 833

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Mauritius

Year 1928

Source Ex. USA (AZ, CA, TX) via Australia via

Sri Lanka

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially effective control, followed by slow increase in weed, probably as a result of predation by deliberately introduced biocontrol agent. Cactoblastis cactorum then introduced and controlled weed. Dactylopius spp. not seen in recent surveys so may be extinct from Mauritius, though because Opuntia spp. now restricted to inaccessible sites, may

still be present.

**Limiting Factors** Predation Research Organization MAM

**References** 586, 635, 668, 1293

**CACTACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Cactaceae

Species Opuntia oricola Philbrick

Origin southwestern coastal USA including

Santa Cruz Island and Baja California,

Mexico

Common Name prickly pear, chaparral prickly pear

**AGENT** 

Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell) Species

Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius sp.

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

Notes Different biotypes of Dactylopius

opuntiae exist which are suited to certain Opuntia species and not to

others.

References 833

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1951

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Opuntia oricola less susceptible than Notes

O. littoralis. This and predation have slowed the rate of destruction in recent times. Target weed considered native.

Limiting Factors Predation

**Research Organization** State (4,5)

**References** 635, 638, 639, 643

### **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED        |  |
|-------------|--|
| Family      | Cactaceae  |
| Species     | Opuntia spp.   |
| Notes       | A few releases now attributed to this group were listed under <i>Opuntia vulgaris</i> in previous versions of this catalogue (a species now referred to as <i>Opuntia monacantha</i> ). However, all references cited then and now do not differentiate which <i>Opuntia</i> species it was that received this release. Consequently, the entries have been changed to <i>Opuntia</i> spp. |
| Origin      | North and South America adjacent to Caribbean Islands, Caribbean Islands   |
| Common Name | prickly pear, raketa, Malagasy cactus  |
| References  | 446, 668   |
| AGENT       |  |
|             | Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg) (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)  |
|             |  |

### **RELEASE**

Country Ascension Island

Year 1973

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic

of South Africa via Antigua and Nevis via

St Helena

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Now in a state of controlled equilibrium;

Opuntia spp. no longer a problem.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 582, 584, 2071

### CACTACEAE

Opuntia spp.; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Cayman Islands

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic

of South Africa via Nevis and Antigua

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Initially released on *Opuntia stricta* 

but spread to other *Opuntia* species. Nursery plants so heavily attacked that cultivation proving difficult. Still not

present on Cayman Brac.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 288, 312, 2071, 2079

### RELEASE

**Country** Israel **Year** pre 1970

Source Ex. Argentina via Republic of South

Africa via Nevis via Antigua

Established No

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Opuntia spp.; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

**Country** Israel (continued)

**Notes** Reference Bennett 1970 indicates

Cactoblastis cactorum from Trinidad was shipped to both Kenya and Israel pre 1970 for release against Opuntia spp. This biological control agent originated in Argentina, not Trinidad. Other references confirm the material sent to Kenya originated in Argentina, and was sent through a variety of countries prior to shipment to Kenya. It is assumed by the editors of this catalogue that the cultures utilized in Trinidad laboratories before shipment to Israel originated from Argentina. Because the only reference available documenting the release in Israel lumped this release along with that of Kenya, the "via" nations listed for

Kenya are also listed for Israel.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 98, 2071

RELEASE

Country Kenya

Year 1966

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Republic of South

Africa via Nevis via Antigua

Established No.

**Notes** One egg stick found following release.

but since believed to have died out.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 308, 668, 2071

CACTACEAE

Opuntia spp.; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Kenya Year 1971

Source Ex. Argentina via Republic of South

Africa via Nevis via Antigua

Established No

General Impact Compromised

**Notes** Passed through two generations at

one site near Nairobi, but subsequently may have died out as release area was

cleared.

Limiting Factors Land use Research Organization IIBC

**References** 312, 670, 2071

RELEASE

**Country** Pakistan **Year** 1994

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Source Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established No

Notes Larval feeding observed soon after

release, but establishment later deemed

unsuccessful.

Research Organization IIBC, VIC State

**References** 880, 1134, 1989, 2076

Opuntia spp.; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country St Helena

**Year** 1971

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic

of South Africa via Antigua and Nevis

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Although no quantitative data are available, agent appears to have reduced abundance of Opuntia spp. substantially. Impact somewhat controversial as some residents preferred cactus covered slopes to bare

rock, and used the fruit for wine.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 312, 582, 2071, 2077

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius ceylonicus (Green)

Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius indicus Green

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

RELEASE

Country Kenya

**Year** 1958

Source Ex. Brazil via India via Sri Lanka via

Republic of South Africa via Tanzania

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Variable

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**CACTACEAE** 

Opuntia spp.; Dactylopius ceylonicus (continued)

**Country** Kenya (continued)

**Notes** Some control in coastal region (Coast)

and Lake Victoria areas (Nyanza) but not satisfactory as additional agents

sought.

Research Organization DAK

**References** 635, 668

**RELEASE** 

Country Tanzania

**Year** 1957

Source Ex. Brazil via India via Sri Lanka via

Republic of South Africa

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Substantial control in the Lake Victoria

area.

Research Organization DAT

**References** 635, 668

### CACTACEAE

Opuntia spp. (continued)

### **AGENT**

Species Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**Notes** Different biotypes of *Dactylopius* 

opuntiae exist which are suited to certain Opuntia species and not to

others.

References 833

### **RELEASE**

Country Kenya

Year post 1958

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia via Republic of

South Africa via Tanzania

Established Yes

Abundance Hiah

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

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### CACTACEAE

Opuntia spp.; Dactylopius opuntiae (continued)

Country Kenya (continued)

**Notes** Ficus biotype. Abundant and effective;

near one community in Rift Valley has largely wiped out most plants. [Reported in previous edition of this catalogue as an accidental introduction probably from the USA via South Africa via Tanzania in 1958 when Dactylopius ceylonicus was intentionally introduced. References cited at the time do not confirm the introduction, so the source of this information remains unknown. An alternative reference (Goeden 1978) indicates the species was introduced intentionally. Because current researchers are unsure of the avenue of introduction, it is possible the species was introduced via both channels. Consequently two entries are given for this species, and the editors of this new version of the catalogue assume the different source populations (if more than one) have since intermixed and are no longer differentiated.]

Research Organization DAK

> References 446, 635, 944, 970, 2005

### **RELEASE**

Country Tanzania

Year 1958

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia via Republic of

South Africa

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Ficus biotype. Providing excellent

control.

Research Organization DAT

**References** 635, 2005

Opuntia spp. (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius sp.

Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell)

> Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

> > **Notes** Though a key reference in previous

versions of the catalogue (Greathead 1971) refers to this species on Madagascar as Dactylopius

opuntiae, the same reference states elsewhere the agent was introduced to Madagascar from La Réunion, where the identity of the Dactylopius sp. remains unclear. More recent references indicate the identity of the agent on Madagascar remains unclear, so the editors of this version of the catalogue are following suit.

References 668

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Madagascar

1923 Year

Source Ex. Unknown

Established Yes Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Led to complete control of previously

widespread Opuntia spp. within 5 years.

Research Organization MAMA

**References** 668, 1076, 1240

CACTACEAE

Opuntia spp. (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius sp. nr confusus

(Cockerell)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**RELEASE** 

New Caledonia Country

> Year 1962

Source Ex. Argentina via Hawaii USA

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Well established and providing very Notes

good control.

NCC Research Organization

> 286, 635, 1548, 1775 References

### **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |                                    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Family         | Cactaceae                          |
| Species        | Opuntia streptacantha Lem.         |
| Origin         | Mexico                             |
| Common Name    | Westwood pear, white spine prickly |
|                | pear                               |
| AGENT          |                                    |
| Species        | Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg)       |
| Classification | (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)           |
| Classification | (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)           |

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia Year 1926

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Initially released against Opuntia stricta,

but naturally spread and attacks this species as well. Larvae develop in young plants, frequently destroying them. Old stems too woody for larval development. The weed serves as a reservoir for the moth in central QLD.

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the exotic Opuntia elata

Link & Otto ex Salm-Dyck, O. elatior Mill., and O. humifusa (Raf.) Raf. Spillover attack found on melons and

tomatoes.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 130, 509, 510, 511, 753, 845, 847, 1989

### CACTACEAE

**Opuntia streptacantha** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Chelinidea tabulata (Burmeister)

Classification (Hemiptera: Coreidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1922

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact None

Notes Populations initially high on Opuntia

stricta so spread naturally to this species where it never provided any degree of control. Destruction of main host O. stricta by Cactoblastis cactorum dramatically decreased populations of this insect. O. streptacantha remains an

important host.

Other Species Attacked Found feeding on nectarines, dates,

> peaches, ripe grapes, rock melons, watermelons, and tomatoes when dense populations were suddenly deprived of their host by the collapse of the prickly pear stands. There have been no

reports of damage since 1931.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 509, 511, 635, 733, 944, 1989

**TABLE** 

### CACTACEAE Opuntia streptacantha (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Chelinidea vittiger Uhler

Classification (Hemiptera: Coreidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia Year 1925

Source Ex. USA (FL, TX)

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Established with difficulty on primary

host Opuntia stricta, increased, then declined following widespread destruction of O. stricta by Cactoblastis

cactorum. Not recorded on O. streptacantha since 1934.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 509, 511, 635, 1989

### CACTACEAE

**Opuntia streptacantha** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

Notes Different biotypes of Dactylopius

opuntiae exist which are suited to certain Opuntia species and not to

others.

References 833

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1928

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Established readily giving useful control

in heavy weed infestations by destroying young plants. After mechanical clearing regrowth effectively controlled by this agent. Remains a significant factor in

control of this weed.

CPPB\* Research Organization

**References** 511, 635, 847, 1989

### CACTACEAE

**Opuntia streptacantha** (continued)

### **AGENT**

Species Lagocheirus funestus Thomson

Past Names/Synonyms Archlagocheirus funestus (Thomson)

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**References** 992, 1252

### **RELEASE**

Country Australia

**Year** 1936

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Rare

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Established readily and initially had

significant impact; gregarious larvae feeding in heavy woody stems caused collapse of even very large plants. Populations more recently declined and now uncommon in field. Larvae and pupae are subject to predation by crows,

rodents and lizards.

Limiting Factors Predation

**Research Organization** CPPB\*

**References** 635, 753, 944, 1989

### CACTACEAE

Opuntia streptacantha (continued)

### **AGENT**

Species Moneilema blapsides (Newman)

subsp. ulkei Horn

Past Names/Synonyms Moneilema ulkei

**Classification** (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**References** 1099, 1252

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1926

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established Yes

Abundance Rare

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Initially destroyed large plants but due

to small isolated populations did not provide effective control. Has not been

recovered for many years.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 635, 753, 1989

### **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Family              | Cactaceae  |
| Species             | Opuntia stricta (Haw.) Haw.  |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Opuntia dillenii (Ker Gawler) Haw.,<br>Opuntia stricta (Haw.) Haw. var.<br>dillenii (Ker Gawl.) L. D. Benson,<br>Opuntia inermis DC., Opuntia stricta<br>(Haw.) Haw. var. stricta  |
| Notes               | This species is sometimes split in various ways by different taxonomists and is currently under debate. The editors of this version of the catalogue currently support the idea it is all one highly variable <i>Opuntia stricta</i> (Haw.) Haw. |
| Origin              | North and South America adjacent to Caribbean Islands, Caribbean Islands   |
| Common Name         | spiny pest pear, common prickly<br>pear, prickly pear, sweet prickly pear,<br>Australian pest pear, prickly pear   |
| References          | 135, 845, 846, 1459  |
| AGENT               |  |
| Species             | Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg)   |
| Classification      | (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)   |

### **RELEASE**

Country Antigua
Year 1960
Source Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic of South Africa via Nevis

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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### CACTACEAE

**Opuntia stricta; Cactoblastis cactorum** (continued)

**Country** Antigua (continued)

Notes Initially released on Opuntia triacantha

but spread to *O. stricta* which is considered native to Antigua. Few individual cactus plants remain from historically large populations. The moth is still present; remaining plants persist

despite attack.

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the cultivated and

naturalized Nopalea cochenillifera (L.)

Salm-Dyck.

Research Organization DAA

**References** 35, 99, 288, 1680, 2071, 2077, 2079

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia Year 1926

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

Notes Rapid establishment and destruction of

the weed by 1934 and of regrowth by 1935, especially in scrub country. Not able to control the weed in cooler areas where cannot complete two generations each year, nor in places where always hot and the plant segments dehydrated.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the exotic Opuntia elata

Link & Otto ex Salm-Dyck, *O. elatior* Mill., and *O. humifusa* (Raf.) Raf. Spillover attack found on melons and

tomatoes.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 130, 509, 510, 511, 845, 847, 1989

Opuntia stricta; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Cayman Islands

**Year** 1970

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic

of South Africa via Nevis and Antigua

Established Yes Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Few individual cactus plants remain

from historically large populations. Moth is still present; remaining plants persist despite high attack. Target weed

considered native.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 35, 98, 99, 288, 312, 2071, 2077, 2079

RELEASE

**Country** Federation of St Kitts and Nevis

**Year** 1957

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic

of South Africa

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Released on Nevis, spread naturally to St Kitts. Initially very abundant and effective, significantly reducing the cactus population. Recent surveys indicate current moth populations lower than previously, which enables some cactus individuals to escape attack. The plant (considered native) continues to thrive in small scattered populations on

both islands.

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### CACTACEAE

Opuntia stricta; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

**Country** Federation of St Kitts and Nevis

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Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the cultivated and

naturalized Nopalea cochenillifera (L.) Salm-Dyck (previously referred to as

Opuntia cochenillifera (L.) Mill.).

Research Organization

99, 288, 610, 1459, 1680, 2071, 2077, References

2079

RELEASE

**Country** Montserrat

Year 1960

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic

of South Africa via Nevis

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Released on Opuntia triacantha but spread to O. stricta (considered native). Few individual cactus plants remain from historically large populations. Moth is still present; remaining plants persist

despite high attack.

Also found attacking the cultivated and Other Species Attacked

naturalized Nopalea cochenillifera (L.)

Salm-Dyck.

**Research Organization** DAM

> References 35, 99, 288, 610, 1680, 2071, 2077,

2079

**Opuntia stricta; Cactoblastis cactorum** (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Caledonia

**Year** 1932

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Well established in the release location

within a year of release. Highly

beneficial control.

Research Organization NCC

**References** 635, 1548, 1754

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1980s

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

**General Impact** Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Redistributed from Opuntia ficus-indica

to *O. stricta* and met with limited success throughout much of South Africa. In Kruger National Park, initially very abundant and dispersed rapidly, prior to decreasing again (likely due to predation). Though heavy attack results in larger plants collapsing and delayed maturity in larger plants, many smaller plants begin to grow from the fragmented portions. Unable to provide

sufficient control alone.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

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**CACTACEAE** 

Opuntia stricta; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

Other Species Attacked Occasionally found providing

incomplete control on the exotic *Cylindropuntia fulgida* (Engelm.) F.M. Knuth var. *fulgida*, *C. imbricata* (Haw.) F.M. Knuth., *Opuntia monacantha* (Willd.) Haw., *O. spinulifera* Salm-Dyck, *O. salmiana* J. Parm. ex Pfeiff., and *Austrocylindropuntia subulata* 

(Muehlenpf.) Backeb.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 832, 833, 992, 993, 1258, 2071

**AGENT** 

Species Chelinidea tabulata (Burmeister)

Classification (Hemiptera: Coreidae)

RELEASE

Country Australia

**Year** 1922

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

**Notes** Initially rapid establishment, increase

and dispersal causing heavy destruction of fruit and new shoots. Exerted significant control prior to extensive destruction by *Cactoblastis cactorum*. Now numbers limited and ineffective in

controlling the weed.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition

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### CACTACEAE

Opuntia stricta; Chelinidea tabulata (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Other Species Attacked Found feeding on nectarines, dates,

peaches, ripe grapes, rock melons, watermelons, and tomatoes when dense populations were suddenly deprived of their host by the collapse of the prickly pear stands. There have been no reports of damage since 1931.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 509, 510, 511, 635, 733, 753, 1989

**AGENT** 

Species Chelinidea vittiger Uhler Classification (Hemiptera: Coreidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia Year 1925

Source Ex. USA (FL, TX)

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Slow establishment then began

increasing rapidly. Subsequently declined following destruction of Opuntia stricta by Cactoblastis cactorum; none

have been seen since 1940.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 509, 511, 635, 1989

CACTACEAE

**Opuntia stricta** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius austrinus De Lotto

Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius sp. nr confusus

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federation of St Kitts and Nevis

**Year** 1957

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Republic of South

Africa

Established No.

**Notes** Target plant is considered native.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 288, 446, 1459, 1680

**AGENT** 

**Species** Dactylopius ceylonicus (Green)

Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius indicus Green Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country India

Year post 1863

Source Ex. Brazil, Mexico

Established No.

**Notes** Redistributions from *Opuntia* 

monacantha to O. stricta failed as this

species is specific to O. monacantha.

Limiting Factors Specificity

**References** 1548, 1607, 1831

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### CACTACEAE Opuntia stricta (continued)

Species Dactylopius confusus (Cockerell)

Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius greenii Cockerell
Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Australia **Year** 1933

Source Ex. USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

declined and was thought to have become extinct. Rediscovered in central QLD in 1967. Provides no appreciable

control.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 511, 515, 1989

### CACTACEAE

**Opuntia stricta** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius tomentosus (Lam.)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

Notes Different biotypes of Dactylopius

opuntiae exist which are suited to certain Opuntia species and not to

others.

References 833

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1921

Source Ex. USA (AZ, CA, TX)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Rapidly established. Provided excellent

control of dense infestations in brigalow stands. Following heavy die-off of host species from attack by *Cactoblastis cactorum*, this agent now useful in cooler areas where *C. cactorum* cannot complete two generations in a year, and in hot dry areas where the plant segments are often dehydrated.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

Other Species Attacked Also damages the introduced Opuntia

elatior Mill. and Opuntia elata Link &

Otto ex Salm-Dyck.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 509, 511, 635, 845, 847, 850, 1989

Opuntia stricta; Dactylopius opuntiae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia Year 1933

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established No

Notes Released in attempt to control

regrowth of *Opuntia stricta*. All colonies disappeared following destruction of host plants by resurgent populations of

Cactoblastis cactorum.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

Research Organization CPPB\*

References 635, 1989

**RELEASE** 

Country Federation of St Kitts and Nevis

**Year** 1957

**Source** Ex. USA (AZ, TX) via Australia via

Republic of South Africa

Established No

**Notes** Target plant is considered native.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 288, 1258, 1459, 1490, 1680

RELEASE

Country India Year 1926

Source Ex. USA (AZ, CA, TX) via Australia via

Sri Lanka

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**CACTACEAE** 

**Opuntia stricta; Dactylopius opuntiae** (continued)

Country India (continued)

Notes Widely established giving complete

control. Heavily infested areas became fit for cultivation within five or six years. Attacked by predaceous coccinellids, but apparently with limited impact to the

agent's population.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the widely

cultivated Nopalea cochenillifera (L.)

Salm-Dyck

**References** 635, 1542, 1548

RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1997

Source Ex. North America via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Stricta biotype. Biomass of *Opuntia* 

stricta declined by 90% 6 years following release of this new biotype. Fruit production was halted, decreasing the long-range dispersal of this weed. Dactylopius opuntiae populations best suited to low rainfall areas and seasons. Low natural dispersal abilities

have required continued manual

redistribution.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 833, 992, 993, 1258, 1437

Opuntia stricta; Dactylopius opuntiae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1980s

**Source** Ex. USA (AZ, TX) via Australia

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Ficus biotype, redistributed from

Opuntia ficus-indica to O. stricta.

Despite multiple redistribution attempts, majority of releases failed. This biotype of Dactylopius opuntiae is better suited to O. ficus-indica and only occurs as spillover on O. stricta growing in the

vicinity of O. ficus-indica.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity Research Organization ARC-PPRI **References** 833, 993, 1258

**RELEASE** 

Country Sri Lanka Year 1925

Source Ex. USA (AZ, CA, TX) via Australia

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Widely established, giving very good

control.

Research Organization DASL

**References** 635, 1548

CACTACEAE

**Opuntia stricta** (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** Loxomorpha flavidissimalis (Grote)

Past Names/Synonyms Mimorista flavidissimalis (Grote)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia Year 1925

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established No.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 509, 1989

**AGENT** 

Species Melitara dentata (Grote)

Past Names/Synonyms Melitara doddalis Dyar

**Classification** (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1926

**Source** Ex. USA (AZ, CO, TX)

Established No.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 635, 1989

### CACTACEAE

Opuntia stricta (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Melitara prodenialis Walker

Past Names/Synonyms Zophodia prodenialis Walker,

Melitara bollii (Zeller)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1926

Source Ex. USA (FL, TX)

Established No.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 509, 511, 635

**AGENT** 

Species Melitara sp.

Past Names/Synonyms Zophodia prodenialis Walker,

Melitara bollii (Zeller)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1925

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established No.

Research Organization CPPB\*

References 1989

CACTACEAE

Opuntia stricta (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Moneilema blapsides (Newman)

subsp. ulkei Horn

Past Names/Synonyms Moneilema ulkei

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**References** 1099, 1252

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1926

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially well established and damaging.

Many release sites since lost to destruction by Cactoblastis cactorum. Though occasionally killed larger plants,

did not give control and populations

currently limited.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

Research Organization CPPB\* **References** 635, 1989

### CACTACEAE Opuntia stricta (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Moneilema variolare Thomson

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1932

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

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Abundance Limited

General Impact None

Notes Established, but population too small to

provide control.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 511, 635, 1989

**AGENT** 

Species Olycella junctolineella (Hulst)

Past Names/Synonyms Olyca junctolineella (Hulst)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1924

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Established readily but never became

factor in control of the weed and may no

longer occur on it in Australia.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 509, 511, 1989

### **CACTACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Cactaceae

Species Opuntia tomentosa Salm-Dyck

Origin Mexico, Guatemala

Common Name velvet opuntia, velvet tree pear

**AGENT** 

Species Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg)

**Classification** (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

RELEASE

Country Australia

Year 1926

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Initially released against *Opuntia stricta*,

but naturally spread and attacks this species as well. Larvae develop in young plants, frequently destroying them, but only occurs when weed growing among *O. stricta*. Old stems too woody for larval development/

oviposition.

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the exotic Opuntia elata

Link & Otto ex Salm-Dyck, O. elatior Mill., and O. humifusa (Raf.) Raf. Spillover attack found on melons and

tomatoes.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 130, 509, 510, 511, 753, 845, 847, 1989

### CACTACEAE

Opuntia tomentosa (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Cactoblastis doddi Heinrich

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1935

Source Ex. Argentina

Established No.

Research Organization CPPB\*

References 1839

**AGENT** 

Species Chelinidea tabulata (Burmeister)

Classification (Hemiptera: Coreidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1922

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact None

Notes Populations initially high on Opuntia

stricta so spread naturally to this species where it never provided any degree of control. Destruction of main host O. stricta by Cactoblastis cactorum dramatically decreased populations of

this insect.

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CACTACEAE

Opuntia tomentosa; Chelinidea tabulata (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Other Species Attacked Found feeding on nectarines, dates,

peaches, ripe grapes, rock melons, watermelons, and tomatoes when dense populations were suddenly deprived of their host by the collapse of the prickly pear stands. There have been no reports of damage since 1931.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 509, 511, 635, 733, 1989

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius coccus Costa Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1926

Source Ex. Central America via Republic of

South Africa

Established No.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 446, 1989

Opuntia tomentosa (continued)

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Species Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

Notes Different biotypes of Dactylopius

opuntiae exist which are suited to certain Opuntia species and not to

others.

References 833

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1922

Source Ex. USA (AZ, TX)

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Established readily. Effective in killing

young seedlings, small older plants, and large plants in dense stands in scrubs. Less effective on large plants in the open unless they have been felled prior to introduction of insects. Efficacy limited

by inefficient dispersal.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

Other Species Attacked Also damages the exotic Opuntia elata

Link & Otto ex Salm-Dyck.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 511, 635, 847, 1989

### CACTACEAE

**Opuntia tomentosa** (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Lagocheirus funestus Thomson

Past Names/Synonyms Archlagocheirus funestus (Thomson)

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**References** 992, 1252

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia **Year** 1936

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes
Abundance Rare
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Rapid establishment and initially good

control, but later declined and now considered nearly extinct. Larvae and pupae subject to predation by crows,

rodents and lizards.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 635, 753, 847, 944, 1989

### CACTACEAE

Opuntia tomentosa (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Moneilema blapsides (Newman)

subsp. ulkei Horn

Past Names/Synonyms Moneilema ulkei

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**References** 1099, 1252

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1926

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established Yes

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Abundance Rare

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Capable of causing collapse of large

plants but this rarely occurs. Populations

small and isolated. Has not been

recovered for many years.

Research Organization CPPB\*

**References** 635, 753, 1989

**CACTACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Cactaceae

Species Opuntia triacantha (Willd.) Sweet

Origin Puerto Rico, Lesser Antilles

Common Name suckers

**AGENT** 

Species Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Antigua

**Year** 1960

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic

of South Africa via Nevis

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Isolated clumps that previously escaped

attack were heavily infested and collapsing by 1970. This target weed

considered native to Antigua.

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the cultivated and

naturalized Nopalea cochenillifera (L.)

Salm-Dyck.

Research Organization DAA

References 2046

Opuntia triacantha; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

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**Country** Cayman Islands

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic

of South Africa via Nevis and Antigua

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Initially released on *Opuntia stricta* but

spread to *O. triacantha* (considered native). Nursery plants so heavily attacked that cultivation proving difficult.

Still not present on Cayman Brac.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 35, 288, 312, 2071, 2079

RELEASE

**Country** Federation of St Kitts and Nevis

Year 1957

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic

of South Africa

**Established** Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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### **CACTACEAE**

Opuntia triacantha; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

**Country** Federation of St Kitts and Nevis

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**Notes** Released on Nevis, spread naturally

to St Kitts. Initially very abundant and effective, significantly reducing the cactus population. Recent surveys indicate current moth populations lower than previously, which enables some cactus individuals to escape attack. The plant (considered native) continues to thrive in small scattered populations on

both islands.

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the cultivated and

naturalized Nopalea cochenillifera (L.)

Salm-Dyck.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 99, 288, 610, 1459, 1680, 2071, 2077,

2079

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Montserrat

**Year** 1960

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic

of South Africa via Nevis

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Well established and provided very

good control. Due to lack of pasture management, the land became overgrown by *Acacia* spp. as the cactus

was destroyed. Target weed considered

native.

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the cultivated and

naturalized Nopalea cochenillifera (L.)

Salm-Dyck.

Research Organization DAM

**References** 35, 99, 288, 610, 1680, 2071, 2079

### CACTACEAE **Opuntia triacantha** (continued)

### **AGENT**

Species Dactylopius austrinus De Lotto Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius sp. nr confusus Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Federation of St Kitts and Nevis

**Year** 1957

Source Ex. Argentina via Republic of South

Africa

Established No.

Notes Target plant is considered native.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 288, 446, 1459, 1680

#### **AGENT**

**Species** Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**Notes** Different biotypes of *Dactylopius* 

opuntiae exist which are suited to certain Opuntia species and not to

others.

References 833

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Federation of St Kitts and Nevis

**Year** 1957

**Source** Ex. USA via Australia via Republic of

South Africa

Established No.

**Notes** Target plant is considered native.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 288, 1459, 1490, 1680

### **CACTACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Cactaceae

Species Opuntia tuna (L.) Mill.

Origin Caribbean

Common Name prickly pear, barbary fig, elephantear

prickly pear

**AGENT** 

Species Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Mauritius Year 1950

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia via Republic

of South Africa Established

Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Weed initially controlled by *Dactylopius*,

however subsequent predation led to increase in Opuntia spp. Cactoblastis cactorum established immediately and restored control to weed population. Wild Opuntia spp. now rare on Mauritius and always attacked by C. cactorum.

Research Organization MAM

**References** 586, 668, 2071

### CACTACEAE Opuntia tuna (continued)

AGENT
Species Dactylopius ceylonicus (Green)
Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius indicus Green
Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Mauritius **Year** 1914

**Source** Ex. Brazil via India via Sri Lanka via

Republic of South Africa

Established No

**Notes** Unable to live on *Opuntia tuna*.

Limiting Factors Specificity

Research Organization MAM

References 586, 635, 668, 1293

### CACTACEAE

Opuntia tuna (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius tomentosus (Lam.)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**Notes** Different biotypes of *Dactylopius* 

opuntiae exist which are suited to certain Opuntia species and not to

others.

References 833

RELEASE

**Country** Mauritius

**Year** 1928

Source Ex. USA (AZ, CA, TX) via Australia via

Sri Lanka

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially effective control, followed by

slow increase in weed, probably as a result of predation by deliberately introduced biocontrol agent. *Cactoblastis cactorum* then introduced and controlled weed. *Dactylopius* spp. not seen in recent surveys so may be extinct from Mauritius, though because *Opuntia* spp. now restricted to inaccessible sites, may

still be present.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization MAM

**References** 586, 635, 668, 1293

### **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Family         | Cactaceae                     |
| Species        | Pereskia aculeata Mill.       |
| Origin         | tropical America, Caribbean   |
| Common Name    | Barbados gooseberry, pereskia |
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| AGENT          |                               |
| Species        | Phenrica guerini Bechyné      |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)   |
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### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable **General Impact** Variable

Notes Populations limited and ineffective

at two sites; high densities observed at additional site where damage is significant. Reasons for varying success

not yet understood.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 991, 1437

| WEED                          |                                 |
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| Family                        | Caryophyllaceae                 |
| Species                       | Silene vulgaris (Moench) Garcke |
| Origin                        | Eurasia                         |
| Common Name                   | bladder campion                 |
|                               |                                 |
| AGENT                         |                                 |
| Species                       | Cassida azurea Fabricius        |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | Cassida hemisphaerica Herbst    |
| Classification                | (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)     |

### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 1989

Source Ex. Europe

Established Yes
Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Cassida azurea populations at most

sites too small to have impact on weed density. One AB site had heavy feeding on all plants and little of the weed was left, but unclear if due to *C. azurea*, plant

competition, or mowing.

Research Organization AAFC References 432, 1479

### **CHENOPODIACEAE**

| WEED           |   |
|----------------|---|
| Family         | Chenopodiaceae                                |
| Species        | Halogeton glomeratus (M. Bieb.) C.<br>A. Mey. |
| Origin         | Central Asia                                  |
| Common Name    | halogeton                                     |
| AGENT          |   |
| Species        | Coleophora parthenica Meyrick                 |
| Classification | (Lepidoptera: Coleophoridae)                  |
|                |   |

### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No.

Notes Redistributed from Salsola tragus to

Halogeton glomeratus but failed to

establish.

**Research Organization** USDA (7)

References 231, 335, 1454, 1511, 1512

### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

**Year** 1976

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No.

Notes Collected from and released on

Halogeton glomeratus.

Research Organization USDA (7)

**References** 231, 1512

### **CHENOPODIACEAE** (continued)

**WEED Family** Chenopodiaceae Salsola tragus L. Species Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Salsola australis R. Br., Salsola iberica (Sennen & Pau) Botsch., Salsola kali L. subsp. ruthenica (Iljin) Soó, Salsola kali var. tenuifolia Tausch, Salsola pestifer A. Nelson, Salsola ruthenica Iljin **Notes** "Russian thistle" comprises seven distinct species in North America of which Salsola tragus is probably the most widespread. The correct name for the single species naturalized in the Hawaiian Islands is Salsola tragus L. Other names that have been associated with this widely naturalized species of Salsola have been misapplied in this region. Origin Eurasia Common Name Russian thistle, tumbleweed References 858, 1699, 1721, 1925 **AGENT** Species Coleophora klimeschiella Toll Classification (Lepidoptera: Coleophoridae)

### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 1977

Source Ex. Pakistan via USA (CA)

Established No.

General Impact Compromised

**Notes** Initially survived but population

destroyed during flooding in 1979.

Limiting Factors Natural disaster

Research Organization AAFC References 732

### CHENOPODIACEAE

Salsola tragus; Coleophora klimeschiella (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1980

Source Ex. Pakistan via USA (CA)

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 641, 759, 1046, 1047

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1977

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** May kill young plants; attacked older

plants presumably produce less seed. Heavily parasitized and preyed upon which prevents populations from building sufficiently to have significant

impact. Ineffective agent.

Limiting Factors Predation; Parasitism Research Organization USDA (7), State (5,9)

**References** 334, 335, 641, 646, 759, 1511, 1578

### **CHENOPODIACEAE**

Salsola tragus (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Coleophora parthenica Meyrick

Classification (Lepidoptera: Coleophoridae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada **Year** 1975

Source Ex. Pakistan via USA (CA)

Established No.

Notes Not established in SK where summer

too cool for breeding.

**Limiting Factors** Climate **Research Organization** AAFC

**References** 641, 732, 757

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1980

Source Ex. Pakistan via USA (CA)

Established No

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 641, 757, 1047

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Egypt

Established No.

**Research Organization** USDA (7), State (5)

References 641, 757

### **CHENOPODIACEAE**

Salsola tragus; Coleophora parthenica (continued)

### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1973

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established Yes Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes 1974 releases onto southern CA Salsola tragus were Pakistan population intermixed with population from Turkey and subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Note: S. tragus redistributions made from CA stock originated in central CA and were sourced from Pakistani material. Feeding inside plant stems does not cause acute damage to vital plant tissues; however, plant may be chronically impacted gradually over summer as it becomes weakened hollow shell. Overall, feeding damage appears to have minimal impact, hindered greatly by parasitism, predation, poor host-plant synchronization.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Parasitism; Agent-host

synchronization

**Research Organization** USDA (7,9), State (5)

References

334, 335, 641, 759, 1297, 1298, 1511,

1578

### **CHENOPODIACEAE**

Salsola tragus; Coleophora parthenica (continued)

### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1974

Source Ex. Turkey

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes 1974 releases onto southern CA

Salsola tragus were Pakistan

population intermixed with population from Turkey and subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Note: S. tragus redistributions made from CA stock originated in central CA and were sourced from Pakistani material. Feeding inside plant stems does not cause acute damage to vital plant tissues; however, plant may be chronically impacted gradually over summer as it becomes weakened hollow shell. Overall, feeding damage appears to have minimal impact, hindered greatly by parasitism, predation, poor host-plant

synchronization.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Parasitism; Agent-host

synchronization

Research Organization USDA (7), State (5)

**References** 641, 757, 759, 1297, 1298, 1511

## COMMELINACEAE

# Family Commelinaceae Species Tradescantia fluminensis Vell. Origin South America Common Name tradescantia, wandering Jew AGENT Species Lema basicostata Monros Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

### **RELEASE**

**Country** New Zealand

**Year** 2012

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization MWLR

References 735

### COMMELINACEAE

Tradescantia fluminensis (continued)

### **AGENT**

Species Neolema ogloblini (Monros)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Lema obscura

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

### RELEASE

Country New Zealand

**Year** 2011

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 761, 1064

## **CONVOLVULACEAE**

Family Convolvulaceae
Species Calystegia sepium (L.) R. Br.
Convolvulus sepium L.
North America
hedge bindweed, hedge false bindweed

AGENT
Species Aceria malherbae Nuzzaci
Aceria convolvuli (Nalepa), Eriophyes convolvuli Nalepa, Aceria malherbe (Nalepa)
(Acari: Eriophyidae)

### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1993

Source Ex. Greece
Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown
Research Organization State (20)

**References** 335, 1104, 1799

# CONVOLVULACEAE

Calystegia sepium (continued)

### **AGENT**

Species Tyta luctuosa (Denis & Schiffermüller)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 1991 Source Ex. Italy Established Unknown Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Overwintered in field cage, but

establishment unknown.

Research Organization State (20)

**References** 83, 335, 1104, 1799

### **CONVOLVULACEAE** (continued)

Family Convolvulaceae
Species Convolvulus arvensis L.
Origin Eurasia
Common Name field bindweed

AGENT
Species Aceria malherbae Nuzzaci
Aceria convolvuli (Nalepa),
Eriophyes convolvuli Nalepa,
Aceria malherbe (Nalepa)
(Classification (Acari: Eriophyidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1989

Source Ex. Greece

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

of impact Unknown

Notes

Locally abundant but established at only three sites in AB. Establishment appears to be better in moister microclimates.

Galling damage found up to 1.4 km from one site. Some plants heavily galled and stunted though impact has not been evaluated quantitatively. Convolvulus arvensis continues to be a problematic weed in many parts of Canada.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization AAFC, ARC

References 1189, 1191, 1698

### **CONVOLVULACEAE**

Convolvulus arvensis; Aceria malherbae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Mexico Year 2004

Source Ex. Greece via USA (NM)

Established No

Research Organization UAMX, CNR

**References** 138, 1582, 1583, 1584

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1994

Source Ex. Greece

Established No

General Impact Compromised

**Notes** Establishment failure due to release

sites subsequently being destroyed or

converted to grazing land.

**Limiting Factors** Land use **Research Organization** ARC-PPRI

**References** 354, 355, 992, 993, 1341, 2070

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1989

Source Ex. Greece

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

### CONVOLVULACEAE

Convolvulus arvensis; Aceria malherbae (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Abundance, attack levels and impact

vary dramatically across and within states where established. No impact at some sites. >90% decrease in aboveground plant biomass at others. Reasons for variability not studied explicitly, but populations known to be impacted by climate and possibly host

plant resistance.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization USDA (7,10,12), State (9),

**USDA-APHIS** 

**References** 39, 138, 334, 335, 1104, 1105, 1595,

1598, 1698, 1799

**AGENT** 

Species Tyta luctuosa (Denis & Schiffermüller)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

Year 1989

Source Ex. Italy

Established No

**Notes** Adults found one year after release

in AB. Possible they still remain, but permanent establishment not confirmed.

Research Organization AAFC, ARC

References 1185, 1189, 1191

**CONVOLVULACEAE** 

Convolvulus arvensis; Tyta luctuosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1987 Source Ex. Italy Established Yes Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Establishment so limited to date that

impact of larval feeding on flowers and

foliage likely minor at best.

Research Organization USDA (7,10,12), State (25,26),

**USDA-ARS** 

**References** 39, 83, 334, 335, 1045, 1104, 1502,

1595, 1752

**WEED** 

Family Convolvulaceae

Species Cuscuta americana L.

Origin tropical Americas Common Name love vine

**AGENT** 

Species Melanagromyza cuscutae Héring

Classification (Diptera: Agromyzidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Bahamas

Year 1966

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No.

### CONVOLVULACEAE

Cuscuta americana; Melanagromyza cuscutae (continued)

**Country** Bahamas (continued)

Notes Heavy rain after initial release hindered

establishment in 1966. 1968 releases mistakenly made onto *Cassytha filiformis* L. (Lauraceae) rather than

Cuscuta spp.

Limiting Factors Weather Research Organization IIBC

References 288, 309

**RELEASE** 

Country Barbados

Year 1967

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No

Notes Successfully propagated for three

generations and released, but did not

establish.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 98, 288, 308, 309, 629

**AGENT** 

Species Smicronyx roridus Marshall

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

RELEASE

Country Bahamas

**Year** 1968

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No.

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CONVOLVULACEAE

Cuscuta americana; Smicronyx roridus (continued)

**Country** Bahamas (continued)

**Notes** Releases mistakenly made onto

Cassytha filiformis L. (Lauraceae) though intended for both Cuscuta

americana and C. indecora.

Research Organization IIBC

References 288, 309

RELEASE

**Country** Barbados

**Year** 1967

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 98, 288, 308, 309, 629

**AGENT** 

**Species** Smicronyx rufovittatus Anderson

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Barbados

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 288, 312, 313, 314, 629

## **CONVOLVULACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |  |
|----------------|--|
| Family         | Convolvulaceae                             |
| Species        | Cuscuta indecora Choisy                    |
| Origin         | North America, South America,<br>Caribbean |
| Common Name    | love vine, dodder                          |
| AGENT          |  |
| Species        | Melanagromyza cuscutae Héring              |
| Classification | (Diptera: Agromyzidae)                     |

### **RELEASE**

Year 1966
Source Ex. Pakistan

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Established No

Notes Heavy rain after initial release hindered

establishment in 1966. 1968 releases mistakenly made onto *Cassytha filiformis* L. (Lauraceae) rather than

Cuscuta spp.

Limiting Factors Weather
Research Organization IIBC
References 288, 309

### **RELEASE**

Country Barbados Year 1967 Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No

Notes Successfully propagated for three

generations and released, but did not

establish.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 98, 288, 308, 309, 629

### **CONVOLVULACEAE**

Cuscuta indecora (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Smicronyx roridus Marshall
Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Smicronyx cuscutae Marshall
Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

### **RELEASE**

Country Bahamas
Year 1968
Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No

Notes Releases mistakenly made onto

Cassytha filiformis L. (Lauraceae) though intended for both Cuscuta americana and C. indecora.

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Research Organization IIBC References 288, 309

#### **RELEASE**

Country Barbados Year 1967

Source Ex. Pakistan

**Established** No **Research Organization** IIBC

**References** 98, 288, 308, 309, 629

# CONVOLVULACEAE

Cuscuta indecora (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Smicronyx rufovittatus Anderson

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Barbados

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 288, 312, 314, 629

**WEED** 

Family Convolvulaceae

Species Cuscuta reflexa Roxb.

Origin Asia

Common Name dodder

**AGENT** 

Species Smicronyx roridus Marshall

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Smicronyx cuscutae Marshall

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Bangladesh

**Year** 1968

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No.

Notes Initially recovered but as weed

infestations diminished, insect

population declined and eventually

disappeared.

IIBC **Research Organization** 

References 309, 629, 1548

**WEED** 

Family Cucurbitaceae

Species Coccinia grandis (L.) Voigt

Origin East Africa

Common Name ivy gourd, scarlet gourd, scarlet-fruited

gourd

**AGENT** 

Species Acythopeus burkhartorum O'Brien &

Pakaluk

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Guam

Year 2004

**Source** Ex. Kenya via Hawaii USA

Established No.

**Notes** Parasitism likely contributed to

establishment failure.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization UOG

**References** 326, 1310, 1554

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1999

Source Ex. Kenya

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

### **CUCURBITACEAE**

Coccinia grandis; Acythopeus burkhartorum (continued)

Country Hawaii USA (continued)

Notes Initially seemed successful, though not

currently known if establishment was

permanent.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 266, 326, 386, 762, 1169

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Northern Mariana Islands

**Year** 2005

**Source** Ex. Kenya via Hawaii USA via Guam

Established No.

**Notes** Parasitism likely contributed to

establishment failure.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization UOG

**References** 326, 1310, 1554

**AGENT** 

Species Acythopeus cocciniae O'Brien &

Pakaluk

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Guam

Year 2003

Source Ex. Kenya via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Medium
Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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**CUCURBITACEAE** 

Coccinia grandis; Acythopeus cocciniae (continued)

**Country** Guam (continued)

**Notes** Causes defoliation in some areas.

Efficacy likely limited by parasitism.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization UOG

**References** 1310, 1554

RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1999

Source Ex. Kenya

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Variable

Notes Substantial control on OA and HA at

some sites where well established; however populations generally limited, at least in part due to parasitism. On MA, impact likely negligible due to active

herbicide control program.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Other control methods

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 266, 325, 326, 386, 762, 1169, 1310

RELEASE

**Country** Northern Mariana Islands

**Year** 2003

Source Ex. Kenya via Hawaii USA via Guam

**Established** Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Causes defoliation in some areas.

Efficacy likely limited by parasitism.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization UOG

**References** 1310, 1554

### **CUCURBITACEAE**

Coccinia grandis (continued)

AGENT

Species Melittia oedipus Oberthür

Classification (Lepidoptera: Sesiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Guam

Year 2007

Source Ex. Kenya via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

**Abundance** Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Investigations into efficacy underway.

Populations possibly limited by

predaceous ants.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization UOG

**References** 1310, 1554

RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1996

Source Ex. Kenya

Established Yes

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Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Substantial control on OA and HA where

well established; predation occurs at

some sites.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 266, 325, 326, 385, 386, 762, 1169,

1310

### **CUCURBITACEAE**

Coccinia grandis; Melittia oedipus (continued)

RELEASE

Country Northern Mariana Islands

**Year** 2007

Source Ex. Kenya via Hawaii USA via Guam

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Investigations into efficacy are

underway.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 1310, 1554

### **CYPERACEAE**

| WEED           |  |
|----------------|--|
| Family         | Cyperaceae   |
| Species        | Cyperus rotundus L.  |
| Origin         | cosmopolitan   |
| Common Name    | nut grass, purple nutsedge, vucesa,<br>soronakabani, oni ani, pakopako |
| AGENT          |  |
| Species        | Athesapeuta cyperi Marshall  |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)  |

### RELEASE

CountryBarbadosYear1973SourceEx. Pakistan

**Established** No **Research Organization** IIBC

**References** 288, 314, 315, 1491

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Cook Islands

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. India, Pakistan

Established No
Research Organization IIBC
References 312, 1940

### **CYPERACEAE**

Cyperus rotundus; Athesapeuta cyperi (continued)

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Cook Islands

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. India

Established No

Research Organization DAC

**References** 315, 1539, 1940

### **RELEASE**

Country Fiji

**Year** 1936

**Source** Ex. Philippines via Hawaii USA

Established No

Research Organization KRS

**References** 1373, 1940

### **RELEASE**

Country Fiji

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No.

Research Organization KRS

**References** 312, 960, 1940

### RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1925

Source Ex. Philippines

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact None

### CYPERACEAE

Cyperus rotundus; Athesapeuta cyperi (continued)

**Country** Hawaii USA (continued)

Notes Spread slowly but eventually reached

same distribution as Bactra venosana. Despite being widespread, populations low and considered ineffective control

agent.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Other Species Attacked Also utilizes the native Cyperus

polystachyos Rottb.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 44, 326, 612, 1349, 1457, 1518, 1940

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Mauritius

**Year** 1981

Source Ex. India

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially believed to have failed

establishment, but by 2013 found in nearly all patches of Cyperus rotundus on the island. Widespread but does not

impact the weed population.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 320, 321, 328, 586, 608, 1171, 1172

CYPERACEAE

Cyperus rotundus; Athesapeuta cyperi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Tonga

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. India, Pakistan

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact None

**Notes** Established but of little control value.

Weed remains a problem, especially on

cultivated land.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 312, 962, 1940

**AGENT** 

Species Bactra minima Meyrick

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Barbados

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No.

Research Organization IIBC

References 288, 315

### **CYPERACEAE**

Cyperus rotundus; Bactra minima (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Cook Islands

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 312, 1539, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

**Year** 1971

Source Fx. Pakistan

Established No

Research Organization KRS

**References** 312, 960, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Tonga

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. India, Pakistan

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact None

Notes Established but of little control value.

Weed remains a problem, especially on

cultivated land.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 312, 962, 1940

**CYPERACEAE** 

Cyperus rotundus (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Bactra venosana (Zeller)

Past Names/Synonyms Bactra truculenta Meyrick

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Barbados

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 288, 314, 315, 1491

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Cook Islands

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 312, 1539, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

Year 1936

**Source** Ex. Philippines via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact None

Notes Scarce where the weed rampant; limited

by indigenous parasites.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization KRS

**References** 960, 1373, 1940

### CYPERACEAE

Cyperus rotundus; Bactra venosana (continued)

### **RELEASE**

Country Fiji Year 1971

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown
General Impact None

impact None

**Notes** No increase in impact following release

of this population; limited by indigenous

parasites.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization KRS

**References** 312, 960, 1940

### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1925

Source Ex. Philippines

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Initially very effective, but then highly

parasitized resulting in ineffective

control.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 44, 326, 612, 1518, 1940, 2068

### **DIOSCOREACEAE**

| Species<br>Origin                     | Dioscoreaceae  Dioscorea bulbifera L.  Asia, Africa air-potato, air potato |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Lilioceris cheni Gressitt & Kimoto (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)             |

### RELEASE

Country United States of America

**Year** 2011

Source Ex. China

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Too early post release to determine

overall abundance and impact, though populations seem well established and

effective.

Research Organization USDA (3)

**References** 232, 237, 1260

# **ERICACEAE**

| WEED           |                              |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| Family         | Ericaceae                    |
| Species        | Calluna vulgaris (L.) Hull   |
| Origin         | Eurasia, northern Africa     |
| Common Name    | heather                      |
| AGENT          |                              |
| Species        | Lochmaea suturalis (Thomson) |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)  |

### **RELEASE**

Country New Zealand

Year 1996

Source Ex. United Kingdom

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Beetle populations have generally been very slow to build. At a few

locations large-scale outbreaks severely damaged weed 10 years following release. Studies demonstrated high populations of beetles more effective

than herbicides.

Research Organization MWLR, DOCNZ

References 761, 1064, 1071, 1489

### **WEED**

Family Euphorbiaceae

Species Euphorbia cyparissias L.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name cypress spurge

#### **AGENT**

Species Aphthona cyparissiae (Koch)
Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

### **RELEASE**

Country Canada

**Year** 1982

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary, Switzerland

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate

General Impact Medium
Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Helps reduce Euphorbia cyparissias

in the immediate release areas. Most

effective in dry, open sites.

Limiting Factors Habitat

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 25, 154, 622, 735, 1140, 1187

#### RELEASE

Country United States of America

Year 1995

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary, Italy, Switzerland

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Euphorbia cyparissias; Aphthona cyparissiae (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Redistributed from *Euphorbia esula* to

E. cyparissias. Abundant in RI, unknown densities in NH. Populations highest in dry, mesic sites with sandy loam soils. Under these conditions, plant density may decrease quickly but unattacked roots recover; numerous years under right conditions required for this agent to

decrease populations permanently.

Limiting Factors Habitat

Research Organization State (7,11), USDA (10), USDA-APHIS

**References** 560, 712, 1578

#### **AGENT**

Species Aphthona czwalinai (Weise)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Aphthona czwalinae Weise

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

Notes Incorrectly spelled as Aphthona

czwalinae in select publications. While

A. czwalinai has in some cases been recorded as the incorrect spelling, it

has been confirmed by taxonomists that the correct genitive is "czwalinai"

and not "czwalinae".

### **RELEASE**

Country Canada

Year 1987

Source Ex. Austria

Established No.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 25, 152, 154, 735

### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia cyparissias; Aphthona czwalinai (continued)

### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1995

**Source** Ex. Austria, Hungary

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Redistributed from Euphorbia esula

to *E. cyparissias*. Scarcer than other *Aphthona* spp. in RI where this and *A. lacertosa* being replaced by *A. flava* and *A. nigriscutis*; unknown densities in NH. Does best in mesic habitats with cool summers. Under these conditions, plant density may decrease quickly but unattacked roots recover; numerous years under right conditions required for this agent to decrease populations permanently. Typically most impact in combination with other *Aphthona* spp.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

Research Organization State (7,11), USDA (10), USDA-APHIS

**References** 149, 560, 712, 1559, 1578

# **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia cyparissias (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Aphthona flava Guillebeau **Classification** (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada Year 1982

Source Ex. Hungary, Italy

Established No.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 25, 154, 735

RELEASE

Country United States of America

Year 1995

Source Ex. Italy, Hungary

Established Yes **Abundance** High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Redistributed from Euphorbia esula to E. cyparissias. Abundant in RI where along with Aphthona nigriscutis replacing A. lacertosa and A. czwalinai; unknown densities in NH. Best suited to mesicto-dry habitats, in alluvial soils above flood lines, and light shade. Probably less likely to survive low temperatures than other Aphthona spp. Under ideal conditions, plant density may decrease quickly but unattacked roots recover; numerous years under right conditions required for this agent to decrease populations permanently.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

Research Organization State (7,11), USDA (10), USDA-APHIS

**References** 149, 560, 712

### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia cyparissias (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Aphthona lacertosa Rosenhauer Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1995

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary, Former Yugoslavia

Established Yes Abundance Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Redistributed from Euphorbia esula

to E. cyparissias. Scarcer than other Aphthona spp. in RI where this and A. czwalinai being replaced by A. flava and A. nigriscutis, unknown densities in NH. Does best in loamy soils, can adapt locally to both dry and wet habitats. Under some conditions, plant density may decrease quickly but unattacked roots recover; numerous years under right conditions required for this agent to decrease populations permanently. Typically most impact in combination

with other Aphthona spp.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

Research Organization State (7,11), USDA (10), USDA-APHIS

**References** 149, 560, 712, 1559, 1578

### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia cyparissias (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Aphthona nigriscutis Foudras

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1986

Source Ex. Hungary

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Helps reduce Euphorbia cyparissias

in the immediate release areas. Most

effective in very dry, open sites.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 25, 152, 154

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1995

Source Ex. Hungary via Canada

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

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**EUPHORBIACEAE** 

Euphorbia cyparissias; Aphthona nigriscutis (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Notes Redistributed from Euphorbia esula to

E. cyparissias. Abundant in RI where along with Aphthona flava replacing A. lacertosa and A. czwalinai, unknown densities in NH. Prefers sandy or gravel soil and typically drier sites. Under ideal conditions, plant density may decrease quickly but unattacked roots recover; numerous years under right conditions required for this agent to decrease

populations permanently.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

Research Organization State (7,11), USDA (10), USDA-APHIS

**References** 149, 560, 1456

**AGENT** 

Chamaesphecia empiformis Esper Species

Classification (Lepidoptera: Sesiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. Austria, Germany, Switzerland

Established No.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 25, 152, 154, 730

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1989

Source Ex. Austria, Germany, Switzerland

Established No.

Research Organization AAFC

References 25, 152, 154

Euphorbia cyparissias; Chamaesphecia empiformis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1975

Source Ex. Austria, Germany, Switzerland

Established No.

**Research Organization** USDA (7,10), State (6,7,15)

**References** 36, 711, 712, 1559

**AGENT** 

Species Hyles euphorbiae (L.)

Past Names/Synonyms Celerio euphorbiae (L.)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Sphingidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

Year 1965

Source Ex. France, Germany, Switzerland

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Increasingly common in AB and other provinces. Densities may be decreased by predation at some sites. Even

when populations high, plants recover from defoliation. Limited biocontrol value alone, but may stress weed in combination with other agents

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Parasitism

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 25, 152, 154, 730, 736, 1087

**EUPHORBIACEAE** 

Euphorbia cyparissias; Hyles euphorbiae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1976

Source Ex. France, Germany, Switzerland via

Canada

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Established on the fertile tetraploid form

of weed in NY. Initially high densities have since decreased due to high levels of predation. Even where high densities have resulted in total defoliation, impact insignificant as plant populations can

tolerate yearly defoliation.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization USDA (1)

**References** 83, 86, 560, 730, 1456, 1578

**AGENT** 

Species Lobesia euphorbiana (Freyer)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Italy

Established No.

Notes Redistributed from Euphorbia esula to

E. cyparissias but failed to establish.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 154, 735

# EUPHORBIACEAE

Euphorbia cyparissias (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Oberea erythrocephala (Schrank)

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1986

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established No.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 25, 152, 154

**AGENT** 

Species Pegomya euphorbiae (Kieffer)

Past Names/Synonyms Pegomya argyrocephala (Meigen)

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Classification (Diptera: Anthomyiidae)

Notes Previously included with Pegomya

curticornis (Stein) under Pegomya

argyrocephala (Meigen)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1989

Source Ex. Hungary

Established No.

Notes Initially survived in cages but

redistribution failed; currently no

established field populations.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 25, 154, 622

### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia cyparissias (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Spurgia capitigena (Bremi)

Past Names/Synonyms Bayeria capitigena Bremi

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

Notes Previously included with Spurgia

esulae Gagné under Bayeria capitigena Bremi. The agent was transferred to Spurgia and separated into two distinct species in 1990 by the entomologist R.J. Gagné. More recent studies with these species revealed no evidence for two fly species, or two fly species separated by host plant. However, a revision of this group has not been published, so the two names created by Gagné remained valid at the time of publication of this version of the

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1990

Source Ex. Italy via USA

catalogue.

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Galls prevent flower formation and

seed production though overall impact

appears negligible.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 25, 152, 154, 622

Euphorbia cyparissias (continued)

### **AGENT**

Species Spurgia esulae Gagné

Past Names/Synonyms Bayeria capitigena Bremi

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

Notes Previously included with Spurgia

capitigena (Bremi) under Bayeria capitigena Bremi. The agent was transferred to Spurgia and separated into two distinct species in 1990

by the entomologist R.J. Gagné. More recent studies with these species revealed no evidence for two fly species, or two fly species separated by host plant. However, a revision of this group has not been published, so the two names created by Gagné remained valid at the time

of publication of this version of the

catalogue.

#### RELEASE

Country Canada

**Year** 1990

Source Ex. Italy via USA

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Released at one site but with no record

of follow up on establishment.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 152, 154, 622

### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia cyparissias; Spurgia esulae (continued)

### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1995
Source Ex. Italy
Established Yes
Abundance Variable

General Impact None

Notes Redistributed from Euphorbia esula to

E. cyparissias. Sporadic in NH, abundant at one site in RI. No damage apparent, galls form following flowering

so overall impact insignificant.

Research Organization State (7,11), USDA (10), USDA-APHIS

References 149, 560

### **EUPHORBIACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |   |
|----------------|---|
| Family         | Euphorbiaceae   |
| Species        | Euphorbia esula L.  |
| Notes          | A controversial and morphologically variable species considered to represent a complex of forms, species and hybrids. |
| Origin         | Eurasia   |
| Common Name    | leafy spurge  |
| References     | 149, 622  |
| AGENT          |   |
| Species        | Aphthona abdominalis (Duftschmidt)  |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)   |

### RELEASE

Country United States of America

Year 1993 Source Ex. Italy

Established No

**Research Organization** State (15,28), USDA (10,14)

**References** 149, 332, 334, 335, 622, 710, 712, 1586

### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia esula (continued)

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Species Aphthona cyparissiae (Koch)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

### RELEASE

Country Canada Year 1982

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary, Switzerland

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** High populations effectively control

Euphorbia esula populations in dry, open sites but insect densities too low

and ineffective elsewhere.

Limiting Factors Habitat

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 154, 432, 622, 734, 735, 1140,

1187

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1986

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary, Italy, Switzerland

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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TABLE 1

Euphorbia esula; Aphthona cyparissiae (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued) **Notes** Well established at few release sites but overall much less abundant than other Aphthona spp. Populations highest at dry, mesic sites with sandy loam soils. Under these conditions, plant density may decrease quickly but unattacked roots recover; numerous years under right conditions required

> for this agent to decrease populations permanently. Damage typically greatest in combination with other Aphthona spp.

Limiting Factors

Habitat

Research Organization USDA (7,10,14), State (7,9,11,13,15,28),

**USDA-APHIS** 

**References** 36, 332, 334, 622, 711, 712, 1122, 1367, 1456, 1458, 1578, 1586

**EUPHORBIACEAE** 

Euphorbia esula (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Aphthona czwalinai (Weise)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Aphthona czwalinae Weise

**Classification** (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

Notes Incorrectly spelled as Aphthona czwalinae in select publications. While A. czwalinai has in some cases been recorded as the incorrect spelling, it has been confirmed by taxonomists that the correct genitive is "czwalinai"

and not "czwalinae".

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1985

Source Ex. Austria

Established Yes

Abundance Rare

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Does best in mesic habitats with

cool summers, though distribution limited throughout range. Release sites now dominated by Aphthona lacertosa. Sampling over 100 release mixed locations from 1999-2012 have yielded extremely low numbers of A. czwalinai; populations appear to be morphologically all A. lacertosa. Resampling efforts currently underway at initially pure A. czwalinai sites and pure A. lacertosa sites throughout Canada for molecular analysis.

Habitat Research Organization AAFC

**References** 152, 154, 432, 622, 735, 1187, 1585

**Limiting Factors** 

Euphorbia esula; Aphthona czwalinai (continued)

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Canada **Year** 1995

**Source** Ex. Austria, Hungary via USA

Established Yes
Abundance Rare
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Does best in mesic habitats with

cool summers, though distribution limited throughout range. Release sites now dominated by *Aphthona lacertosa*. Sampling over 100 release mixed locations from 1999-2012 have yielded extremely low numbers of *A. czwalinai*; populations appear to be morphologically all *A. lacertosa*. Resampling efforts currently underway at initially pure *A. czwalinai* sites and pure *A. lacertosa* sites throughout

Canada for molecular analysis.

Limiting Factors Habitat
Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 151, 152, 154, 432, 959, 1187,

1578, 1585

### RELEASE

Country United States of America

**Year** 1987

Source Ex. Austria, Hungary

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia esula; Aphthona czwalinai (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Notes Does best in mesic sites. Control of leafy spurge on local level within specific habitats achieved primarily by Aphthona nigriscutis, A. czwalinai and A. lacertosa. A. czwalinai thought to have been a major component in early years of biocontrol program until it was discovered that most of what was being called A. czwalinai was in fact A. lacertosa. Subsequently considered insignificant, until large populations

recently found in ND.

Limiting Factors Habitat

Research Organization USDA (7,10,12,15), State (7),

**USDA-APHIS** 

**References** 36, 207, 334, 560, 622, 711, 712, 1367,

1456, 1578, 1585, 1586

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1993
Source Ex. Russia
Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown

**General Impact** Unknown **Geographical Scale of Impact** Unknown

**Notes** Released at one remote location that

has since experienced large range fire. Follow up evaluation lacking so remains unknown if this population established.

Research Organization USDA (7,10,12,15), State (7),

USDA-APHIS

**References** 1103, 1578

Euphorbia esula (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Aphthona flava Guillebeau

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1982

Source Ex. Hungary, Italy

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Not as abundant as Aphthona

nigriscutis. Euphorbia esula density declined where populations of A. flava high, however not possible to attribute the reduction to A. flava alone as the site has been grazed by sheep, and A. nigriscutis also present. Does best at mesic-dry sites with sandy soil and

warm temperatures.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 152, 154, 432, 1187, 1585

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1985

Source Ex. Italy, Hungary

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited General Impact Variable

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**EUPHORBIACEAE** 

Euphorbia esula; Aphthona flava (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Notes Best suited to mesic-to-dry habitats, in

alluvial soils above flood lines, and light shade. Probably less likely to survive low temperatures than other Aphthona spp. In one area in MT its effect has been spectacular, but overall is much less abundant than other *Aphthona* spp.: persists at fairly low levels with little noticeable impact on infestations.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

Research Organization USDA (7,10,12) State (6,7,9,11,13,15),

**USDA-APHIS** 

**References** 36, 149, 332, 334, 560, 711, 712, 1122,

1367, 1456, 1460, 1578, 1586

**AGENT** 

Species Aphthona lacertosa Rosenhauer

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

1987 Year

Ex. Hungary, Former Yugoslavia Source

Yes **Established** 

High **Abundance** 

Heavy **General Impact** 

Localized Geographical Scale of Impact

### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia esula; Aphthona lacertosa (continued)

**Country** Canada (continued)

**Notes** High beetle densities significantly

reduce *Euphorbia esula* stem density. This species best suited for mesic to moist sites. Sampling over 100 *Aphthona czwalinai* release locations from 1999-2012 have yielded extremely low numbers of *A. czwalinai*; populations are morphologically all *A. lacertosa*. Resampling efforts currently underway for pure *A. czwalinai* release sites and pure *A. lacertosa* sites throughout Canada for phylogenetic analysis.

Limiting Factors Habitat
Research Organization AAFC

**References** 151, 152, 154, 432, 735, 959, 1187,

1585

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1995

Source Ex. Hungary via USA

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** High beetle densities significantly reduce *Euphorbia esula* stem density.

This species best suited for mesic to

moist sites.

Limiting Factors Habitat Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 151, 152, 154, 432, 959, 1187,

1585

**EUPHORBIACEAE** 

Euphorbia esula; Aphthona lacertosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1993

**Source** Ex. Austria, Hungary, Former Yugoslavia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

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**Notes** Does best in loamy soils, can adapt

locally to both dry and wet habitats.

Along with Aphthona nigriscutis,
significantly reducing plant density at
local level in most regions. Not effective

at all sites.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

Research Organization State (15), USDA-APHIS

**References** 36, 207, 334, 335, 560, 622, 711, 712,

1122, 1367, 1559, 1578, 1586, 1895,

1904

**AGENT** 

Species Aphthona nigriscutis Foudras

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

RELEASE

Country Canada Year 1983

**Source** Ex. Hungary

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Euphorbia esula; Aphthona nigriscutis (continued)

RELEASE

Country Canada (continued)

Notes Extremely effective at reducing or

removing *Euphorbia esula* in open, warm, very dry habitats with lighter soils. Populations low or absent at moist,

sheltered sites on heavy soil.

Limiting Factors Habitat

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 25, 117, 151, 154, 432, 734, 735, 959,

1187

RELEASE

Country United States of America

Year 1989

Source Ex. Hungary via Canada

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Prefers sandy or gravel soil and

typically drier sites. Along with *Aphthona lacertosa*, significantly reducing plant density at local level in most regions. Not effective at all sites. Impact may be hindered by bacterium which causes high mortality in males, resulting in

female biased populations.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat; Disease

Other Species Attacked Spillover feeding observed on the

native Euphorbia robusta (Engelm.); as Euphorbia esula L. density declined, so did feeding on E. robusta and E. robusta

populations increased.

**Research Organization** USDA (10,14), State (6,7,9,11,13,15,28),

**USDA-APHIS** 

**References** 73, 149, 207, 334, 560, 622, 711, 712,

1090, 1122, 1456, 1586, 1904

**EUPHORBIACEAE** 

Euphorbia esula (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Chamaesphecia astatiformis Herrich-

Schäffer

Classification (Lepidoptera: Sesiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1993

Source Ex. Former Yugoslavia

Established No

**Notes** Though has overwintered successfully

in cages at AB, did not establish in open

releases on prairies.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 154, 622, 735

**AGENT** 

Species Char

Chamaesphecia crassicornis Bartel

Classification (Lepidoptera: Sesiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1994

Source Ex. Hungary

Established No

**Notes** Though has overwintered successfully

in cages at AB, did not establish in open

releases on prairies.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 154, 622, 735

### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia esula; Chamaesphecia crassicornis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1994

Source Ex. Romania

Established No.

**Research Organization** USDA (10,14), State (15)

**References** 149, 332, 334, 335, 622, 712

**AGENT** 

Species Chamaesphecia hungarica Tomala

Classification (Lepidoptera: Sesiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Former Yugoslavia

Established No

**Notes** Though has overwintered successfully

in cages at AB, did not establish in open

releases on prairies.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 154, 622, 735

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1993

**Source** Ex. Hungary, Former Yugoslavia

Established No.

Notes Initially recovered and well established

at one site by 1996 but has since been

considered a failure.

**Research Organization** USDA (10,14), State (7)

**References** 622, 711, 712

### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia esula (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Chamaesphecia tenthrediniformis

(Denis & Schiffermüller)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Sesiidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Austria, Greece

Established No

Notes Did not develop on Euphorbia esula

targets in Canada.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 154, 622, 730

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1975

Source Ex. Austria

Established No.

**Notes** Establishment failure due to agent being

so specific as to not be able to survive on North American biotypes of this

weed.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity

**Research Organization** USDA (7,10), State (6,7,15)

References 622, 712, 1456, 1731

Euphorbia esula (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Hyles euphorbiae (L.)

Past Names/Synonyms Celerio euphorbiae (L.)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Sphingidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

Year 1966

**Source** Ex. France, Germany, Switzerland

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Scattered but widespread in ON, though increasingly common in AB and other

provinces. Densities often low due to predation. Even when populations high, plants recover from defoliation. Limited biocontrol value alone, but may stress

weed in combination with other agents. **Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 152, 154, 432, 730, 736, 1185, 1187

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1966

Source Ex. France, Germany, Switzerland via

Canada

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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**EUPHORBIACEAE** 

Euphorbia esula; Hyles euphorbiae (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Though moth densities may be locally

high in some years, disease and predation typically prevent densities from developing to levels substantial

enough to impact leafy spurge

populations in some areas. Even where high densities resulted in total plant defoliation, impact insignificant as this

does not kill plants.

Disease: Predation Limiting Factors

Research Organization USDA (7,10), State (6,7,9,13),

USDA-APHIS. USDA-ARS

**References** 36, 83, 86, 149, 332, 560, 710, 712,

730, 1456, 1512, 1731

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1980

Source Ex. Hungary

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** This release not differentiated from

earlier release sourced via Canada. Though moth densities may be locally high in some years, disease and predation typically prevent densities from developing to levels substantial enough to impact leafy spurge

populations in some areas. Even where high densities resulted in total plant defoliation, impact insignificant as this

does not kill plants.

Research Organization State (7,15), USDA (10)

**References** 36, 149, 332, 334, 712, 1456, 1578

# EUPHORBIACEAE Euphorbia esula (continued)

### AGENT

Species Lobesia euphorbiana (Freyer)
Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

### RELEASE

Year 1983
Source Ex. Italy
Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Densities vary with plant populations;

low in some provinces but high enough for redistribution in BC and MB.

Repeated heavy attack may kill target

plant.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 154, 432, 622, 735, 1187

### **AGENT**

Species Minoa murinata (Scopoli)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Geometridae)

### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 1988

Source Ex. Germany, Austria

Established No

Notes Initially survived in field cages in AB and

SK, being abundant in AB cages in 1996 and with a few individuals found outside. In subsequent years, considered to have failed establishment at any field site.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 152, 154, 622, 1185, 1187

### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia esula (continued)

### **AGENT**

Species Oberea erythrocephala (Schrank)

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 1979

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established Yes
Abundance Rare
General Impact None

**Notes** At high densities small plants can be

killed, however field populations too low

to have significant impact.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 152, 154, 730, 1187

### RELEASE

**Country** United States of America

Year 1980 Source Ex. Italy Established No

Research Organization USDA (7,10), State (7,13,15), USDA-

APHIS

**References** 334, 1456, 1560

TABLE 1

Euphorbia esula; Oberea erythrocephala (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1982

**Source** Ex. Austria, Hungary, Italy

Established Yes Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially believed to potentially greatly depress leafy spurge populations, but densities have remained too low to impart significant impact in the field. Believed to cause decline of larger plants at some infestations. This species may attack only specific biotypes of leafy spurge, thus limiting its efficacy in

many areas.

Limiting Factors Specificity

**Research Organization** USDA (7,10), State (7,13,15)

**References** 332, 334, 335, 711, 712, 1367, 1456,

1536, 1560, 1578, 1895

### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia esula (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Pegomya curticornis (Stein)

Past Names/Synonyms Pegomya argyrocephala (Meigen)

pars

Classification (Diptera: Anthomyiidae)

Previously included with Pegomya

euphorbiae (Kieffer) under Pegomya

argyrocephala (Meigen)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1988

Source Ex. Hungary

Established No

**Notes** Said to have overwintered successfully

for 1 year in Regina SK but these individuals were likely Pegomya euphorbiae because original host specificity testing indicated P. curticornis would not develop on North American Euphorbia esula. It is possible all material released was P. euphorbiae. All Canadian *P. euphorbiae* populations failed to permanently establish in the

field.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 152, 154, 1185, 1187

# EUPHORBIACEAE Euphorbia esula (continued)

### **AGENT**

Species Pegomya euphorbiae (Kieffer)

Past Names/Synonyms Pegomya argyrocephala (Meigen)

pars

Classification (Diptera: Anthomyiidae)

Notes Previously included with Pegomya

curticornis (Stein) under Pegomya

argyrocephala (Meigen)

### **RELEASE**

Country Canada

**Year** 1988

Source Ex. Hungary

Established No.

Notes Survived in field cages in AB for 4 years

but redistribution failed; currently no

established field populations.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 152, 154, 735, 1185, 1187

### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia esula (continued)

### **AGENT**

Species Spurgia capitigena (Bremi)

Past Names/Synonyms Bayeria capitigena Bremi

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

Notes Previously included with Spurgia

esulae Gagné under Bayeria capitigena Bremi. The agent was transferred to Spurgia and separated into two distinct species in 1990 by the entomologist R.J. Gagné. More recent studies with these species revealed no evidence for two fly species, or two fly species separated by host plant. However, a revision of this group has not been published, so the two names created by Gagné remained valid at the time of publication of this version of the

### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 1987

Source Ex. Italy via USA

catalogue.

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown
General Impact Slight

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Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Galls prevent flower formation and

seed production though overall impact

appears negligible.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 152, 154, 432, 622

Euphorbia esula; Spurgia capitigena (continued)

### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 2001

Source Ex. France

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Released at two locations in ND; only

the first yielded galls during subsequent surveys. Current abundance and impact unknown. Different population believed to be present after inadvertent introduction as contaminant in one release of Spurgia esulae collected from

Italy.

Research Organization USDA (16)

**References** 1106, 1142

#### **AGENT**

Species Spurgia esulae Gagné

Past Names/Synonyms Bayeria capitigena Bremi

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

Notes Previously included with Spurgia capitigena (Bremi) under Bayeria capitigena Bremi. The agent was transferred to Spurgia and separated into two distinct species in 1990 by the entomologist R.J. Gagné. More recent studies with these species revealed no evidence for two fly species, or two fly species separated by host plant. However, a revision of this group has not been published, so the two names created by Gagné remained valid at the time of publication of this version of the catalogue.

### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia esula; Spurgia esulae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada **Year** 1987

Source Ex. Italy via USA

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Galls prevent flower formation and

seed production though overall impact

appears negligible.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 152, 154, 432, 622, 1185, 1187

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1985 Source Ex. Italy Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited General Impact None

**Notes** No damage apparent. Densities

generally low, but even where most abundant, galls form following flowering

so overall impact insignificant.

Research Organization USDA (7,10,12,14), State

(7,11,13,15,28), USDA-APHIS

39, 149, 335, 560, 711, 712, 1106, 1449, References

1456

### **EUPHORBIACEAE** (continued)

# WEED

Family Euphorbiaceae

Species Euphorbia oblongata Griseb.

Origin Europe

Common Name oblong spurge

**AGENT** 

Species Hyles euphorbiae (L.)

Past Names/Synonyms Celerio euphorbiae (L.)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Sphingidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. France, Germany, Switzerland via

Canada

Established No

Research Organization USDA (7)

**References** 231, 712, 1512

# **EUPHORBIACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Euphorbiaceae

Species Jatropha gossypiifolia L.

Origin Mexico, Caribbean, South America

Common Name bellyache bush

**AGENT** 

Species Agonosoma trilineatum (Fabricius)

Classification (Heteroptera: Scutelleridae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 2003

Source Ex. Venezuela, Curação (formerly

Netherlands Antilles)

Established No

Research Organization CSIRO, QLD State, NT

**References** 768, 770

### **FABACEAE**

| WEED           |  |
|----------------|--|
| Family         | Fabaceae   |
| Species        | Acacia baileyana F. Muell.   |
| Origin         | Australia  |
| Common Name    | Bailey's wattle  |
| AGENT          |  |
| Species        | Melanterius maculatus Lea  |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)  |
| Notes          | Taxonomic and molecular evidence   |
|                | have revealed no intra-specific  |
|                | differences in different provenances of<br>Melanterius maculatus, but patterns |
|                | of host-use indicate that host-specific  |
|                | strains may occur.   |
| References     | 871  |

### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2006

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release General Impact Too early post release

Notes Release is too recent for meaningful evaluation; establishment has been confirmed at one release site, but further overseas collections are required to facilitate introductions into new areas.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 869, 871, 992

### FABACEAE (continued)

| WEED           |                                   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Family         | Fabaceae                          |
| Species        | Acacia cyclops A. Cunn. ex G. Don |
| Origin         | Australia                         |
| Common Name    | red eye/rooikrans                 |
| ACENT          |                                   |
| AGENT          |                                   |
| Species        | Dasineura dielsi Rübsaamen        |
| Classification | (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)          |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 2001

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** High General Impact Variable

Notes Established in WC during 2001

field host-specificity testing. Official approval for release was subsequently obtained. High populations initially led to enormous gall loads, virtually eliminating pod production in some areas. At many other sites, levels of pod suppression vary from year to year, driven largely by considerable fluctuations in the extent and duration of annual plant flowering. Parasitism (typically <10%) and predation limit populations at some

areas and in some years.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Predation

Acacia cyclops; Dasineura dielsi (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

Other Species Attacked Also attacks other exotic but sometimes

commercially important *Acacia* spp. including: *A. floribunda* (Vent.) Willd., *A. implexa* Benth., *A. longifolia* (Andr.) Willd., *A. melanoxylon* R. Br., *A. pendula* A. Cunn. Ex G. Don., and *A. saligna* (Labill.) H.L. Wendl. though the impact is

expected to be negligible.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 4, 869, 871, 874, 992, 1522

#### **FABACEAE**

Acacia cyclops (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Melanterius servulus Pascoe

Past Names/Synonyms Melanterius servulus Pascoe (type A)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Initially slow to disperse, eventually

widespread. Adult and larval feeding causes seed mortality highly variable between sites; overall impacts moderate. Initially believed inconsistencies in pod availability (due to heavy *Dasineura dielsi* impact) might cause lasting declines and even local extinctions of this agent, but the weevil has since demonstrated an ability to

pod availability and to rebound when pods become available again.

persist through periods of extremely low

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 477, 867, 869, 871, 872, 874, 992

TABLE 1

| WEED                |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Family              | Fabaceae   |
| Species             | Acacia dealbata Link   |
| Origin              | Australia  |
| Common Name         | silver wattle  |
| AGENT               |  |
| Species             | Melanterius maculatus Lea  |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Melanterius sp. nr maculatus   |
| Classification      | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)  |
| Notes               | Taxonomic and molecular evidence   |
|                     | have revealed no intra-specific  |
|                     | differences in different provenances of<br>Melanterius maculatus, but patterns |
|                     | of host-use indicate that host-specific  |
|                     | strains may occur.   |
| References          | 871  |

## **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1994

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Seed damage has ranged from 64-93%

(mean 79%) at the few sites where establishment is confirmed. Additional

monitoring needed.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 477, 869, 871, 992

## FABACEAE (continued)

| WEED Family Species Origin Common Name | Fabaceae  Acacia decurrens (Wendl.) Willd.  Australia green wattle  |
|--|---|
| AGENT Species Classification Notes     | Melanterius maculatus Lea (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) Taxonomic and molecular evidence have revealed no intra-specific differences in different provenances of Melanterius maculatus, but patterns of host-use indicate that host-specific strains may occur. |
| References                             | 871   |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1998

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Seed damage has ranged from 42-93%

(mean 63%) at the few sites where establishment is confirmed. Additional

monitoring needed.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 867, 869, 871, 992

**WEED** Family Fabaceae Species Acacia longifolia (Andrews) Willd. Origin Australia Common Name long-leaved wattle **AGENT** Species Melanterius ventralis Lea Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1985

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Hiah

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially slow to disperse, but currently widely distributed throughout weed range. Highly active and extremely efficient at locating pods. Reduces seed production by average of 72.5% during pod growing season, complementing impact of Trichilogaster acaciaelongifoliae earlier in the season. The two species together have reduced seed production to only 1% of levels formerly found in South Africa; Acacia longifolia now found only in localized and generally isolated thickets with no indications of expanding into

surrounding areas.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 476, 477, 514, 867, 869, 871, 992

#### **AGENT**

Acacia longifolia (continued)

**FABACEAE** 

Species Trichilogaster acaciaelongifoliae

(Froggatt)

**Classification** (Hymenoptera: Pteromalidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1982

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Can reduce seed production >95% directly by galling reproductive buds and indirectly by increasing abscission of some remaining inflorescences. Causes some mortality of adult trees at sites under stressful environmental conditions. Impact initially varied by location; lower efficacy in hot inland valleys and elevated cooler mist belt regions was attributed to poor climatic matching. Given more time for dispersal, there were no indications climatic conditions were influencing distribution. In conjunction with Melanterius ventralis, reduces seed production of Acacia longifolia to only 1% of levels formerly found in South Africa. A. longifolia now found only in localized and generally isolated thickets with no indications of expanding into surrounding areas. High levels of parasitism by native parasitoids do not seem to decrease efficacy significantly.

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**TABLE** 

Acacia longifolia; Trichilogaster acaciaelongifoliae (continued)

Republic of South Africa (continued)

Other Species Attacked

Also attacks other exotic but sometimes commercially important Acacia spp. including: A. floribunda (Vent.) Willd. and A. melanoxylon R. Br. as well as the closely related Paraserianthes

lophantha (Willd.) Nielsen.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 475, 476, 477, 478, 514, 867, 869, 871,

992, 1339

## FABACEAE (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Fabaceae

Species Acacia mearnsii De Wild.

Origin Australia Common Name black wattle

**AGENT** 

Species Melanterius maculatus Lea

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**Notes** Taxonomic and molecular evidence

have revealed no intra-specific differences in different provenances of Melanterius maculatus, but patterns of host-use indicate that host-specific

strains may occur.

References 871

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1993

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate General Impact Variable

Notes Can cause substantial levels of seed

reduction, however damage is not consistent (ranging from 4-78%, mean 49%) and considerable quantities of

seed are still produced annually.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 477, 869, 870, 871, 992

## FABACEAE (continued)

Family Fabaceae
Species Acacia melanoxylon R. Br.
Origin Australia
Common Name Australian blackwood

AGENT
Species Melanterius acaciae Lea
Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1986

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heav

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially slow to disperse, but currently

widely distributed causing significant seed damage, typically >90%. Concerns about the invasiveness of *Acacia melanoxylon* have diminished since the

proliferation of *Melanterius acaciae*.

Other Species Attacked Spillover attack occurs on the exotic

Acacia cyclops A. Cunn. ex G. Don and A. saligna (Labill.) H.L. Wendl. when growing near A. melanoxylon R. Br. when pods of A. melanoxylon are not

available.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 476, 477, 869, 871, 992

## FABACEAE (continued)

| WEED           |  |
|----------------|--|
| Family         | Fabaceae   |
| Species        | Acacia podalyriifolia A. Cunn. ex G.<br>Don  |
| Origin         | Australia  |
| Common Name    | pearl acacia   |
| AGENT          |  |
| Species        | Melanterius maculatus Lea  |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)  |
| Notes          | Taxonomic and molecular evidence have revealed no intra-specific differences in different provenances of |
|                | Melanterius maculatus, but patterns of host-use indicate that host-specific                              |
| References     | strains may occur.<br>871  |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 2008

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release General Impact Too early post release

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 871, 992

| WEED           |   |
|----------------|---|
| Family         | Fabaceae  |
| Species        | Acacia pycnantha Benth.   |
| Origin         | Australia   |
| Common Name    | golden wattle   |
| AGENT          |   |
| Species        | Melanterius maculatus Lea   |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)   |
| Notes          | Taxonomic and molecular evidence have revealed no intra-specific differences in different provenances of <i>Melanterius maculatus</i> , but patterns of host-use indicate that host-specific strains may occur. |
| References     | 871   |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2005

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

**General Impact** Medium Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Since 2006, seed damage levels have reached 56% at some sites. Though populations still increasing, all indications are that because of combination of this species with Trichilogaster signiventris, Acacia pycnantha is no longer a threat to

natural habitats in South Africa.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 871, 874, 992

#### **FABACEAE**

Acacia pycnantha (continued)

#### **AGENT**

**Species** *Trichilogaster signiventris* (Girault)

Past Names/Synonyms Trichilogaster sp. B, Trichilogaster sp.

**Classification** (Hymenoptera: Pteromalidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1987

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes

Initially believed both releases failed to establish; by 1995 was realized the 1992 release succeeded. Besides substantial reductions in seed production, galls serve as nutrient sinks. In some cases, extensive galling causes collapse of branches and toppling of whole trees. Still, many seed pods successfully produced. Melanterius maculatus released in 2005 to complement wasp effects. Though *M. maculatus* is still increasing, all indications are that both agents combined have made Acacia pycnantha no longer a threat to natural habitats in South Africa.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 477, 479, 825, 869, 871, 874, 992

## **FABACEAE** (continued)

Family Fabaceae
Species Acacia saligna (Labill.) H. L. Wendl.
Origin Australia
Common Name Port Jackson willow

AGENT
Species Melanterius compactus Lea
Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 2001

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Very effective in established locations

where seed damage typically >90%. Nicely complements impacts by *Uromycladium tepperianum*. Redistributions to additional *Acacia* 

saligna infestations a priority.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 869, 871, 874, 992

## FABACEAE Acacia saligna (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** *Uromycladium tepperianum* (Sacc.)

McAlpine

**Classification** (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1987

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Prevalent wherever Acacia saligna

occurs. Has caused dramatic decline in population density and longevity of mature trees, as well as reduction in canopy cover and seed production. Though highly effective, takes ~5 years to kill infected plants and ~5 more to reduce tree densities to low levels, allowing infected trees to set seeds for number of years before succumbing. Efficacy increased in conjunction with *Melanterius compactus*, whose populations are continuing to increase. Parasitism observed, though its impact

on rust efficacy unknown.

**Limiting Factors** Possibly Parasitism

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 871, 874, 992, 1281, 1282, 2007

**WEED** Family Fabaceae Caesalpinia decapetala (Roth) Alston Species Notes May exist as several biotypes Origin Asia Common Name Mauritius thorn, Kraaldoring **AGENT** Species Sulcobruchus subsuturalis (Pic) Past Names/Synonyms Sulcobruchus bakeri Kingsolver, Bruchus subsuturalis Pic. Bruchus ocularis Pic **Classification** (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1999

Source Ex. India

Established Yes

Abundance Rare

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Tentatively believed established. Though widely released, remains scarce where present. Causes high seed mortality in the laboratory when populations are large, but which may have limited to no effect on the population dynamics of Caesalpinia decapetala in the field. High levels of parasitism and predation likely limit populations. C. decapetala may exist as several biotypes, and the local variety may not be a suitable host for the form of Sulcobruchus subsuturalis that has been imported into South Africa.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Predation; Specificity

Research Organization ARC-PPRI, WUSA

References 209, 211, 299, 301, 958, 992

### FABACEAE (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Fabaceae

Species Cytisus scoparius (L.) Link

Past Names/Synonyms Cytisus scoparius (L.) Link subsp.

scoparius, Sarothamnus scoparius

(L.) Wimm. ex W. D. J. Koch

Origin Europe

Common Name Scotch broom, broom

**AGENT** 

Species Aceria genistae (Nalepa)

Classification (Acari: Eriophyidae)

Research indicates Aceria genistae

includes a number of distinct strains. each of which is specific to one

species of plant.

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 2008

**Source** Ex. France (southern)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Too early post release **General Impact** Too early post release

**Notes** Though established on mainland, impact

not vet known. Field studies currently underway. Well established in TAS and starting to disperse; causing severe damage to target plants at some sites.

Research Organization TAS State, VIC State, CSIRO

**References** 848, 883, 1601, 1698

Cytisus scoparius; Aceria genistae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 2007

Source Ex. France

Established Yes

**Abundance** Too early post release **General Impact** Too early post release

**Notes** Some sites have very large numbers of galls with plants clearly exhibiting leaf loss, stem-tip dieback, and mortality. At other sites agent populations still

increasing post release.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 761, 848, 1063, 1064, 1443, 1601, 1698

**AGENT** 

**Species** Agonopterix assimilella Treitschke

Classification (Lepidoptera: Oecophoridae)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 2007

Source Ex. England, France

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Despite multiple and ongoing releases.

establishment has yet to be confirmed.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 542, 761, 1060, 1064

**FABACEAE** 

Cytisus scoparius (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** Arytainilla spartiophila (Förster)

Classification (Hemiptera: Psyllidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1994

Source Ex. France via New Zealand

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Only few specimens ever collected

in SA to confirm establishment there. Elsewhere, no recent comprehensive surveys carried out to verify long-term establishment, abundance or impact.

Research Organization CSIRO, NSW State, SA State

**References** 119, 365, 848, 849, 1178, 1418

RELEASE

Country New Zealand

Year 1993

Source Ex. England

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Damages new growth in spring and

becoming common, but damaging outbreaks occur rarely; predation may limit populations in some areas. Formal

evaluation lacking.

**Limiting Factors** Predation Research Organization MWLR

**References** 720, 761, 1064, 1770

Cytisus scoparius (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** Bruchidius villosus (Fabricius)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Australia

Year 1995

**Source** Ex. France; Ex. England via New

Zealand

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Easy to find at one NSW site,

established in limited numbers at only one VIC site. Additional studies warranted but evidence suggests weed populations not significantly impacted by

this species.

Research Organization CSIRO, NSW State

**References** 848, 849

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

Year 1987

Source Ex. England

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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#### **FABACEAE**

Cytisus scoparius; Bruchidius villosus (continued)

**Country** New Zealand (continued)

**Notes** Becoming common throughout New

Zealand, though unable to destroy sufficient seed to suppress Cytisus scoparius populations alone. Seed destruction rates of 73% in combination with absence of honeybee pollination could cause C. scoparius extinction at many sites, though seed rain predicted to be sufficient to maintain C. scoparius invasions over many sites largely due to

continued presence of beehives.

**Limiting Factors** 

Parasitism

Also feeds on the exotic Chamaecytisus Other Species Attacked

prolifer (L. f.) Link subsp. prolifer var. palmensis (Christ) A. Hansen & Sunding, a plant regarded as weedy in portions of New Zealand, but that also has benefits including use as fodder in high country farms when there is drought, as a pollen source for beekeepers, and as a supplementary food source for the threatened native

pigeon in New Zealand.

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 704, 720, 1064, 1445, 1652, 1773

Cytisus scoparius (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** Exapion fuscirostre (Fabricius)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion fuscirostre Fabricius

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1964

Source Ex. Italy

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Seed reduction between 20-60%

insufficient to impart significant control of plant populations alone, but may

contribute to slowed rate of spread. More studies needed. Parasitism

typically low but may limit populations

in some regions.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization USDA (7,12), State (9,15)

**References** 42, 46, 332, 335, 339, 340, 1578, 1752

**FABACEAE** 

Cytisus scoparius (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Gonioctena olivacea (Forster)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

**Year** 2006

Source Ex. England

Established Yes

**Abundance** Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Widespread and ongoing releases have

led to establishment in some areas, though it is still too soon to formally

evaluate impact.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 542, 761, 1053, 1060, 1064

**TABLE** 

Cytisus scoparius (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Leucoptera spartifoliella (Hübner)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Lyonetiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1993

Source Ex. Unknown via New Zealand

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Well established at one site in NSW

from where it was redistributed to VIC and later to TAS and SA. Recovered in TAS following most recent release but establishment needs to be confirmed. First release failed in SA; status of

recent release unknown.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization CSIRO, NSW State, VIC State

References 119, 848, 849, 886

**FABACEAE** 

Cytisus scoparius; Leucoptera spartifoliella (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1960

Source Ex. France

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Intentionally introduced in 1960 but

found to have already been present. Both populations subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Widespread in CA and OR but present at limited sites in WA. High population numbers can deform plants and cause stem dieback but plant density not affected and overall impact is negligible.

Heavily parasitized and does not do well in hot, dry sites.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Habitat

Research Organization USDA (7), State (15)

**References** 39, 42, 332, 335, 339, 340, 593, 1928

| WEED    |   |
|---------|---|
| Species | Fabaceae  Galega officinalis L.  western Asia, southern Europe goat's rue |
| ·       | Uromyces galegae (Opiz) Sacc.<br>(Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)           |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Chile **Year** 1973

Source Ex. France via Switzerland

Established Yes Abundance Unknown General Impact None

**Notes** Though established, impact negligible.

Research Organization UACH

**References** 84, 1356, 1362, 1378

## FABACEAE (continued)

| Origin        | Fabaceae  Leucaena leucocephala (Lam.) de Wit  Mexico, Central America leucaena, lead tree |
|---------------|--|
| AGENT Species | Acanthoscelides macrophthalmus   |
| ·             | (Schaeffer) (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)  |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1999

Source Ex. USA (FL, TX)

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Original laboratory colony sourced in Texas USA but later augmented with population from Florida when colony declined in quarantine. Literature does not differentiate between this population and the later release from Mexico. Widespread throughout KZN. Seed damage varies 2-62% and <30% on average. Extent of distribution elsewhere in the country unknown. Attack rates likely insufficient to regulate populations of Leucaena leucocephala in South Africa. Beetle populations hindered by several factors, including oviposition preferences, parasitism and low seed predation rates when seed abundance high.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization ARC-PPRI, UKZN

**References** 992, 1388, 1390, 1646, 1663

## FABACEAE; Leucaena leucocephala; Acanthoscelides macrophthalmus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Republic of South Africa Country

Year 2005

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Literature does not differentiate between this population and the earlier release from the USA. Widespread throughout KZN. Seed damage varies 2-62% and <30% on average. Extent of distribution elsewhere in the country unknown. Attack rates likely insufficient to regulate populations of Leucaena leucocephala in South Africa. Beetle populations hindered by several factors, including oviposition preferences, parasitism and low seed predation rates when seed

abundance high.

Limiting Factors

Parasitism; Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization ARC-PPRI, UKZN

**References** 992, 1388, 1390, 1646

## FABACEAE (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Fabaceae

Species Mimosa diplotricha C. Wright

Past Names/Synonyms Mimosa invisa Mart.

Origin tropical Americas

Common Name giant sensitive plant, creeping

sensitive plant, nila grass, vao fefe palagi, pikika'a papa'a, la'au fefe palagi, co gadrogadro, wa ngandrongandro ni wa, ngalelevu, wagadrogadro levu, limemeihr laud

References 1037, 1225, 1791

**AGENT** 

Heteropsylla spinulosa Muddiman, Species

Hodkinson & Hollis

Classification (Hemiptera: Psyllidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** American Samoa

**Year** 1997

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Samoa

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Has provided sustained suppression of

the weed requiring little or no additional

management efforts.

Research Organization DAFF, QLD State

**References** 427, 1037

#### **FABACEAE**

Mimosa diplotricha; Heteropsylla spinulosa (continued)

RELEASE

Country Australia

Year 1988

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Widely established. Plants severely

stunted, shoot elongation reduced by 84% and seed cluster density reduced

by 80%. Successful control of the weed.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1, 1225, 1979

RELEASE

Country Cook Islands

Year 1994

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Fiji

**Established** Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Has provided sustained suppression of

the weed requiring little or no additional

management efforts.

Research Organization SPC

**References** 427, 1037, 1868

**FABACEAE** 

Mimosa diplotricha; Heteropsylla spinulosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

**Year** 1992

**Source** Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Suppressed weed within four years of

release, requiring little or no additional management efforts. Where weed can be found in small patches on newly opened ground, *Heteropsylla spinulosa* 

still well established.

Research Organization COM, QLD State

**References** 427, 552, 1037, 1939

RELEASE

Country Fiji

Year 1993

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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Mimosa diplotricha; Heteropsylla spinulosa (continued)

Country Fiji (continued)

**Notes** After the first release from Samoa was believed to have failed, a second population from Australia was released. It was eventually determined both populations successfully established and both were subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Has provided sustained suppression of the weed requiring little or no additional management efforts. In some areas populations limited by climate as

Heteropsylla spinulosa can get washed

off plants in heavy rain.

**Limiting Factors** Climate; Predation

Research Organization KRS

**References** 418, 427, 1037, 1050, 1868, 1939

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji Year 1993

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Samoa

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Has provided sustained suppression of the weed requiring little or no additional management efforts. In some areas populations limited by climate as Heteropsylla spinulosa can get washed

off plants in heavy rain.

**Limiting Factors** Climate: Predation

Research Organization KRS

**References** 418, 427, 1037, 1050, 1868, 1939

**FABACEAE** 

Mimosa diplotricha; Heteropsylla spinulosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Guam Year 2008

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Federated

States of Micronesia

Established No.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 552, 1553, 1939

**RELEASE** 

Country Guam Year 2008

**Source** Ex. Brazil via Australia via Palau

Established Yes

**Abundance** Too early post release

**General Impact** Too early post release

Research Organization UOG

**References** 427, 1037, 1553, 1939

**RELEASE** 

Country Niue

Year 1994

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Fiji

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Successful control in most areas.

References 418, 1225, 1401

Mimosa diplotricha; Heteropsylla spinulosa (continued)

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**Country** Northern Mariana Islands

Year 2008

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Federated

States of Micronesia

Established No

Research Organization NMC

**References** 552, 1553, 1939

#### RELEASE

**Country** Northern Mariana Islands

Year 2008

**Source** Ex. Brazil via Australia via Palau

Established Yes

**Abundance** Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

Research Organization NMC

**References** 427, 1037, 1553, 1939

#### **RELEASE**

Country Palau

**Year** 1999

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Federated

States of Micronesia

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Has provided sustained suppression

of weed, requiring little or no additional

management efforts.

**References** 427, 550, 1037, 1225, 1553, 1939

#### **FABACEAE**

Mimosa diplotricha; Heteropsylla spinulosa (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Papua New Guinea

Year 1993

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Provided significant control within 12

months at some release sites. Weed now patchy due at least in part to *Heteropsylla spinulosa*. Impact high in drier areas where insect populations high, but low in wetter areas where

insect is less frequent.

**Limiting Factors** Climate; Habitat **Research Organization** RSL, QLD State

**References** 418, 427, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1939

#### **RELEASE**

Country Samoa

Year 1988

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Initially not believed to be widespread

or effective. More recently, has provided sustained suppression of the

weed requiring little or no additional management efforts.

Research Organization DAFF, QLD State

**References** 427, 1037, 1868, 1979

Mimosa diplotricha; Heteropsylla spinulosa (continued)

| RELEASE |  |
|---------|--|
|---------|--|

**Country** Solomon Islands

Year 1994

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Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Fiji

**Established** Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Has provided sustained suppression of the weed requiring little or no additional

management efforts.

Research Organization SPC

**References** 427, 1037, 1403, 1868

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Timor Leste

Year 2008

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release
General Impact Too early post release
Research Organization QLD State, MAFF, UNTL

**References** 418, 966, 1225

#### **FABACEAE**

Mimosa diplotricha; Heteropsylla spinulosa (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Tonga **Year** 2008

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Fiji

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy
Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Released at only Mimosa diplotricha

outbreak site known; now effective and

suppressing the weed.

Research Organization SPC

References 1403

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Vanuatu **Year** 1994

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Fiji

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight
Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Not very damaging. Populations

impacted by heavy rains.

Limiting Factors Climate

**References** 204, 418, 1401

## FABACEAE Mimosa diplotricha (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Psigida walkeri (Grote)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Saturniidae)

#### RELEASE

**Country** Cook Islands

Year 1994

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established No

Research Organization SPC

**References** 1225, 1868, 1917

#### **AGENT**

Species Scamurius sp.

Classification (Hemiptera: Coreidae)

## RELEASE

**Country** Australia

Year 1987

Source Ex. Brazil

Established No.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 765, 1225

#### **RELEASE**

Country Samoa

**Year** 1988

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established No

Research Organization DAFF, QLD State

References 1225

## FABACEAE (continued)

| WEED  Family Species Past Names/Synonyms Origin Common Name | Fabaceae  Mimosa pigra L.  Mimosa pigra L. var. pigra tropical Americas giant sensitive plant, mimosa, giant mimosa |
|---|---|
| AGENT Species Classification                                | Acanthoscelides puniceus Johnson (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)  |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia

**Year** 1983

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Destroys up to 10% of seeds which may

slow seedling recruitment on infestation edges. Alone, unlikely to have any significant impact wherever seed production is strongly seasonal.

**Limiting Factors** Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

**References** 765, 774, 1440, 1441, 1442, 1980, 1982

#### Mimosa pigra; Acanthoscelides puniceus (continued)

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Country Malaysia Year 1991

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Intentionally introduced, though separate population of unintentional individuals migrating from Thailand subsequently established in same regions and populations are no longer differentiated. Increasingly spreading,

however attack rates minimal (less than 12% damage to pods) and have limited

impact on weed population.

Research Organization MARDI, DOAM
References 55, 56, 58, 765, 774

#### **RELEASE**

Country Myanmar Year 1988

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia via Thailand

Established Yes
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Spread naturally from Thailand where it was intentionally introduced.

Also intentionally introduced with both populations subsequently not

differentiated. Overall status unknown.

Research Organization NBCRC References 774, 1327

#### **FABACEAE**

#### Mimosa pigra; Acanthoscelides puniceus (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Thailand Year 1983

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Widespread in all infested areas. With

Acanthoscelides quadridentatus resulted in up to 100% plant infestation although seed destruction relatively low (less than 50%). Unlikely to have significant impact

on weed populations.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 774, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1746

#### RELEASE

Country Vietnam Year 1987

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia via Thailand

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact None

**Notes** Though well established, has had no

impact on seed production.

Research Organization VNBCRC

**References** 219, 765, 774, 1327, 1329, 1711

## **FABACEAE**

Mimosa pigra (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Acanthoscelides quadridentatus

(Schaeffer)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1983

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No.

**Notes** Established initially in NT, but has not

persisted.

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

**References** 765, 1440, 1980, 1982

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Myanmar

**Year** 1988

**Source** Ex. Mexico via Australia via Thailand

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Spread naturally from Thailand

where it was intentionally introduced.

Also intentionally introduced with both populations subsequently not

differentiated. Overall status unknown.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 774, 1327

#### **FABACEAE**

Mimosa pigra; Acanthoscelides quadridentatus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Thailand

Year 1983

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widespread in all infested areas. With

Acanthoscelides puniceus resulted in up to 100% plant infestation although seed destruction relatively low (less than 50%). Unlikely to have significant impact

on weed populations.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 774, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1746

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Vietnam

**Year** 1987

**Source** Ex. Mexico via Australia via Thailand

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact None

**Notes** Though well established, has had no

impact on seed production.

Research Organization VNBCRC

**References** 219, 765, 774, 1327, 1329, 1711

Mimosa pigra (continued)

| AGENT          |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Species        | Carmenta mimosa Eichlin & Passoa |
| Classification | (Lepidoptera: Sesiidae)          |

#### **RELEASE**

CountryAustraliaYear1989SourceEx. Mexico

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Fetablish

Notes Established in all catchments with Mimosa pigra in NT. Spreading at 2 km/year. Weed infestations contracting when Carmenta mimosa is present due to reduced seed rain, seedling numbers and seed bank, increases in other vegetation, and susceptibility to fire. Further significant impact on stands is

predicted.

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

References 202, 765, 1408, 1441, 1444, 1982

#### **RELEASE**

Country Indonesia Year 1998

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established No

Notes Only released at one site and failed to

establish.

Research Organization NBCRC

References 765

#### **FABACEAE**

Mimosa pigra; Carmenta mimosa (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Malaysia **Year** 1997

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Appeared to establish but recent

information on progress lacking.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 55, 56, 774

### RELEASE

Country Thailand Year 1989

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established No

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 774, 1328, 1746

#### **RELEASE**

Country Thailand Year 1993

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established No

**Notes** Believed to have established initially

while being ineffective, but more recently considered a failed introduction.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 774, 1329, 1746

#### **FABACEAE**

Mimosa pigra; Carmenta mimosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Vietnam Year 1996

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate General Impact Medium

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Attacks only new shoots and young

plants which limits efficacy when spreading naturally. Now mass-reared and released in combination with other methods such as cutting or pulling

Research Organization VNBCRC

**References** 220, 774, 1329, 1711, 1982

**AGENT** 

Species Chalcodermus serripes Fåhraeus

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia Year 1996

Source Ex. Brazil, Mexico, Venezuela

Established Yes **Abundance** High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Thought to have failed establishment

until discovered in 2008. Now found in large populations over several river catchments. Increasing and causing heavy damage to flowers and seeds.

Research Organization CSIRO, NT References 765, 767

**FABACEAE** 

Mimosa pigra (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Chlamisus mimosae Karren

Past Names/Synonyms Chlamisus sp. nr. sidae

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1985

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Established in low numbers in only

one river system in NT despite wide

releases. Not effective.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

**References** 765, 967, 1408, 1982

**RELEASE** 

Country Thailand

Year 1985

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Believed to have established initially, but

soon disappeared from release sites.

Current status unknown.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 774, 967, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1746

Mimosa pigra; Chlamisus mimosae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Vietnam

Year 1990

**Source** Ex. Brazil via Australia via Thailand

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** This release was a single attempt with a small number of individuals; fate

unknown.

Research Organization NBCRC, VNBCRC

**References** 774, 1329

**AGENT** 

Species Coelocephalapion aculeatum (Fall)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion aculeatum Fall Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia Year 1992

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No.

**Notes** Initially reported to have established,

but has not been found since 2002. This insect is an obligate flower feeder and probably failed to survive the dry seasons when flowers are absent.

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

**References** 579, 765, 774, 1408, 1440

**FABACEAE** 

Mimosa pigra; Coelocephalapion aculeatum (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Thailand Year 1991

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established No.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 579, 774, 1746

**AGENT** 

Coelocephalapion pigrae Kissinger Species

**Classification** (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1994

Source Ex. Venezuela

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely established and spreading to isolated stands. Feeds on both flowers and leaves, enabling it to survive the dry season when no flowers are produced. Flower production reduced by up to

10% only.

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

**References** 765, 772, 1408, 1442, 1599, 1914, 1915

#### **FABACEAE**

Mimosa pigra (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Diabole cubensis (Arthur &

J.R. Johnst.) Arthur

**Classification** (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

RELEASE

Country Australia

Year 1996

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Though symptoms were found initially

following inoculation, subsequently believed to have failed establishment.

Detected again in NT in 2011.

Research Organization IIBC, CSIRO, NT

**References** 765, 780, 781, 1639

**AGENT** 

Species Leuciris fimbriaria (Stoll)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Geometridae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 2004

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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**FABACEAE** 

Mimosa pigra; Leuciris fimbriaria (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

**Notes** Though widespread, densities low.

Likely to have only slight localized

impacts on Mimosa pigra infestations.

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

References 765, 771

**AGENT** 

Species Macaria pallidata (Warren)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Geometridae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 2002

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

**General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Widespread. Populations fluctuate

markedly; outbreak levels coincide with wet season rainfall. When abundant, causes significant damage in field.

Formal study quantifying overall impact

lacking.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

**References** 765, 771, 1599

Mimosa pigra (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Malacorhinus irregularis Jacoby

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 2000

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Though widely established, abundance

variable in space and time. Where populations high at one site, significant damaged observed. Formal study

quantifying overall impact lacking.

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

**References** 765, 775, 1599, 1914, 1915

**AGENT** 

**Species** Nesaecrepida infuscata (Schaeffer)

Past Names/Synonyms Syphrea bibiana Bechyné

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 2007

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Too early post release

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**FABACEAE** 

Mimosa pigra; Nesaecrepida infuscata (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

**Notes** Recovered at a release site 20 weeks

after release in 2010, suggesting they

are breeding in the field.

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

References 762

**AGENT** 

Species Neurostrota gunniella (Busck)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Gracillariidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country

Australia

Year 1989

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely distributed with greater

abundance and impact at edges of stands where up to 50% reduction in

seed production may occur.

**Limiting Factors** 

Host plant resistance

Other Species Attacked

Also found attacking native Neptunia

major (Benth.) Winder growing adjacent to *Mimosa pigra* L., though impact

determined to be low. Net effect determined beneficial for N. major as it

colonized areas vacated by dying

M. pigra.

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

**References** 765, 1115, 1442, 1443, 1782, 1914,

1915, 1981, 1982

Mimosa pigra (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** Phloeospora mimosae-pigrae

Evans & Carrión

**Classification** (Dothideomycetes: Capnodiales)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1994

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No.

**Notes** The fungus never developed to its

sexual form in Australia, which is assumed to be vital for survival. Failed to survive beyond the wet season of its

release.

Research Organization IIBC, CSIRO, NT

**References** 554, 765, 780, 781, 1639

**FABACEAE** 

Mimosa pigra (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Scamurius sp.

Classification (Hemiptera: Coreidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1988

Source Ex. Brazil

Established No

Research Organization QLD State, NT

**References** 765, 1225

**AGENT** 

Species Sibinia fastigiata Clark

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1997

Source Ex. Mexico, Brazil

Established No

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 765, 774, 777, 1408

TABLE 1

| WEED                |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Family              | Fabaceae                                     |
| Species             | Paraserianthes lophantha (Willd.)<br>Nielsen |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Albizia lophantha (Willd.) Benth.            |
| Origin              | Australia                                    |
| Common Name         | stink bean                                   |
| AGENT               |  |
| Species             | Melanterius servulus Pascoe                  |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Melanterius servulus Pascoe (type B)         |
| Classification      | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)                  |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1989

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Medium Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Overall seed damage near WC release sites 81.5%. Establishment only recently

occurred in EC. Redistributions of this

species essential.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 476, 477, 871, 992

## FABACEAE (continued)

| Origin | Fabaceae  Parkinsonia aculeata L.  tropical and subtropical Americas retama, Jerusalem thorn, palo verde, parkinsonia |
|--------|---|
|        | Mimosestes ulkei (Horn) (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)   |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia

Year 1993

Source Ex. USA (AZ)

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Initially believed to have established in

NT where killed up to 5.3% of seeds, as well as WA and QLD. Not reported in past 10 years, despite intensive and

widespread sampling.

Research Organization NT, QLD State, WA State

**References** 285, 515, 570, 766, 1121, 1878

Parkinsonia aculeata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Penthobruchus germaini (Pic)
Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia Year 1995

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Established readily and rapidly reached

high densities at all sites. Disperses well, even to isolated host plants. Seed predation rates of more than 30% rare, and generally peak before or after the period when most seeds available for predation. Consequently, not causing

population level impacts.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization NT, QLD State, WA State

**References** 285, 570, 1872, 1877, 1878

**FABACEAE** 

Parkinsonia aculeata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Rhinacloa callicrates Herring

Classification (Hemiptera: Miridae)

RELEASE

Country Australia
Year 1989

Source Ex. USA (AZ)

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact None

**Notes** Widespread in central QLD but not in

WA or NT. Causes no useful damage in

field.

Research Organization NT, QLD State, WA State

**References** 516, 1878

TABLE 4

| WEED           |   |  |  |
|----------------|---|--|--|
| Family         | Fabaceae                                      |  |  |
| Species        | Prosopis juliflora (Sw.) DC.                  |  |  |
| Origin         | Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru,<br>Venezuela |  |  |
| Common Name    | Mexican thorn                                 |  |  |
| AGENT          |   |  |  |
| Species        | Algarobius prosopis (Le Conte)                |  |  |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)                   |  |  |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Ascension Island

**Year** 1997

Source Ex. USA (AZ) via Republic of South

Africa

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Seed destruction rates vary from 5%

within freshly matured pods to 50% within older pods, though could be underestimated. Possibly reducing spread but impact minor compared to *Rhinocloa* sp. Necessary research is

lacking.

Research Organization IIBC, ARC-PPRI

**References** 97, 582, 584, 585, 919, 1879, 1966,

2072

### **FABACEAE**

Prosopis juliflora (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Neltumius arizonensis (Schaeffer)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Ascension Island

**Year** 1997

**Source** Ex. USA (AZ) via Republic of South

Africa

Established Yes
Abundance Rare
General Impact None

Notes Initially considered to have failed

establishment but has since been determined to be present albeit rare. Impact likely insignificant, though

necessary research lacking.

Research Organization IIBC, ARC-PPRI

**References** 97, 300, 582, 585, 1879, 1966

#### **WEED**

Family Fabaceae Species Prosopis spp.

Notes Comprises a complex of taxa occurring in mixed stands and often hybridizing freely. In Australia, these include Prosopis glandulosa Torrey (including both varieties, glandulosa and torreyana), Prosopis pallida (Humboldt & Bonpland ex Willd.) Kunth, and *Prosopis velutina* Wooton. A fourth species, Prosopis juliflora (Sw.) DC., has been documented at a few sites in Australia but may no longer be present there. Species invasive in South Africa are *Prosopis* velutina Wooton, Prosopis glandulosa Torrey (including both varieties, glandulosa and torreyana), Prosopis juliflora (Sw.) DC., and Prosopis hybrids. Egypt species include Prosopis juliflora (Sw.) DC. and Prosopis glandulosa Torr. Species in Namibia include *Prosopis chilensis* (Molina) Stuntz, Prosopis glandulosa Torr. var. torreyana (L. D. Benson) M. C. Johnst., and Prosopis velutina

Wooton. In Yemen, the nonnative

species include Prosopis chilensis

(Molina) Stuntz, Prosopis glandulosa

Torrey var. glandulosa, and Prosopis

Origin Americas

Common Name mesquite, prosopis, algaroba

juliflora (Sw.) DC.

#### **FABACEAE**

Prosopis spp. (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Algarobius bottimeri Kingsolver

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Australia **Year** 1997

Source Ex. USA (TX) via Republic of South

Africa

Established Yes Abundance Rare General Impact None

Notes Initially believed to have established

widely but not recovered in recent surveys, indicating it is either rare or has

gone extinct.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1873, 1875, 1882, 2072

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1990

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established No.

**Notes** Recovered in low numbers for a

short period after the initial releases, but is now believed to have failed

establishment.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 873, 992, 2055, 2072

**TABLE** 

Prosopis spp. (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Algarobius prosopis (Le Conte)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia **Year** 1996

Source Ex. USA (AZ) via Republic of South

Africa

Established Yes

Abundance High General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though widely established, unlikely to

be causing population level impacts as seed predation rates in mature pods low,

always below 20%.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1873, 1875, 1882, 2072

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1987

Source Ex. USA (AZ)

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**FABACEAE** 

Prosopis spp.; Algarobius prosopis (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

**Notes** Has rapidly dispersed over most of the

range of the weed, regularly destroying over 90% of the seeds in fenced areas where the pods are not grazed by vertebrate herbivores. In grazed settings, *Algarobius prosopis* able to utilize some of the seed in dung pellets. Even under the highest attack rates, sufficient seeds escape herbivory to

maintain weed populations.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 868, 873, 992, 1879, 2055, 2072

AGENT

**Species** Evippe sp. #1

Classification (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae)

**Notes** Undescribed species externally similar

to Evippe omphalopa Meyrick

RELEASE

Country Australia

**Year** 1998

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Widely distributed. High densities

causing prolonged defoliation in the Pilbara region (WA) resulting in population suppression due to greatly reduced seed production and growth rates. No impact in NSW where insect is rare, only limited impact in NT and intermediate (still significant) impacts in

QLD.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 1873, 1875, 1876, 1879, 1882

Prosopis spp. (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** *Neltumius arizonensis* (Schaeffer)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1993

Source Ex. USA (AZ)

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though widely distributed, far less common than Algarobius prosopis, causing only 1-10% seed destruction inflicted by biocontrol agents within a year. Hindered by parasitism and inferior competitor to A. prosopis. Seed pods are frequently eaten by grazing animals, and seed within dung pellets inaccessible to Neltumius arizonensis, but can be utilized by A. prosopis. N. arizonensis alone and in combination

> with A. prosopis insufficient to control mesquite populations.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Interspecific competition

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 300, 873, 1879, 2055

**FABACEAE** 

Prosopis spp. (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Prosopidopsylla flava Burckhardt

Classification (Hemiptera: Psyllidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1998

**Source** Ex. Argentina

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact None

**Notes** Tenuous establishment in 2001 at only

two locations in northwestern NSW and southwestern QLD, but not evaluated since. Limited establishment likely due to unfavorable climate at release

locations. No impact.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1879

**TABLE** 

| WEED        |   |
|-------------|---|
| Family      | Fabaceae                                    |
| Species     | Sesbania punicea (Cav.) Benth.              |
| Origin      | South America                               |
| Common Name | red sesbania                                |
| ACENT       |   |
|             |   |
| AGENT       |   |
|             | Neodiplogrammus quadrivittatus<br>(Olivier) |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1984

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Two populations introduced and subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Larvae destroy vascular tissues on older plants. Though unlikely to be successful alone, in combination with Rhyssomatus marginatus and Trichapion lativentre, successfully controls Sesbania punicea throughout

South Africa.

Other Species Attacked Also found on the native Sesbania

macrantha Welw. ex E. Phillips & Hutch. and introduced Sesbania bispinosa (Jacq.) W. Wight, but with no records of completing development on these hosts.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 823, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 992

#### **FABACEAE**

Sesbania punicea; Neodiplogrammus quadrivittatus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1987 Source Ex. Brazil Established Yes

**Abundance** High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Two populations introduced and

subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Larvae destroy vascular tissues on older plants. Though unlikely to be successful alone, in combination with Rhyssomatus marginatus and Trichapion lativentre, successfully controls Sesbania punicea throughout

South Africa.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 823, 827, 829, 992

## **FABACEAE** Sesbania punicea (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Rhyssomatus marginatus Fåhraeus Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1984

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Can destroy approximately 84% of

developing seeds, though this is insufficient to control the weed alone. In combination with Trichapion lativentre and Neodiplogrammus quadrivittatus, successfully controls Sesbania punicea

throughout South Africa.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 823, 827, 829, 830, 992

## FABACEAE (continued)

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Family Fabaceae

Species Ulex europaeus L. Origin western Europe Common Name gorse, furze

**AGENT** 

**Species** Agonopterix umbellana (Fabricius) Past Names/Synonyms Agonopterix ulicetella (Stainton)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Oecophoridae)

References 884

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia **Year** 2007

Source Ex. England via New Zealand

Established Yes Abundance Unknown

General Impact Too early post release

Notes VIC release site subsequently destroyed

by fire. In TAS spread over 1 ha

3 years after release. Additional studies warranted to confirm field establishment

and efficacy.

Research Organization VIC State, TAS State

References 883, 884

Ulex europaeus; Agonopterix umbellana (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Chile

Year 1997

**Source** Ex. England via New Zealand via Hawaii

USA; Ex. Portugal via Hawaii USA

Established No.

**Notes** Colonized plants initially but populations

decreased over time. No longer

considered established.

Research Organization INIA

**References** 1355, 1358, 1359

**RELEASE** 

Country Chile

Year 1998

Source Ex. England

Established No.

**Notes** Colonized plants initially but populations

decreased over time. No longer

considered established.

Research Organization INIA

**References** 1355, 1358, 1359

RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1988

Source Ex. England via New Zealand

Established Yes Abundance Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**FABACEAE** 

Ulex europaeus; Agonopterix umbellana (continued)

**Country** Hawaii USA (continued)

Notes While larval feeding can destroy high

percentage of shoot tips and sometimes leads to dieback, plants frequently compensate by initiating growth of new shoots later in season when this agent no longer active. Impact limited by parasitism. Widespread on HA but well established only at high elevations

(>1,000m) on MA.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Elevation

Research Organization HDOA, USDA-FS

**References** 326, 385, 813, 1148, 1157, 1169, 2049

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Portugal

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** A warmer adapted population released in the hope that it would establish at lower elevations. Subsequent reports do not distinguish between this and the English introduction. While larval feeding can destroy high percentage of shoot tips and sometimes leads to dieback, plants frequently compensate by initiating growth of new shoots later in season when this agent no longer active. Impact limited by parasitism. Widespread on HA but well established

only at high elevations (>1,000m) on MA.

Parasitism; Elevation Limiting Factors Research Organization HDOA, USDA-FS

**References** 326, 385, 813, 1148, 1157, 1169, 2049

Ulex europaeus; Agonopterix umbellana (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1990

Source Ex. England

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Common in parts of South Island but still

rare on North Island. Where outbreaks occur damage to gorse is noticeable, but plants frequently compensate later

in growing season. Formal evaluation

lacking.

Research Organization DSIR/MWLR

**References** 720, 809, 813, 815, 1064

**AGENT** 

Species Apion sp.

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

Notes Possibly Apion uliciperda Pandelle

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1958

Source Ex. Spain, Portugal

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 398, 813, 1154

**FABACEAE** 

**Ulex europaeus** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Cydia succedana (Denis &

Schiffermüller)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

**Year** 1992

Source Ex. England, Portugal

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** In conjunction with *Exapion ulicis* can

destroy up to 100% of spring/summer seed crop. However, New Zealand gorse produces greatest amount of seed in autumn when populations of Cvdia succedana lower and only infest up to

10% of pods.

**Limiting Factors** Agent-host synchronization

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the exotic Cytisus

> scoparius L., Genista monspessulana (L.) L. A. S. Johnson, Lupinus arboreus

Sims and Lotus spp.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 720, 808, 809, 813, 1064

**Ulex europaeus** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Exapion ulicis (Forster)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion ulicis (Forster)

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

References 814, 884, 2069

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1939

Source Ex. England via New Zealand

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely distributed throughout

southeastern Australia. Studies in TAS show 12-55% destruction of mature seeds, insufficient to exert control.

Research Organization SA State

**References** 396, 557, 884, 886, 1989

**RELEASE** 

Country Chile

**Year** 1976

Source Ex. England via New Zealand

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** At some sites can reduces biomass,

seed production, and seedling

colonization; however has no significant effect in diminishing gorse invasiveness.

Research Organization INIA, UACH

**References** 1355, 1357, 1359, 1360, 1361, 1362

**FABACEAE** 

Ulex europaeus; Exapion ulicis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1926

Source Ex. England

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

References 326, 635, 859, 1154, 1451

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1949

Source Ex. England via New Zealand

**Established** No

**Notes** Few adults were seen at release site in

1953, but none later and all attempts

considered unsuccessful.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 635, 1154

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1955

Source Ex. France

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

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Ulex europaeus; Exapion ulicis (continued)

**Country** Hawaii USA (continued)

Notes After two failed releases, third

consignment was sourced from more southerly regions in France to better match the climate in Hawaii. Initial HA release site subsequently treated and weevils did not survive but were successfully reintroduced from MA populations. Weevil populations variable between years and also below 1000m in elevation, possibly due to fungal infection. Though attack rates can exceed 95% of pods, this frequently has only limited impact on gorse invasiveness. Feeding damage may increase susceptibility of plants to pathogenic fungus Colletotrichum sp.

**Limiting Factors** Disease Research Organization HDOA

**References** 635, 762, 813, 1154, 1155, 1157

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1956

Source Ex. England

Established Yes Abundance Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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#### **FABACEAE**

**Ulex europaeus; Exapion ulicis** (continued)

Hawaii USA (continued) Country

Notes This fourth consignment released on

the same islands as 1955 release and both were subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Initial HA release site subsequently treated and weevils did not survive but were successfully reintroduced from MA populations. Weevil populations variable between years and also below 1000m in elevation, possibly due to fungal infection. Though attack rates can exceed 95% of pods, this frequently has only limited impact on gorse invasiveness. Feeding damage may increase susceptibility of plants to pathogenic fungus Colletotrichum sp.

**Limiting Factors** Disease Research Organization HDOA

References 635, 762, 813, 1154, 1155, 1157

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1931

Source Ex. England

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes

In conjunction with Cydia succedana can destroy up to 100% of spring/ summer seed crop. However, New Zealand gorse produces greatest amount of seed in autumn when weevils no longer present, so majority of seeds

escape attack.

Agent-host synchronization Limiting Factors

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 353, 720, 810, 813, 1064, 1246

Ulex europaeus; Exapion ulicis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1953

**Source** Ex. England (southern)

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widespread throughout range of weed in Pacific Northwest. From 30-95% of seedpods attacked. May retard spread of plant, but does not reduce established stand density. Ineffective on seed maturing in autumn/winter. Most effective in open, sunny pastures and

hillsides.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

**Research Organization** USDA (7), State (9,14,15)

References 332, 334, 337, 813, 986, 1156, 1501,

1578

**FABACEAE** 

**Ulex europaeus** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Pempelia genistella (Duponchel)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1996

Source Ex. Portugal

Established No.

General Impact Compromised

**Notes** Initially recovered in small amounts.

Release sites subsequently

exterminated by fire and herbicides and

agent populations did not survive.

**Limiting Factors** Other control methods

Research Organization USDA-FS, HDOA

**References** 326, 386, 762, 813, 1148, 1157

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 1996

Source Ex. Portugal

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited General Impact Unknown Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Established at limited number of sites

despite widespread release effort. At some locations damage to gorse is noticeable. Formal evaluation lacking so

overall impact unknown.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 760, 761, 813, 881, 1064

### **FABACEAE**

**Ulex europaeus** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Scythris grandipennis (Haworth)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Scythrididae)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 1993

Source Ex. England

Established No

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 720, 761, 809, 813, 877, 1064

**AGENT** 

Species Sericothrips staphylinus Haliday

**Classification** (Thysanoptera: Thripidae)

RELEASE

Country Australia

Year 2001

Source Ex. England via New Zealand

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact None

**Notes** Slow dispersal initially but now

increasing more quickly in TAS and becoming widespread and abundant, albeit too low to cause observable field

damage.

Research Organization VIC State

**References** 120, 883, 884, 888

**FABACEAE** 

Ulex europaeus; Sericothrips staphylinus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia
Year 2003

Source Ex. Portugal via Hawaii USA via

New Zealand

**Established** Yes

Abundance Moderate
General Impact None

**Notes** This second introduction made with

individuals sourced from different population. These cannot be

distinguished by behavioral traits and are becoming interspersed in the field. Slow dispersal initially but now increasing more quickly in TAS and becoming widespread and abundant, albeit too low to cause observable field

damage.

Research Organization VIC State

**References** 120, 883, 884, 888

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. England, Portugal

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though widespread on HA, discernible

bronzing of mature gorse plants only occasionally found, but not plant death. Thrips of Portuguese origin dispersed much faster than thrips from England following release. Subsequent accounts of this species did not differentiate

between all populations.

Research Organization USDA-FS, HDOA

**References** 326, 385, 762, 814, 1156, 1157

Ulex europaeus; Sericothrips staphylinus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1992

Source Ex. France

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though widespread on HA, discernible bronzing of mature gorse plants only occasionally found, but not plant death. Infestations not monitored in recent

vears.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 385, 762, 814, 1157

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 1990

Source Ex. England

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Although widely established, spread slowly from release points because winged individuals rare. Second population released to increase dispersal; this established widely and intermixed. Thrips now typically common on gorse. Though severely damaged

plants rare, impact not formally

evaluated.

Research Organization DSIR, IIBC

**References** 720, 761, 809, 814, 1064

**FABACEAE** 

Ulex europaeus; Sericothrips staphylinus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 2001

Source Ex. Portugal via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** This population released to increase

dispersal; established widely and intermixed with existing English

population. Thrips now typically common on gorse. Though severely damaged

plants rare, impact not formally

evaluated.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 761, 888, 1064

**AGENT** 

**Species** Stenopterapion scutellare (Kirby)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion scutellare Kirby

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

**References** 1286, 2069

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1961

**Source** Ex. Portugal

Established No.

General Impact Compromised

Notes Release site burned shortly after

release.

**Limiting Factors** Other control methods

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 385, 407, 408, 1154, 1156, 2049

Ulex europaeus; Stenopterapion scutellare (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1989

Source Ex. Portugal

Established No

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 385, 893, 1157

RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1990

Source Ex. Spain

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 893, 1157

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. France

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 385, 893, 1157

**FABACEAE** 

**Ulex europaeus** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Tetranychus lintearius Dufour

Classification (Acari: Tetranychidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1998

Source Ex. England, Portugal, Spain via

New Zealand

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely distributed. Initially effective at

reducing weed growth but more recently

impact restricted by predators.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization VIC State

**References** 120, 395, 883, 884, 889

RELEASE

Country Chile

**Year** 1997

Source Ex. England, Portugal, Spain via New

Zealand via USA (OR) via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

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**TABLE** 

Ulex europaeus; Tetranychus lintearius (continued)

**Country** Chile (continued)

**Notes** Two separate releases not differentiated

in efficacy discussion in literature.

Decreases rate of spread into new areas. Long term attack decreases competitive ability; gorse slowly being replaced by native species. Most effective in regions with low rainfall; impact hindered by predation.

Limiting Factors Climate; Predation
Research Organization INIA, UACH
References 333, 1359, 1360

**RELEASE** 

Country Chile Year 1997

Source Ex. Portugal

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Two separate releases not differentiated

in efficacy discussion in literature.

Decreases rate of spread into new areas. Long term attack decreases competitive ability; gorse slowly being replaced by native species. Most effective in regions with low rainfall; impact hindered by predation.

Limiting Factors Climate; Predation
Research Organization INIA, UACH
References 1359, 1360

**FABACEAE** 

Ulex europaeus; Tetranychus lintearius (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1995

Source Ex. England, Portugal, Spain via New

Zealand via USA (OR)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Partial to substantial control until 2000

when predacious mites may have first

appeared.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization USDA (7), State (15), HDOA

**References** 326, 332, 333, 385, 813, 1157

RELEASE

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1989

Source Ex. England

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widespread in drier, cooler areas, but

generally failed to establish in warmer and wetter climates. Initially effective at reducing gorse growth but more recently

populations limited by predation.

Limiting Factors Climate; Predation

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 720, 761, 809, 811, 812, 813, 1064

Ulex europaeus; Tetranychus lintearius (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Portugal, Spain

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Successfully established in warm, moist

areas where English population failed. Populations high initially, reducing gorse growth but more recently limited by

predation.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 720, 761, 809, 811, 813, 1064

**RELEASE** 

Country St Helena

**Year** 1995

Source Ex. England, Portugal via New Zealand

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Causing some local damage, but effects

limited by predation from Phytoseiulus

spp. (Acari).

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 582, 585, 1081

**FABACEAE** 

Ulex europaeus; Tetranychus lintearius (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1994

**Source** Ex. England, Portugal, Spain via New

7ealand

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Initially widely distributed, leading to

80% reduction in flowering in OR. Was most effective in open patches in inland areas susceptible to severe winters. Populations have since decreased significantly due to heavy predation.

Now considered ineffective agent.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Habitat; Climate **Research Organization** USDA (7), State (9,14,15)

**References** 332, 334, 337, 813, 986, 1531

**AGENT** 

**Species** Uromyces pisi f.sp. europaei

M. Wilson & D.M. Hend.

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 2000

Source Ex. England

Established No.

Notes In 2002, single pustule detected in HA

near release site of 2 years previous;

not detected since.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 386, 813

#### FABACEAE (continued)

#### **WEED** Family Fabaceae Species Vachellia nilotica subsp. indica (Benth.) Kyal. & Boatwr Past Names/Synonyms Acacia nilotica (L.) Delile, Acacia nilotica (L.) Delile subsp. indica (Benth.) Brenan Notes Following the International Botanical Congress in 2011, it was agreed the thorny Acacias belong to a separate genus Vachellia; consequently A. nilotica was transferred to V. nilotica. Australian populations of Vachellia nilotica are mostly comprised of subspecies indica, though a few individuals are genetically identical to an unidentified genotype from Pakistan not previously reported in Australia. Origin Indian sub continent

**AGENT** 

Species Bruchidius sahlbergi Schilsky
Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

prickly acacia

**RELEASE** 

Common Name

Country Australia
Year 1982
Source Ex. Pakistan

**References** 1043, 1791

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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#### **FABACEAE**

Vachellia nilotica; Bruchidius sahlbergi (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Notes Though widely established and

abundant, largely ineffective due to seed pod predation levels too low to impact populations. Efficacy may be higher in areas protected from cattle grazing.

Limiting Factors Land use

Research Organization QLD State, IIBC References 1419, 1544, 1977

**AGENT** 

Species Chiasmia assimilis (Warren)
Classification (Lepidoptera: Geometridae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia
Year 1999
Source Ex. Kenya

Established No

**Notes** Establishment failure likely impacted by release in areas with unsuitable climates

and possibly to loss of genetic diversity

in lab cultures.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization QLD State

References 1419.1420

Vachellia nilotica; Chiasmia assimilis (continued)

#### RELEASE

Country Australia Year 2002

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Widely distributed in QLD though

coastal populations much more abundant. Causes significant to complete defoliation at coastal sites; less effective at western QLD locations where climate is less suitable. More effective on seedlings growing beneath prickly acacia canopy than full sunlight, indicating may help limit the formation of dense infestations where plants already

exist.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1110, 1418, 1419, 1420, 1640

#### **AGENT**

Species Chiasmia inconspicua (Warren)
Classification (Lepidoptera: Geometridae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia Year 1998 Source Ex. Kenya

Established No.

**Notes** Establishment failure likely impacted by

release in areas with unsuitable climates and possibly to loss of genetic diversity

in lab cultures.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1418, 1419, 1420

#### **FABACEAE**

Vachellia nilotica (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Cometaster pyrula (Hopffer)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Erebidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia
Year 2004

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No

**Notes** Establishment failure likely due to small

release size and the insect not doing as well on *Vachellia nilotica* subsp. *indica* as the preferred host *V. nilotica* subsp.

kraussiana.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1413, 1419, 1422

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### **FABACEAE**

Vachellia nilotica (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Cuphodes profluens (Meyrick)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Gracillariidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1983

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No.

**Notes** Released at 14 sites but indications

of establishment occurred only at one coastal site. The prickly acacia at this site subsequently eradicated; insect now regarded as failed. Failure at other sites likely due to small release size and

climate.

Limiting Factors Climate; Small release size

Research Organization QLD State, IIBC

References 1413, 1419, 1977

**AGENT** 

Species Homichloda barkeri (Jacoby)

Past Names/Synonyms Weiseana barkeri Jacoby Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Homicloda barkeri (Jacoby)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1996

Source Ex. Kenya

Established No.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 1111, 1419

**WEED** 

Family Haloragaceae

Species Myriophyllum aquaticum (Vell.) Verdc.

Origin South America Common Name parrot's feather

**AGENT** 

Species Lysathia sp.

**Classification** (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Republic of South Africa Country

Year 1994 Source Fx. Brazil

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Lysathia sp. populations crash in winter, building up again throughout summer. Causes die-back of emergent vegetation. Regrowth occurs from submerged stems, which are again attacked by Lysathia sp. After several years of defoliation, the weed mat collapses and little to no regrowth

occurs.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 276, 297, 804, 992

### **HYDROCHARITACEAE**

Family Hydrocharitaceae
Species Hydrilla verticillata (L. f.) Royle
Two biotypes (dioecious and monoecious) are present in the continental USA
Origin Africa, Asia, Australia, portions of Europe
Common Name hydrilla, Florida elodea

AGENT
Species Bagous affinis Hustache
Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

#### RELEASE

**Country** United States of America

Year 1987 Source Ex. India Established No

permanent establishment not reported. Establishment limited by the agent requiring extensive drawdown conditions which expose the sediment surface and allow immatures access to buried tubers.

Limiting Factors Habitat

Research Organization USDA (3,4,7,14,15), State (3,14), IIBC,

USAE

References 77, 193, 194, 200, 239, 633, 682, 1963

#### **HYDROCHARITACEAE**

Hydrilla verticillata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Bagous hydrillae O'Brien

Past Names/Synonyms Bagous n. sp. Z

**Classification** (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1991

Source Ex. Australia

Established No

Notes Temporarily recovered in FL and TX but

permanent establishment not reported.

Research Organization USAE, USDA (3,4,15), TVA

**References** 77, 200, 234, 682, 683, 1961, 1963

**AGENT** 

Species Hydrellia balciunasi Bock
Classification (Diptera: Ephydridae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1989

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

**Notes** Larval mining causes decay of leaves.

No major impact has been observed in the field since populations have remained low and range expansion has

been limited.

Research Organization USAE, USDA (3,4,15), State (3)

**References** 77, 200, 335, 367, 681, 683

#### **HYDROCHARITACEAE**

Hydrilla verticillata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Hydrellia pakistanae Deonier

Classification (Diptera: Ephydridae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Mexico

**Year** 1995

Source Ex. India via USA

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization USDA (7,14), State (14)

References 497

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1987

Source Ex. India

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Larval feeding on leaves decreases photosynthesis and reduces tuber numbers. High fly densities locally correlated with decreases in weed populations. Fly populations limited by

parasitism and cold weather; densities decrease with decreasing temperatures.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Climate

Research Organization IIBC, USAE, USDA (3,4,7,14), TVA,

State (3,14,18)

**References** 77, 193, 200, 234, 240, 634, 683, 1962

**HYDROCHARITACEAE** 

Hydrilla verticillata; Hydrellia pakistanae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1990

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes This release no longer differentiated

from earlier Indian release. Larval feeding on leaves decreases photosynthesis and reduces tuber numbers. High fly densities locally correlated with decreases in weed populations. Fly populations limited by parasitism and cold weather; densities decrease with decreasing temperatures.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Climate

USAF Research Organization

**References** 77, 200, 234, 240, 683, 1962

#### **HYDROCHARITACEAE**

Hydrilla verticillata; Hydrellia pakistanae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

**Year** 1992

Source Ex. China (northern)

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** This population released to increase

survival in more temperate regions. Subsequent visits to release sites in FL resulted in high fly populations, though it was impossible to determine which introduction (or all three) was responsible. Fly populations limited by parasitism and cold weather; densities decrease with decreasing temperatures.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Climate

Research Organization USAE

**References** 200, 237, 240, 683, 1962

### **HYPERICACEAE**

| •                   | Hypericaceae  Hypericum androsaemum L.  Asia Minor, Europe, northern Africa tutsan    |
|---------------------|---|
| Past Names/Synonyms | Chrysolina hyperici (Forster) Chrysomela hyperici Forster (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae) |

#### **RELEASE**

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1948

Source Ex. England via Australia

Established No

**Notes** Redistributed from *Hypericum* 

perforatum to H. androsaemum. Initially believed to have established, but died out by 1950. Though adults may sometimes feed on foliage, larvae develop slowly and die before maturation. Preferred host is H.

perforatum.

**Other Species Attacked** Found feeding and laying eggs on the

native Hypericum involutum (Labill.)

Choisy.

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 169, 686, 1054, 1058, 1246

### **HYPERICACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |   |
|----------------|---|
| Family         | Hypericaceae  |
| Species        | Hypericum perforatum L.   |
| Origin         | Asia, Europe, northern Africa                                       |
| Common Name    | St John's wort, St Johnswort, klamath weed, goatweed, San Juan herb |
| AGENT          |   |
| Species        | Actinotia hyperici (Denis & Schiffermüller)                         |
| Classification | (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)  |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia
Year 1985

**Source** Ex. France (southern)

Established No.

Notes Establishment failure suspected due to

predation and parasitism.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Parasitism

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 169, 172, 173

#### **HYPERICACEAE**

Hypericum perforatum (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Aculus hyperici (Liro)

Classification (Acari: Eriophyidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia
Year 1991

**Source** Ex. France (southern)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Widely distributed. Reduced plant vigor

and density at local sites but has not been widely evaluated. Some genotypes of *Hypericum perforatum* resistant to

attack. Generally ineffective.

Other Species Attacked Small populations sustained on the

native *Hypericum gramineum* Forst. ver, however impacts on growth and

productivity appear minimal.

Research Organization CSIRO, CRCWMS, VIC State, NSW

State

**References** 173, 953, 954, 955, 1135, 1974

Hypericum perforatum (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Agrilus hyperici (Creutzer)

Classification (Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1939

**Source** Ex. France (southern)

Established Yes

Abundance Rare General Impact None

inipact None

**Notes** Established and showed initial promise

but later confined to very restricted area. Only one remaining population known. No contribution to control. Release of *Chrysolina* spp. at the same time and in similar sites thought to have hindered

establishment and efficacy.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition

Research Organization CSIR\*

**References** 166, 167, 173, 223, 455, 1435, 1988,

1989

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1984

Source Ex. France

Established No.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 167, 172, 173, 380

**HYPERICACEAE** 

Hypericum perforatum; Agrilus hyperici (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1989

Source Ex. France

Established No

**Notes** Only one colony survived longer than

the initial season of release but has

since been considered a failure.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 167, 169, 172, 173, 380

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1955

**Source** Ex. France via USA (CA)

Established No

Notes Establishment failure possibly due to

fungal attack at damp release sites.

**Limiting Factors** Disease

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 635, 740, 741, 912

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1964

Source Ex. France via USA (CA)

Established No

Notes Establishment failure possibly due to

fungal attack at damp release sites.

**Limiting Factors** Disease

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 740, 741, 912

Hypericum perforatum; Agrilus hyperici (continued)

RELEASE

Country Canada Year 1977

**Source** Ex. France via USA (CA)

Established No

Notes Shipping stress likely led to

establishment failure.

**Limiting Factors** Shipment stress

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 738, 912

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada **Year** 1987

Source Ex. France via USA (ID)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

**Notes** Typically uncommon throughout range;

at only one site were populations large enough to redistribute. Impact has been

negligible.

Research Organization AAFC

References 117, 912

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1974

**Source** Ex. France (southern) via Australia; Ex.

France via USA (CA)

Established No

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**HYPERICACEAE** 

Hypericum perforatum; Agrilus hyperici (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

Notes Not established following release of

small numbers on seven occasions until 1981. On some occasions plants killed

by Chrysolina quadrigemina.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 51, 173, 660, 992, 1503

RELEASE

Country United States of America

Year 1950

Source Ex. France

Established Yes

Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Disperses widely but populations

typically low until occasional explosions. Initially displayed ability to destroy Hypericum perforatum in CA but was displaced by Chrysolina quadrigemina; persisted only in some areas. Infestation

levels reached up to 87% in WA.

Contributed significantly to

H. perforatum suppression in ID where it is still abundant. Populations now vary throughout Pacific Northwest. Typically found in mountainous areas; will attack plants in shady habitats frequently

avoided by Chrysolina spp.

Other Species Attacked Attacks the native Hypericum

concinnum Benth.

**Research Organization** USDA (7,10), State (4,6,7,9,15)

**References** 39, 222, 332, 1179, 1501, 1503, 1578,

1731, 1992

#### **HYPERICACEAE**

Hypericum perforatum (continued)

AGENT

Species Aphis chloris Koch

Classification (Hemiptera: Aphididae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia **Year** 1986

Source Ex. France (southern)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Though widely established, populations

go through seasonal cycles of growth and dispersal without building to damaging levels. Drought, competition with *Chrysolina quadrigemina* and

predation all limit populations.

**Limiting Factors** Climate; Interspecific competition;

Predation

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 164, 165, 169, 173, 174

**HYPERICACEAE** 

Hypericum perforatum; Aphis chloris (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1979

**Source** Ex. Austria, Germany, Hungary

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Appears adapted only to NS and interior

BC where it does best in cool, humid climates. Significant control at some sites, though populations fluctuate due to weather and abundance/impact of

Chrysolina spp.

Limiting Factors Climate; Interspecific competition

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 437, 738, 912, 1285

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1982

Source Ex. Germany via Canada

Established No

Notes Though eggs were laid following adult

release, they did not hatch because winter temperatures in the release areas

were too mild.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 660, 912, 992

**Hypericum perforatum** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Aplocera efformata (Guenée)

Past Names/Synonyms Anaitis efformata Guenée

Classification (Lepidoptera: Geometridae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1936

**Source** Ex. England

Established No

**Notes** Predation and climate probable causes

of failure.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Climate

Research Organization CSIR\*

**References** 169, 173, 387, 1989

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1981

Source Ex. France

Established No.

Notes Establishment failure likely due to

predation, parasitism and disease.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Predation; Disease

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 163, 169, 172, 173, 456

**HYPERICACEAE** 

Hypericum perforatum; Aplocera efformata (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1983

Source Ex. France via Australia

Established No

Notes Though released adults successfully laid

eggs and larvae hatched, larvae failed

to overwinter.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 173, 660, 992

**AGENT** 

Species Aplocera plagiata (L.)

Past Names/Synonyms Anaitis plagiata L.

Classification (Lepidoptera: Geometridae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1936

Source Ex. England

Established No.

**Notes** Predation and climate probable causes

of failure.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Climate

Research Organization CSIR\*

**References** 169, 173, 387, 726, 1989

Hypericum perforatum; Aplocera plagiata (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1967

Source Ex. Germany

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Initially believed to have failed

establishment, but discovered at release site 14 years later. Populations from the three sources (Germany, Switzerland, France) intermixed following establishment and were subsequently not differentiated. Disperses readily through-

out southern interior BC but populations remain low and do minimal damage.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 437, 738, 740, 741, 912

RELEASE

**Country** Canada **Year** 1977

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Populations from the three sources

(Germany, Switzerland, France) intermixed following establishment and were subsequently not differentiated. Disperses readily throughout southern interior BC but populations remain low

and do minimal damage.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 318, 432, 437, 738, 912

**HYPERICACEAE** 

Hypericum perforatum; Aplocera plagiata (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1980 Source Ex. France

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Populations from the three sources

(Germany, Switzerland, France) intermixed following establishment and were subsequently not differentiated. Disperses readily throughout southern interior BC but populations remain low

and do minimal damage.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 437, 738, 912

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1989

Source Ex. France, Germany, Switzerland via

Canada

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Where locally abundant, defoliation

hinders and may kill plants outright. Overall abundance limited. Most effective in warm, dry areas where the insect can complete two generations.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

**Research Organization** USDA (10), State (7,9,15)

**References** 117, 332, 334, 335, 473, 1179, 1503,

1512, 1898

**Hypericum perforatum** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Chrysolina brunsvicensis

(Gravenhorst)

Past Names/Synonyms Chrysomela brunsvicensis

Gravenhorst

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1930

Source Ex. England

Established No.

Notes Establishment failure likely due to

predation and unfavorable climatic

conditions.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Climate

Research Organization CSIR\*

References 169, 173, 387, 1989

**AGENT** 

**Species** Chrysolina hyperici (Forster)

Past Names/Synonyms Chrysomela hyperici Forster

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1930

Source Ex. England

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

**General Impact** Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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**HYPERICACEAE** 

Hypericum perforatum; Chrysolina hyperici (continued)

Country (Australia (continued)

**Notes** Not recovered until five years after

releases ceased. Initially abundant until outcompeted by Chrysolina quadrigemina. Although relatively rare compared to C. quadrigemina, more effective in cooler areas. In combination with C. quadrigemina provides good control in open areas. Plants frequently

recover from defoliation.

**Limiting Factors** 

Interspecific competition; Climate; Habitat

Research Organization CSIR\*

**References** 169, 173, 387, 455, 1435, 1988, 1989

**RELEASE** 

Australia Country

Year 1980

Source Ex. France

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Population selected from part of

native range more climatically similar to release sites with high summer rainfall. Assumed established but could not be distinguished from earlier releases. No improvement in control by first introduction; in combination with Chrysolina quadrigemina provides good control in open areas and is more effective than C. quadrigemina in cooler areas. Plants frequently recover from

defoliation.

**Limiting Factors** 

Interspecific competition; Climate; Habitat

**Research Organization** 

**CSIRO** 

**References** 169, 173, 455, 456, 1989

Hypericum perforatum; Chrysolina hyperici (continued)

#### RELEASE

Country Canada Year 1951

Source Ex. England via Australia via USA

(CA, ID, OR)

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Contributed to control along with

(though not as effective as) *Chrysolina quadrigemina* 5-13 years following release. Does best in cool, moist climates of BC and Maritime provinces; on drier release sites has been completely or partially replaced by *C. quadrigemina*. In recent years populations decreased along with crash in weed population. As weed has been recovering, redistributions of this agent have resumed. Long term impact from this species minimal in cool regions where plants can recover from heavy

defoliation in absence of drought stress.

Limiting Factors Climate
Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 635, 738, 740, 741, 912, 1285

#### **HYPERICACEAE**

Hypericum perforatum; Chrysolina hyperici (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Chile Year 1953

Source Ex. England via Australia via USA (CA)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Readily established. Provides effective

control in most infestations.

Research Organization MAC

**References** 84, 635, 649, 1362, 1889

#### RELEASE

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1943

Source Ex. England via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Established rapidly throughout

distribution of weed, now frequently occurs in mixed populations with Chrysolina quadrigemina. Significant impact in some areas but overall level of control varies both temporally and

spatially.

Other Species Attacked Found feeding and laying eggs on the

native Hypericum involutum (Labill.)

Choisy.

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 169, 686, 687, 707, 720, 1064, 1245,

1246, 1771

Hypericum perforatum; Chrysolina hyperici (continued)

RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1960

Source Ex. England via Australia

Established No

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 51, 635, 992, 1342

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. England via Australia via USA via

Canada

Established No

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 51, 635, 992

**HYPERICACEAE** 

Hypericum perforatum; Chrysolina hyperici (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1945

Source Ex. England via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Initially credited (along with Chrysolina

quadrigemina) with causing drastic reductions of the weed in CA and OR. Frequently mixed with populations of *C. quadrigemina* and still considered widespread and abundant in portions of Pacific Northwest, but more often believed to be limited and inferior compared to *C. quadrigemina* throughout western states. Unknown if still established in CA. Does better than *C. quadrigemina* at sites with more moisture and colder winter

temperatures.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization USDA (7), State (4,6,7,9,15)

**References** 222, 332, 334, 335, 508, 837, 838, 1179,

1501, 1503, 1731, 1992

#### **HYPERICACEAE**

Hypericum perforatum (continued)

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Species Chrysolina quadrigemina (Suffrian)

Past Names/Synonyms Chrysomela quadrigemina Suffrian,

Chrysomela gemellata Rossi, Chrysolina gemellata Rossi

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1939

Source Ex. France (southern)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Became very common and displaced Chrysolina hyperici. Present throughout

most of weed range. Has greatly assisted control in open infestations and can cause extensive defoliation over wide areas. Not well adapted to shade and high summer rainfall. Plants frequently recover from defoliation.

**Limiting Factors** Climate: Habitat

CSIR\* Research Organization

**References** 162, 169, 173, 455, 1435, 1988, 1989

#### **HYPERICACEAE**

Hypericum perforatum; Chrysolina quadrigemina (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia Year 1980

Source Ex. France

Established Yes Abundance Variable

**General Impact** Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Population selected from part of native

range more climatically similar to release sites with high summer rainfall. Could not be distinguished from earlier releases so impact similar to 1939 introduction: most widespread and effective of Chrysolina spp. Has greatly assisted control in open infestations and can cause extensive defoliation over wide areas. Not well adapted to shade and high summer rainfall. Plants frequently recover from defoliation.

**Limiting Factors** Climate: Habitat

**Research Organization CSIRO** 

> References 162, 169, 173, 455, 456, 1989

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year

1952 Source

Ex. France via Australia via USA Established Yes

Abundance Hiah General Impact Heavy Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

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Hypericum perforatum; Chrysolina quadrigemina (continued)

**Country** Canada (continued)

Notes Provided excellent control of weed 5-13 years following release. Frequently mixed with Chrysolina hyperici but C. quadrigemina is the more effective agent. Does best in warm, dry regions where it has completely or partially replaced C. hyperici. In recent years populations decreased along with crash in weed population. As weed has been

have resumed.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 437, 635, 734, 735, 738, 740,

recovering, redistributions of this agent

741, 912

**RELEASE** 

Chile Country Year 1953

**Source** Ex. France via Australia via USA (CA)

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Readily established. Provides effective

control in most infestations.

Research Organization MAC

**References** 84, 635, 649, 1362, 1889

#### **HYPERICACEAE**

Hypericum perforatum; Chrysolina quadrigemina (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1965

**Source** Ex. France via Australia via USA (CA)

Established Yes **Abundance** High **General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Populations established throughout

island of HA. Gives excellent control in combination with Zeuxidiplosis giardi.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 401, 405, 411, 612, 635, 1149

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

1965 Year

Source Fx. France via Australia

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Initially believed to have failed but found again in 1984. Subsequent releases of second population may have boosted numbers, though unknown if this was only result of first introduction increasing naturally. Species now widely distributed in mixed populations with Chrysolina hyperici, though C. quadrigemina probably the more significant contributor of the two to high levels of defoliation. Along with *C. hyperici*, causes significant impact in some areas, especially warm regions. Overall program considered a success.

DSIR

Research Organization

References 169, 589, 686, 687, 707, 720, 761, 913,

1064

#### **HYPERICACEAE**

Hypericum perforatum; Chrysolina quadrigemina (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1990

Source Ex. France via Australia via USA via

Canada

**Established** Unknown **Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** This population believed to be better

adapted to New Zealand climatic conditions and released to increase efficacy of first release material. Unknown if the second introduction established; if it did, is indistinguishable from earlier releases, and monitoring was insufficient to say if this population

established or not.

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 635, 686, 720, 761

RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1960

Source Ex. France via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Caused spectacular damage and the

near destruction of dense stands within 2-3 years. Together with *Zeuxidiplosis giardi* has since contained and controlled the weed in WC, where it remains an insignificant invader in a few

localized areas.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 660, 992, 1342, 1386

#### **HYPERICACEAE**

Hypericum perforatum; Chrysolina quadrigemina (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1946

Source Ex. France via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Within 10 years of its release, weed

population reduced more than 99% in CA. Has since become main factor controlling the weed throughout western USA. At many locations where established, populations of both weed and agent follow boom/bust cycle. Not as effective as *Chrysolina hyperici* at sites with more moisture and colder

winter temperatures.

Limiting Factors Climate

Other Species Attacked Attacks the native Hypericum

concinnum Benth. and the exotic

H. calycinum L.

**Research Organization** USDA (7), State (4,6,7,9)

**References** 133, 222, 332, 334, 335, 508, 837, 838,

863, 1179, 1501, 1503, 1578, 1731

Hypericum perforatum (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Chrysolina varians (Schaller)

Past Names/Synonyms Chrysomela varians (Schaller)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1930

1930

Source Ex. England

Established No.

Notes Establishment failure likely due to

predation and unfavorable climatic

conditions.

Limiting Factors Predation; Climate

Research Organization CSIR\*

**References** 169, 173, 387, 1989

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

Year 1957

Source Ex. Sweden

Established No

Notes Establishment failure of initial release

likely due to release sites being too dry. Second release initially established but

failed to persist.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 740, 741, 912

**HYPERICACEAE** 

Hypericum perforatum; Chrysolina varians (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1950

Source Ex. Europe

Established No

Research Organization USDA (7), State (4)

References 41, 222, 740, 1503

**AGENT** 

Species Zeuxidiplosis giardi (Kieffer)

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1953

Source Ex. France via USA (CA)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely distributed though not common.

Populations not large enough to contribute significantly to control.

continuate significantly

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 173, 455, 1989

Hypericum perforatum; Zeuxidiplosis giardi (continued)

RELEASE

Country Canada Year 1955

Source Ex. France via USA (CA)

Established No

**Notes** Populations thrived the first summer

of release but were subsequently annihilated due to sudden sub-zero temperatures in mid November

temperatures in mid-November.

**Limiting Factors** Climate **Research Organization** AAFC

**References** 635, 740, 741, 912

RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1965

Source Ex. France via USA (CA) via Australia

via New Zealand

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Establishment extensive on

HA. Provides excellent control in combination with *Chrysolina* 

quadrigemina.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 401, 405, 411, 612, 635, 1149

**HYPERICACEAE** 

Hypericum perforatum; Zeuxidiplosis giardi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1961

**Source** Ex. France via USA (CA) via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Well established only in northern

parts of South Island. Unlikely to contribute significantly to control but not formally evaluated so impact on plant

populations unknown.

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 631, 635, 707, 720, 1064, 1068

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. France via USA (CA) via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Causes death of seedlings and reduces

growth and flowering. In conjunction with *Chrysolina quadrigemina* has since contained and controlled the weed in WC, where it remains an insignificant invader in a few localized areas.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 51, 173, 660, 661, 662, 992, 1386

Hypericum perforatum; Zeuxidiplosis giardi (continued)

#### RELEASE

**Country** United States of America

Year 1950

Source Ex. France

Established Yes
Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Reduces growth in heavily infested

plants. Heavily parasitized so populations limited. Seems to prefer damp locations with moderate to high relative humidity and high elevations.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Climate

Other Species Attacked Found reproducing on the native

Hypericum concinnum Benth. though in

low numbers.

**Research Organization** USDA (7), State (4,6,7,9)

**References** 20, 41, 222, 235, 236, 242, 332, 334,

635, 1501, 1503, 1731

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1992

Source Ex. France via USA (CA) via Australia

via New Zealand via Hawaii USA

Established No.

**Notes** Several releases of adults were made.

none of which established.

**Research Organization** State (15)

**References** 332, 334, 635

### LAMIACEAE

**WEED** 

Family Lamiaceae

**Species** Clerodendrum chinense (Osbeck)

Mabb.

Past Names/Synonyms Clerodendrum philippinum Schauer,

Clerodendrum fragans Vent.

Origin India, Myanmar, China, Laos,

Cambodia, Vietnam

Common Name Honolulu rose

**AGENT** 

Species Phyllocharis undulata (L.)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Thailand

**Year** 1990

Source Ex. Vietnam

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Established and spreading slowly 7

years following release. More recent

status unknown.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 1326, 1329, 1330

### **LAMIACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |   |
|----------------|---|
| Family         | Lamiaceae   |
| Species        | Marrubium vulgare L.  |
| Origin         | southern and western Europe, central and western Asia, North Africa |
| Common Name    | horehound   |
| AGENT          |   |
| Species        | Chamaesphecia mysiniformis Rambur                                   |
| Classification | (Lepidoptera: Sesiidae)   |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia
Year 1997
Source Ex. Spain
Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Causing plant mortality at release

sites on mainland. Formal evaluation of impact lacking. No evidence of successful establishment in TAS when surveys last conducted in early 2012; high level of egg predation suspected.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization VIC State, UASA, NSW State

**References** 284, 883, 1956, 1975

#### LAMIACEAE

Marrubium vulgare (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Wheeleria spilodactylus (Curtis)
Past Names/Synonyms Pterophorus spilodactylus Curtis
Classification (Lepidoptera: Pterophoridae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia
Year 1994

Source Ex. France

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Medium
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Additional importation from France

made in 1997 and released in SA; fared much better in field than the inbred first. Widely established. In moderate to high rainfall areas (>450mm) suppresses plant growth and reduces seed

production.

**Limiting Factors** Climate; Inbreeding of starter colony

(first introduction)

Research Organization VIC State, SA State, NSW State

**References** 284, 1418, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957,

1975

TABLE 1

#### **LAMIACEAE**

Marrubium vulgare; Wheeleria spilodactylus (continued)

#### RELEASE

Country Australia
Year 1997
Source Ex. Spain
Established Yes

Abundance High
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Though released separately, this second

introduction (from Spain) could now be intermixed in the field. Increasingly common. In moderate to high rainfall areas (>450mm) suppresses plant growth and reduces seed production.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization VIC State, SA State, NSW State

References 284, 1954, 1955, 1956

#### WEED

Family Lamiaceae
Species Salvia aethiopis L.
Origin Eurasia

Common Name Mediterranean sage

**AGENT** 

Species *Phrydiuchus spilmani* Warner Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1969 Source Ex. Italy

Established No.

**Research Organization** USDA (7,12), State (15) **References** 43, 332, 334, 336, 341

#### **LAMIACEAE**

Salvia aethiopis (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Phrydiuchus tau Warner
Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Former Yugoslavia

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Abundant in portions of CA, OR and

ID; limited in other regions where established. High weevil populations associated with decreased *Salvia aethiopis* densities in communities with high competing perennial grasses. In salt desert scrub, annual grass-dominated and heavily grazed communities, little change in *S. aethiopis* density despite good

weevil presence.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat; Land use

**Research Organization** USDA (7,12), State (6,14,15)

**References** 43, 332, 334, 336, 341, 1578, 1905,

1908

### LORANTHACEAE

# Family Loranthaceae Species Phthirusa stelis (L.) Kuijt

Past Names/Synonyms Phthirusa adunca (G.Mey.) Maguire,

Phthirusa spp.

Origin South America

Common Name bird vine
References 1030

**AGENT** 

Species Ceratitella tomentosa De Meijere

Past Names/Synonyms Ceratitella asiatica Hardy

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Trinidad and Tobago

**Year** 1978

Source Ex. Pakistan

Established No

**Notes** Although adults lived for up to 29 days

on Trinidad, no recoveries made at

release site.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 288, 318, 319, 629

### LYGODIACEAE

| WEED        |  |
|-------------|--|
| Family      | Lygodiaceae                              |
| Species     | Lygodium microphyllum (Cav.) R. Br.      |
| Origin      | Australia, Africa, Asia, Oceania         |
| Common Name | Old World climbing fern                  |
|             |  |
| AGENT       |  |
|             | Austromusotima camptozonale<br>(Hampson) |
|             | •  |

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 2004

Source Ex. Australia

Established No

Notes Both Neochetina weevils responsible for

significant reduction in water hyacinth extent. Weed now considered under substantial control on Lake Victoria, possibly aided by wind and wave action and weather events. On rivers in Tanga Region, weevils reduced amount of manual removal required to keep river

channels open.

Limiting Factors Predation; Low fertility

Research Organization USDA (3,4), CSIRO

References 142, 145, 148, 237

### **LYGODIACEAE**

Lygodium microphyllum (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Floracarus perrepae Knihinicki &

Boczek

Classification (Acari: Eriophyidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 2008

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes Abundance Limited

General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Though released widely, only

established and persisted at limited number of sites. Variations in response to galling might be attributed to genetic differences in susceptibility to gall induction between different geographic populations of Lygodium microphyllum.

**Limiting Factors** Host plant resistance Research Organization USDA (4), CSIRO

**References** 143, 147, 1698

LYGODIACEAE

Lygodium microphyllum (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** Neomusotima conspurcatalis (Warren)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 2008

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes Abundance Variable

General Impact Too early post release

Notes Though too early to evaluate overall

impact, well established across wide areas of southeastern FL with period outbreak populations. Outbreaks of agent cause substantial damage to weed. Some regrowth from dormant lateral buds occurs after defoliation events; however regrowth subject to oviposition and subsequent rounds of larval defoliation. Low winter temperatures cause drastic population reductions of agent and enable partial recovery of fern. Several species of native parasitoid attack agent, but parasitism rates generally low and not likely high enough to substantially

impact agent populations.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization USDA (4), CSIRO

**References** 143, 144, 146, 148, 237, 1031, 1528

### **LYTHRACEAE**

| WEED           |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Family         | Lythraceae                    |
| Species        | Lythrum salicaria L.          |
| Origin         | Europe, northern Africa, Asia |
| Common Name    | purple loosestrife            |
| AGENT          |                               |
| Species        | Galerucella calmariensis (L.) |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)   |

#### RELEASE

Country Canada Year 1992

Source Ex. Germany

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** The most widely released agent on

Lythrum salicaria in Canada due to its ease of rearing, reproduction, and redistribution. Frequently occurs with Galerucella pusilla. Together have provided excellent control throughout majority of the weed's range.

Other Species Attacked Limiting feeding has been observed in

the field on the native Lythrum alatum Pursh and Decodon verticillatus (L.) Elliott, though this is believed to be

temporary spillover.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 347, 432, 437, 480, 794, 1097

#### **LYTHRACEAE**

Lythrum salicaria; Galerucella calmariensis (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

**Year** 1992

Source Ex. Germany

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Well established in some states,

infrequent in others. Galerucella calmariensis generally more abundant than G. pusilla, but the reverse is true at some sites for unknown reasons. High densities of Galerucella spp. have heavy impact by reducing seed production and stunting growth. At some sites, plant density has decreased up to 90%, though at others density remains unchanged. Boom-bust cycles common for this system: as agent populations build, greater dispersal results in increases in weed population, followed by increases in agent populations. Impact greatest in mixed plant communities that provide competition to recovering Lythrum salicaria. Agents do best in habitats where dry overwintering

Limiting Factors Habitat; Predation

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sites available. Predation may limit

populations at some locations.

#### **LYTHRACEAE**

Lythrum salicaria; Galerucella calmariensis (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Other Species Attacked

Following mass outbreaks of beetles. limited spillover feeding observed on the native Salix discolor Muhl., Potentilla anserina L., Cornus stolonifera Michx. (whose name has since been changed to Cornus sericea L. subsp. sericea) and the exotic Rosa multiflora Thunb. Temporary adult feeding recorded on the native Decodon verticillatus (L.) Elliott and Lythrum alatum Pursh. (the latter only recorded in Canada). Spillover feeding on Lagerstroemia indica L. in a post-release open-field test near a mass outbreak of weevils, though reproduction did not occur on this species; no attack has thus far been recorded on L. indica outside of this field experiment.

Research Organization USFWS, State (34,32,15);

Additional contributions from State

(1,9,31,37,38,39,42), USDA

**References** 127, 128, 130, 131, 335, 673, 794, 1073, 1105, 1432, 1507, 1624, 1694, 1896, 1901, 1903, 1909, 1910

#### LYTHRACEAE

Lythrum salicaria (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species

Galerucella pusilla (Duftschmidt)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

Year 1992

**Source** Ex. Germany

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Frequently occurs with Galerucella

calmariensis. Together have provided excellent control throughout majority of the weed's range. Initially widespread but more recent surveys indicate most Galerucella populations consist primarily

or wholly of G. calmariensis.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 347, 432, 437, 480, 794, 1097

#### **LYTHRACEAE**

Lythrum salicaria; Galerucella pusilla (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

**Year** 1992

**Source** Ex. Germany

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Well established in some states. infrequent in others. Galerucella calmariensis generally more abundant than G. pusilla, but the reverse is true at some sites for unknown reasons. High densities of Galerucella spp. have heavy impact by reducing seed production and stunting growth. At some sites, plant density has decreased up to 90%, though at others density remains unchanged. Boom-bust cycles common for this system: as agent populations build, greater dispersal results in increases in weed population, followed by increases in agent populations. Impact greatest in mixed plant communities that provide competition to recovering Lythrum salicaria. Agents do best in habitats where dry overwintering sites available. Predation may limit populations at some locations.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat; Predation

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#### LYTHRACEAE

Lythrum salicaria; Galerucella pusilla (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Other Species Attacked Following mass outbreaks of beetles, limited spillover feeding observed on the native Salix discolor Muhl., Potentilla anserina L.. Cornus stolonifera Michx. (whose name has since been changed to Cornus sericea L. subsp. sericea) and the exotic Rosa multiflora Thunb. Temporary adult feeding recorded on the native Decodon verticillatus (L.) Elliott and Lythrum alatum Pursh. (the latter only recorded in Canada). Spillover feeding on Lagerstroemia indica L. in a post-release open-field test near a mass outbreak of weevils, though reproduction did not occur on this species; no attack has thus far been recorded on L. indica outside of this field experiment.

Research Organization

USFWS, State (34,32,15);

Additional contributions from State

(1,9,31,37,38,39,42), USDA

**References** 126, 127, 128, 130, 335, 673, 794, 1073, 1105, 1507, 1624, 1694, 1896,

1901, 1903, 1909, 1910

#### **LYTHRACEAE**

Lythrum salicaria (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Hylobius transversovittatus (Goeze)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada **Year** 1992

Source Ex. Germany, Finland

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** The limited populations and cryptic

nature make this species difficult to study so its current status in Canada is largely unknown and requires further

study.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 125, 128, 347, 432, 437, 794, 1097,

1138

#### **LYTHRACEAE**

Lythrum salicaria; Hylobius transversovittatus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1991

Source Ex. Germany

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Slower to disperse and reproduce than

other established agents. Believed to have well established populations in WA and ID, but largely limited elsewhere. Extensive root feeding by this agent can complement defoliation by *Galerucella* spp., sometimes resulting in plant death. However, establishment and impact both difficult to assess as larvae are hidden feeders and adults are active at night.

Research Organization USFWS, State (34), USDA (10,14),

State (32,15); Additional contributions from State (1,9,14,43,31,37,38,39,42),

USDA

**References** 83, 127, 128, 129, 332, 335, 794, 925,

1507, 1512, 1901, 1903, 1909, 1911

## LYTHRACEAE

**Lythrum salicaria** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Nanophyes marmoratus (Goeze)

Classification (Coleoptera: Nanophyidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1997

**Source** Ex. Germany

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 37, 132, 347, 437, 1097

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1994

Source Ex. France, Germany

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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#### LYTHRACEAE

Lythrum salicaria; Nanophyes marmoratus (continued)

Country

United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Feeding on floral buds often results in abortion and failure to produce seeds, which does not kill plants but reduces population spread. Populations typically limited, but may be an important agent at sites with decreasing Lythrum salicaria and smaller populations of other agents. Does not do well at sites with high populations of Galerucella spp. (the more effective agents) as heavy defoliation by the leaf-feeders reduces

food availability.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

Research Organization USFWS, State (34,15,9,32); Additional

contributions from State (14,31,37,38)

**References** 127, 128, 129, 332, 334, 335, 1105,

1432, 1502, 1507, 1512, 1752, 1893,

1901, 1903, 1909

## **MALVACEAE**

| <u>\</u> | VEED Family Species Origin Common Name | Malvaceae Sida acuta Burm. f. tropical Americas            |
|----------|--|--|
|          | Common Name                            | spinyhead sida, broomweed, broom stick                     |
| -        | AGENT Species Classification           | Calligrapha pantherina Stål<br>(Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae) |

RELEASE

CountryAustraliaYear1989SourceEx. Mexico

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Heavy
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Causes severe defoliation, reducing

seed production and plant density.

Maximum impact on coastal and subcoastal stands. Survival during severe
dry season can be poor as often needs
to be reintroduced to areas where
high densities present the previous

dry season.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization CSIRO, NT, QLD State

References 569, 577, 766, 769, 773, 1114, 1983

#### MALVACEAE

Sida acuta; Calligrapha pantherina (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji Year 2002

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Providing effective control.

Research Organization SPC

**References** 418, 427, 769, 951, 1125, 1401

**RELEASE** 

Country Papua New Guinea

**Year** 2000

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Severe infestations brought under

control within 12 months. Still spreading

to additional provinces.

Research Organization SPC

**References** 427, 769, 971, 1039, 1403

#### MALVACEAE

Sida acuta; Calligrapha pantherina (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Samoa

Year pre 1998

Source Ex. Unknown

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 418

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Vanuatu

Year 2005

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia via Fiji

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Confirmed under control on all islands

that have been surveyed.

Research Organization SPC, DLQS

**References** 203, 204, 418, 427, 769, 1401, 1402

MALVACEAE

Sida acuta (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Eutinobothrus pilosellus (Boheman)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1997

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Survived first dry season following

release but subsequent status unknown.

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

**References** 766, 769, 1418

**AGENT** 

Species Eutinobothrus sp.

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1994

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Survived first dry season following

release but subsequent status unknown.

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

**References** 423, 766, 769

**TABLE** 

## MALVACEAE (continued)

| WEED           |  |
|----------------|--|
| Family         | Malvaceae  |
| Species        | Sida rhombifolia L.                                  |
| Origin         | tropical Americas                                    |
| Common Name    | Paddy's lucerne, common sida, broomweed, broom stick |
| AGENT          |  |
| Species        | Calligrapha pantherina Stål                          |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)                          |

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia
Year 1989
Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight
Scale of Impact Localized

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Established at few sites in coastal northern QLD but failed to establish in southern QLD. Poorer performance on Sida rhombifolia than S. acuta thought to be due to climatic factors relating to

S. rhombifolia's distribution.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization CSIRO, QLD State References 577, 766, 769, 773 **MALVACEAE** 

Sida rhombifolia; Calligrapha pantherina (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji Year 2002

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Providing effective control.

Research Organization SPC

**References** 418, 427, 769, 951, 1125, 1401

**RELEASE** 

Country Papua New Guinea

Year 2000

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Severe infestations brought under

control within 12 months. Still spreading

to additional provinces.

Research Organization SPC

**References** 427, 769, 971, 1039, 1403

**RELEASE** 

Country Samoa

Year pre 1998

Source Ex. Unknown

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 427

#### **MALVACEAE**

Sida rhombifolia; Calligrapha pantherina (continued)

RELEASE

**Country** Vanuatu

Year 2005

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia via Fiji

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Confirmed under control on all islands

that have been surveyed. In Vanuatu, *Sida rhombifolia* is not as problematic as the closely related *S. acuta* so biocontrol impact on *S. rhombifolia* is no longer

recorded.

Research Organization SPC, DLQS

**References** 203, 204, 418, 427, 769, 1401, 1402

**MALVACEAE** 

Sida rhombifolia (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Eutinobothrus pilosellus (Boheman)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1998

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Survived first dry season following

release but subsequent status unknown.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 766, 769, 1418

**AGENT** 

Species Eutinobothrus sp.

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

RELEASE

Country Australia

Year 1994

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Survived first dry season following

release but subsequent status unknown.

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

References 766, 769

TABLE 1

### **MELASTOMATACEAE**

Family Melastomataceae
Species Clidemia hirta (L.) D. Don
tropical Central and South America,
Caribbean
Common Name Koster's curse, the curse

AGENT
Species Antiblemma acclinalis Hübner
Classification (Lepidoptera: Erebidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1995

Source Ex. Tobago

Established Yes

Abundance Rare

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Established on OA and KA but rare.

likely from parasitism.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 323, 326, 385, 386, 762, 1169

#### **MELASTOMATACEAE**

Clidemia hirta (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** Ategumia matutinalis (Guenée)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Ategumia ebulealis (Guenée),

Blepharomastix ebulealis Guenée

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

References 324, 783

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. Puerto Rico, Trinidad

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Although established, heavily parasitized

so populations are suppressed and have

had little impact on Clidemia hirta.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the exotic *Melastoma* 

septemnervium Lour. and Tibouchina semidecandra (Schrank & Mart. ex DC.) Cogn. though impact is believed to be

negligible.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 324, 402, 403, 762, 1147, 1321, 1562,

1959

#### **MELASTOMATACEAE**

Clidemia hirta; Ategumia matutinalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Palau Year 1972

Source Ex. Puerto Rico, Trinidad via Hawaii

USA

Established No

Research Organization UOG

**References** 324, 1627

**AGENT** 

Species Carposina bullata Meyrick

Classification (Lepidoptera: Carposinidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1995

Source Ex. Trinidad, Tobago

Established No.

**Notes** OA releases likely failed due to low

numbers (3 and 4 individuals in 1995 and 1998 respectively). Insects established initially on HA (recovered 2002) but never recovered again for

reasons unknown.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 324, 326, 385, 386, 1169

**MELASTOMATACEAE** 

Clidemia hirta (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Colletotrichum clidemiae B. Weir &

P.R. Johnst.

Past Names/Synonyms Colletotrichum gloeosporioides

(Penz.) Penz. & Sacc. f.sp. clidemiae

E.E. Trujillo, Latterell & A.E. Rossi

Classification (Sordariomycetes: Incertae sedis)

**References** 987, 1967

RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1986

Source Ex. Panama

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes During variable outbreaks diseased

plants common throughout all islands in cool, wet, windy areas, resulting in frequent defoliation. However impact typically low as infected plants often regenerate quickly. Natural dispersal of this fungus uncommon due to its production of spores in a mucoid mass. A volunteer-assisted redistribution program was initiated to aid in repeated

inoculations and spread of this

pathogen.

Limiting Factors Climate
Research Organization HDOA

**References** 253, 323, 324, 325, 326, 385, 489, 1147,

1825, 1826

### **MELASTOMATACEAE**

Clidemia hirta (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Liothrips urichi Karny

**Classification** (Thysanoptera: Phlaeothripidae)

RELEASE

**Country** American Samoa

Year 1974

Source Ex. Trinidad via Fiji

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Believed to have provided reasonable level of control; inhibits growth and vigor of weed, preventing it from becoming dominant. Recent though very limited surveys yielded only isolated or patchy

plants and no agents.

**References** 324, 331, 1712, 1779, 1885, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

Year 1930

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Excellent control in most areas. Able to reduce regrowth and competitive ability of weed. Little effect in very wet areas under dense shade or where grazing is intense as competing vegetation is

unable to suppress the weed.

Limiting Factors Climate; Habitat; Land use

Research Organization DAF

**References** 288, 324, 606, 1373, 1547, 1682, 1683,

1684, 1686

**MELASTOMATACEAE** 

Clidemia hirta; Liothrips urichi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Hawaii USA Country

Year 1953

Source Ex. Trinidad via Fiji

Established Yes Abundance Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Provides excellent control in open

pastureland of OA and MA but ineffective in shaded, forested watershed and conservation areas of both islands. Infrequently encountered

on HA, even in open habitat.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat; Predation

**Research Organization HDOA** 

**References** 325, 405, 489, 612, 762, 1147, 1561,

1563, 1949, 1959

**RELEASE** 

Country Palau

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Trinidad via Fiji via Hawaii USA

Established Yes Abundance Variable General Impact Variable

**Notes** Effective primarily in sunny areas.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat Research Organization UOG **References** 324, 1627

#### **MELASTOMATACEAE**

Clidemia hirta; Liothrips urichi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Solomon Islands

Year 1938

Source Ex. Trinidad via Fiji

Established No.

Notes Establishment failure largely due to the

very small numbers which survived the

journey.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization

**References** 288, 324, 1093, 1548

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Solomon Islands

Year 1973

Source Ex. Trinidad via Fiji

Established No.

Research Organization MAL

**References** 324, 1126

**AGENT** 

Species Lius poseidon Napp

Classification (Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1988

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

(continued at top of next column)

**MELASTOMATACEAE** 

Clidemia hirta; Lius poseidon (continued)

Hawaii USA (continued) Country

Notes Widespread throughout islands but

uncommon. Damage may be greater in combination with Liothrips urichi, though damage to weed overall appears

minimal. Parasitism may be factor.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 323, 324, 325, 326, 385, 489, 762,

1147, 1169

**AGENT** 

Species Mompha trithalama Meyrick

Classification (Lepidoptera: Momphidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1995

Source Ex. Trinidad, Tobago

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Possible impact on viable seed

production but needs formal evaluation. Widespread distribution and high abundance for multiple years indicate impact is low. Parasitism recently documented on island of HA.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 324, 325, 326, 385, 386, 762, 1169

## **MELASTOMATACEAE** (continued)

WEED

Family Melastomataceae

Species Melastoma septemnervium Lour.

Past Names/Synonyms Melastoma candidum D. Don Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Melastoma malabathricum L.

**Notes** Initially incorrectly identified as *Melastoma malabathricum* L. but

subsequently corrected to

 $\it M. \ candidum \ D. \ Don, \ a \ name \ that \ has$ 

since been synonymized with *M. septemnervium* Lour.

Origin southeast Asia

Common Name Asian melastome; sometimes referred

to as Indian rhododendron or Malabar melastome which were the common names of the incorrectly identified

Melastoma malabathricum

**References** 326, 1924

**AGENT** 

Species Ategumia adipalis (Lederer)

Past Names/Synonyms Bocchoris adipalis (Lederer)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1965

**Source** Ex. Singapore, Malaysia (mainland)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

**Notes** Low population levels; ineffective

control.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 325, 405, 411, 612, 762

**MELASTOMATACEAE** 

Melastoma septemnervium (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Ategumia fatualis (Lederer)

Past Names/Synonyms Bocchoris fatualis (Lederer)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1958

Source Ex. Philippines

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

**Notes** Low population levels; ineffective

control.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 398, 405, 406, 411, 612, 762, 1025,

1169

#### **MELASTOMATACEAE**

**Melastoma septemnervium** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Rhynchopalpus brunellus Hampson

Past Names/Synonyms Selca brunella Hampson Classification (Lepidoptera: Nolidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1965

**Source** Ex. Singapore, Malaysia (mainland)

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes In heavily infested localities foliar

skeletonizing is moderate and fruits attacked, but control only partial.

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the exotic (occasionally

cultivated) Melastoma sanguineum Sims and found established on the exotic

Tibouchina urvilleana (DC.) Cogn.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 325, 326, 401, 405, 411, 612, 635, 762,

836

### **MELASTOMATACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Melastomataceae

Species Miconia calvescens DC.

Origin tropical Americas

Common Name miconia

**AGENT** 

Colletotrichum gloeosporioides Species

(Penz.) Penz. & Sacc. f.sp. miconiae

Killgore & L. Sugiyama

Classification (Sordariomycetes: Incertae sedis)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** French Polynesia

Year 2000

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Variable

Notes Causes significant mortality of seedlings

and partial defoliation of large plants which increases light penetration, in turn increasing recruitment by native species. Impact largely restricted to higher elevations with cool temperatures

and high humidity.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization HDOA, DRFP

References 1234, 1235, 1237, 1238

#### **MELASTOMATACEAE**

Miconia calvescens; Colletotrichum gloeosporioides (continued)

#### RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1997

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Can cause premature leaf drop in

saplings, however restricted to wet and

windy climatic conditions.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization HDOA

References 325, 326, 386, 981

### **MYRICACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Myricaceae

Species Morella faya (Aiton) Wilbur

Past Names/Synonyms Myrica faya Aiton

Origin Azores, Madeira and Canary Islands

**Common Name** firebush, firetree, faya, fayatree

**References** 678, 1100

**AGENT** 

Species Caloptilia coruscans (Walsingham)

Past Names/Synonyms Caloptilia schinella (Walsingham),

Caloptilia nr schinella (Walsingham)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Phyllonorycter myricae Deschka

Classification (Lepidoptera: Gracillariidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1991

Source Ex. Azores, Madeira

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

**Notes** Established in only a few regions on

island of HA. Largely no measurable effect, likely due to parasitism and

predation.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Predation

Research Organization USDA, HDOA

**References** 326, 386, 1083, 1145

## MYRICACEAE Morella faya (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Septoria hodgesii D.E. Gardner Classification (Dothideomycetes: Capnodiales)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1997

Source Ex. USA (NC)

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact None

Notes Though initially established at all release

sites, appeared to have no effect on weed populations. Has not been

monitored recently.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 325, 326, 386

#### **AGENT**

Species Strepsicrates smithiana Walsingham

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Eucosma smithiana (Walsingham)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1956

Source Ex. USA (FL, GA)

Established No.

Other Species Attacked Not established on *Morella faya* (Aiton)

Wilbur on which it was released, but became established on the closely related but less problematic southern wax myrtle, Morella cerifera (L.) Small,

on Hawaii.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 44, 386, 400, 406, 612, 1083, 1952

## **MYRTACEAE**

#### **WEED**

Family Myrtaceae

Species Leptospermum laevigatum (Gaertn.)

F. Muell.

Origin Australia

Common Name Australian myrtle

#### **AGENT**

Species Aristaea thalassias (Meyrick) Past Names/Synonyms Parectopa thalassias Meyrick Classification (Lepidoptera: Gracillariidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1996

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes

young leaves on seedlings can reduce their vigor and growth, but mature Leptospermum laevigatum trees are largely unaffected. Even in combination with Dasineura strobila, at some sites may contribute to a reduction in the growth and stature of L. laevigatum seedlings, but overall suppression of the

Repeated mining and abscission of

weed is negligible.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 654, 657, 992

## **MYRTACEAE**

**Leptospermum laevigatum** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dasineura strobila Dorchin

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1997

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Intentionally introduced and

redistributed, though was then found to be already established. Both populations subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Initially developed very dense populations until it acquired several species of local predatory mites and parasitic wasps that caused a marked decline in population levels. In combination with Aristaea thalassias. at some sites may contribute to a reduction in the growth and stature of Leptospermum laevigatum seedlings, but overall suppression of the weed is

negligible.

Limiting Factors Predation Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 517, 654, 657, 658, 992

**MYRTACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

**Family** Myrtaceae

Melaleuca quinquenervia (Cav.) S. T. Species

Blake

Origin Australia, New Caledonia,

**New Guinea** 

**Common Name** melaleuca, broad-leaved paperbark

**AGENT** 

Species Boreioglycaspis melaleucae Moore

Classification (Hemiptera: Psyllidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 2002

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Well established throughout FL, though seasonably variable and densities greatest in south. In combination with Oxyops vitiosa and Puccinia psidii,

> causes severe damage to mature melaleuca trees through reduced plant height, branching and biomass of surviving coppices as well as increased fruit abortion and seedling/sapling mortality. Saliva thought to be phytotoxic and cause premature leaf drop. Summer temperatures possibly reduce population growth; predation by generalists sometimes significant. Small population found near Los Angeles International

population in Australia. (continued on next page)

Airport in CA in 2009. Unknown if originated from FL population, or native

## MYRTACEAE; Melaleuca quinquenervia Boreioglycaspis melaleucae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Limiting Factors Climate; Predation

Research Organization USDA (3,4)

**References** 80, 243, 244, 245, 246, 254, 1529,

1530, 1551

#### **AGENT**

Species Fergusobia quinquenerviae Davies &

Giblin-Davis

Classification (Tylenchida: Neotylenchidae)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 2005

Source Ex. Australia

Established No.

Notes Fergusobia quinquenerviae is a mutualistic nematode of the fly Fergusonina turneri that is deposited with eggs of the fly and appears to initiate gall formation. Both were released together. Failed to establish despite effort to increase number of individuals released and improve release timing with susceptible stage of host (buds). Along with F. turneri temporarily colonized release sites, but disappeared completely after three

generations.

Research Organization USDA (3,4)

**References** 237, 245, 246, 626, 875

#### **MYRTACEAE**

Melaleuca quinquenervia (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Fergusonina turneri Taylor Classification (Diptera: Fergusoninidae)

**TABLE** 

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 2005

Source Ex. Australia

Established No.

**Notes** Fergusobia guinguenerviae is a

mutualistic nematode of the fly Fergusonina turneri that is deposited with eggs of the fly and appears to initiate gall formation. Both were released together. Failed to establish despite effort to increase number of individuals released and improve release timing with susceptible stage of host (buds). Along with

F. quinquenerviae temporarily colonized release sites, but disappeared

completely after three generations.

Research Organization USDA (3,4)

**References** 237, 245, 246, 626, 875

#### **MYRTACEAE**

Melaleuca quinquenervia (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Lophodiplosis trifida Gagné

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 2008

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Though only recently introduced, established successfully at all sites except one where agents killed by frost. Populations largely moderately abundant; high in areas with long hydroperiod (wetlands) but lower in upland systems where they are restricted to the lower canopy. While too early to determine fully, preliminary evidence indicates galling can kill seedlings and severely modify plant

> established herbivores, decreases plant growth and survival. Currently under

architecture. In concert with other

evaluation.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

Research Organization USDA (3,4)

**References** 237, 246, 607, 875, 1527, 1528

**MYRTACEAE** 

Melaleuca quinquenervia (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Oxyops vitiosa Pascoe

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

United States of America Country

Year 1997

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Well established throughout FL.

though densities greatest in south. In combination with Boreioglycaspis melaleucae and Puccinia psidii, causes severe damage to mature melaleuca trees. Damage occurs as reduced plant height, branching and biomass of surviving coppices as well as increased seedling mortality. Repeated attack enables other plant species to colonize sites. Pupates in soil so persistent populations rare in permanently flooded

habitats.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat USDA (3.4) Research Organization

**References** 80, 245, 246, 247, 1529, 1530, 1551

## **OROBANCHACEAE**

| WEED           |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Family         | Orobanchaceae                   |
| Species        | Orobanche minor Sm.             |
| Origin         | Eurasia                         |
| Common Name    | broomrape                       |
| AGENT          |                                 |
| Species        | Phytomyza orobanchia Kaltenbach |
| Classification | (Diptera: Agromyzidae)          |

## **RELEASE**

Country Chile **Year** 1998

Source Ex. Morocco

Established No.

**Notes** Not recovered after initial releases.

Research Organization INIA

**References** 994, 1355, 1356, 1941

## **OROBANCHACEAE** (continued)

| Species<br>Past Names/Synonyms |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| •                              | Eurasia<br>broomrape, branched broomrape<br>922, 1463  |
| •                              | Phytomyza orobanchia Kaltenbach (Diptera: Agromyzidae) |

## **RELEASE**

Country Chile **Year** 1998 Source Ex. Morocco

Established No.

**Notes** Not recovered after initial releases.

Research Organization INIA

**References** 994, 1354, 1355, 1356, 1941

## **OROBANCHACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Family         | Orobanchaceae                    |
| Species        | Striga hermonthica (Del.) Benth. |
| Origin         | Africa                           |
| Common Name    | purple witchweed                 |
|                |                                  |
| AGENT          |                                  |
| Species        | Eulocastra argentisparsa Hampson |
| Classification | (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)         |
|                |                                  |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Ethiopia
Year 1974
Source Ex. India
Established No

**Notes** Recovery surveys not conducted for

several years following release due to political unrest. Has since been determined agent did not establish.

**Research Organization** IIBC, FAO **References** 669, 1780

#### **OROBANCHACEAE**

Striga hermonthica (continued)

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Species Smicronyx albovariegatus Faust
Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Ethiopia
Year 1974
Source Ex. India
Established No

Notes Recovery surveys not conducted for

several years following release due to political unrest. Has since been determined agent did not establish.

Research Organization IIBC, FAO

**References** 669, 1780

#### RELEASE

Country Ethiopia
Year 1978
Source Ex. India
Established No

Notes Recovered in 1979 but additional

surveys not conducted for several years following release due to political unrest. Has since been determined agent did

not establish.

Research Organization IIBC, FAO

**References** 669, 1780

## **PASSIFLORACEAE**

**WEED** Family Passifloraceae Species Passiflora tarminiana Coppens & V. E. Barney Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Passiflora tripartita (Juss.) Poir. var. tripartita, Passiflora mollissima (Kunth) L.H. Bailey, Passiflora tripartita var. mollissima (Kunth) Holm-Nielsen & P. Jørgensen **Notes** Now considered a hybrid between Passiflora mollissima (Kunth) L.H. Bailey (whose name has since been changed to P. tripartita var. mollissima (Kunth) Holm-Nielsen & P. Jørgensen) and an additional species. Origin South America Common Name banana poka References 326, 342 **AGENT** Species Pyrausta perelegans Hampson

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Venezuela

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

**Notes** Insect populations too low to have any

significant impact.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Predation (only minor impact

on efficacy)

Research Organization USDA-FS, HDOA

**References** 221, 326, 596, 1146, 1151, 1153, 1861

### **PASSIFLORACEAE**

Passiflora tarminiana (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Scea necyria (Felder & Rogenhofer)

Past Names/Synonyms Cyanotricha necyria Felder

Classification (Lepidoptera: Notodontidae)

RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1988

**Source** Ex. Colombia, Ecuador

Established No

Notes Predation, parasitism, and lack of

sufficient nectar for adults in release

area may have contributed to

establishment failure.

Limiting Factors Predation; Parasitism

**Research Organization** USDA-FS, HDOA

**References** 221, 596, 614, 762, 1146, 1152, 1153,

1861

## **PASSIFLORACEAE**

Passiflora tarminiana (continued)

TABLE 1

# Species Septoria passiflorae Sydenham Classification (Dothideomycetes: Capnodiales)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1996

Source Ex. Colombia

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Provides substantial reduction of

biomass and early defoliation in wet and windy areas. However, regrowth can be vigorous and weed has continued to spread in many regions, especially those with dry climates or acid rain. Recent surveys on KA did not yield this pathogen, though it could still be present

at higher elevations not visited.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization HDOA, State (52)

**References** 326, 385, 596, 1006, 1146, 1826, 1828

## **PLANTAGINACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Plantaginaceae

Species Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica

(L.) Mill.

Past Names/Synonyms Linaria genistifolia (L.) Mill. subsp.

dalmatica (L.) Maire & Petitm., Linaria

dalmatica (L.) Mill.

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Linaria genistifolia (L.) Mill.

Notes

Dalmatian and yellow toadflax can both be highly variable in North America, which is compounded by their ability to hybridize. The taxonomic status of this group of species and their hybrids remains uncertain. The editors of the current catalogue follow the interpretation that *Linaria genistifolia* (L.) Mill. is distinct from *L. dalmatica* (L.) Mill. and that *L. dalmatica* consists of two subspecies, of which only one (*L. dalmatica* subsp. *dalmatica*) is invasive and weedy in

North America.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name Dalmatian toadflax, broad-leaved

toadflax

References 1534, 1687, 1820

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Brachypterolus pulicarius (L.)

Classification (Coleoptera: Kateridae)

**Notes** It was initially believed different

biotypes of Brachypterolus pulicarius had evolved sufficiently to be suited differently to Linaria vulgaris and L. dalmatica. Studies have since found no evidence to suggest that genetic variability between the host races has advanced to the point of speciation. B. pulicarius prefers and performs better on L. vulgaris; the use of L.

dalmatica is incidental.

References 861

RELEASE

**Country** United States of America

Year 1992

Source Ex. Unknown via Canada

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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## PLANTAGINACEAE; Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica Brachypterolus pulicarius (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued) **Notes** Initially found as an unintentional introduction on *Linaria vulgaris* in NY in 1919, from where it spread throughout the USA where it has been reported on both L. vulgaris and L. dalmatica. A population found feeding exclusively on L. dalmatica in Canada was subsequently redistributed to L. dalmatica and L. vulgaris in the USA.

> The two populations are not genetically different and are likely moving between the two Linaria species on their own so are indistinguishable for establishmnet. abundance and efficacy. Though

widespread in USA, prefers Linaria vulgaris. Even beetles collected from

L. dalmatica preferred L. vulgaris in trials. Found in only limited amounts on L. dalmatica throughout USA, except

portions of ID OR WA where much more abundant. At high densities, stunts height and causes increased branching.

Overall impact to flowering and seed production minimal at most sites.

Research Organization State (7)

**References** 39, 332, 335, 861, 1105, 1127, 1364,

1365, 1366, 1689, 1697, 1991

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica (continued)

| AGENT          |                              |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| Species        | Calophasia lunula (Hufnagel) |
| Classification | (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)     |

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Canada **Year** 1962

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Larval feeding decreases leaf area but

does not disrupt photosynthetic capacity sufficiently to have much impact. Parasitism may decrease populations in some areas. Establishment limited by

cold climates.

Limiting Factors Climate; Parasitism

Other Species Attacked In North America, caterpillars are known

to feed and develop on snapdragons, including non-native, ornamental, and one native species, *Antirrhinum virga* 

A. Gray.

Research Organization AAFC

References 438, 441, 731, 737, 1192, 1689, 1922,

1991

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica; Calophasia lunula (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1989

Source Ex. Former Yugoslavia

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Larval feeding decreases leaf area but

does not disrupt photosynthetic capacity sufficiently to have much impact. Parasitism may decrease populations in some areas. Establishment limited by

cold climates.

Limiting Factors Climate; Parasitism

Other Species Attacked In North America, caterpillars are known

to feed and develop on snapdragons, including non-native, ornamental, and one native species, *Antirrhinum virga* 

A. Gray.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 438, 441, 1190, 1192, 1689,

1991

## **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica; Calophasia lunula (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1968

Source Ex. Switzerland via Canada (ON)

Established Yes
Abundance Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Redistributed from *Linaria vulgaris* in

Canada. Populations limited throughout much of range, moderate in ID and abundant in WA. High densities can lead to patch defoliation. Overall, larval feeding typically decreases leaf area but does not disrupt photosynthetic capacity sufficiently to have significant impact on target weeds. Establishment limited by

cold climates.

Limiting Factors Climate

Other Species Attacked In North America, caterpillars are known

to feed and develop on snapdragons, including non-native, ornamental, and one native species, *Antirrhinum virga* 

A. Gray.

Research Organization USDA (7), State (6,7,9,13,15)

**References** 39, 332, 334, 335, 1192, 1201, 1364,

1365, 1366, 1689, 1991

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Eteobalea intermediella Riedl

Classification (Lepidoptera: Cosmopterigidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Serbia

Established No

Notes Initially established on Linaria dalmatica

in BC and AB propagation plots, however these populations have since

disappeared.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 437, 438, 441, 1248

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1996

**Source** Ex. Former Yugoslavia

Established No.

Research Organization State (7), USDA (14)

**References** 1105, 1365, 1366, 1688, 1991

TABLE 1

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Eteobalea serratella Treitschke

Classification (Lepidoptera: Cosmopterigidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1996 Source Ex. Italy

Established No

Research Organization State (7), USDA (14)

**References** 1105, 1365, 1366, 1688, 1991

**AGENT** 

Species Mecinus janthiniformis Toševski &

Caldara

Past Names/Synonyms Mecinus janthinus Germar pars

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**Notes** The agent released against *Linaria* 

dalmatica and L. vulgaris in North
America under the name Mecinus
janthinus Germar has since been
identified as two distinct species,
with Mecinus janthiniformis Toševski
& Caldara usually preferentially
attacking L. dalmatica and

M. janthinus preferring L. vulgaris.

Recently, a population of

*M. janthiniformis* has been found attacking hybrids of *L. dalmatica* and

L. vulgaris in North America.

References 215, 441, 1688, 1821

## PLANTAGINACEAE; Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica Mecinus janthiniformis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada Year 1992

**ear** 1992

Source Ex. Republic of Macedonia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

tes Rapid buildup of outbreak-level

populations in BC led to substantial damage (i.e., significant reduction in stem height), reductions in *Linaria dalmatica* density, and greater fragmentation of *L. dalmatica* stands. Some AB populations more recently reached outbreak levels, although colder overwinter temperatures and possible release of the wrong *Mecinus* species are thought to be involved with poor or delayed success. Parasitism is thought to effect populations at some sites

in BC.

Limiting Factors Climate; Parasitism

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 433, 437, 438, 441, 1190, 1193, 1820,

1821, 1871

## PLANTAGINACEAE; Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica Mecinus janthiniformis (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year post 1996

Source Ex. Republic of Macedonia via Canada

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Released as early as 1997 though

unclear which *Mecinus* species (or both) was present in initial redistributions from Canada. Though initially slow to build at some sites, populations reached outbreak levels at many locations in subsequent years leading to reductions in *Linaria dalmatica* populations throughout much of its established range. Combination of adult and larval feeding reduces stem length, both above ground and root biomass, seed production, and primary physiological functioning.

Research Organization State (7), USDA (14)

**References** 618, 663, 710, 900, 956, 1105, 1365,

1366, 1615, 1689, 1690, 1820, 1821,

1907, 1946, 1991, 2021

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species *Mecinus janthinus* Germar Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**Notes** The agent released against *Linaria* 

dalmatica and L. vulgaris in North America under the name Mecinus janthinus Germar has since been identified as two distinct species, with Mecinus janthiniformis Toševski & Caldara usually preferentially

attacking *L. dalmatica* and *M. janthinus* preferring *L. vulgaris*.

**References** 215, 441, 1821

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 1991

Source Ex. France, Germany (Rhine Valley)

Established Yes
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Found present on Linaria dalmatica

during recent molecular studies, though populations limited and with unknown

impact.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 432, 437, 438, 441, 618, 1820, 1821

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica; Mecinus janthinus (continued)

RELEASE

**Country** United States of America

Year 1996

**Source** Ex. France, Germany (Rhine Valley);

Ex. France, Germany (Rhine Valley) via

Canada

Established No.

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**Notes** Released in 1996 from the Rhine Valley

and as early as 1997 from the Rhine Valley via Canada, though is unclear which *Mecinus* species (or both) was present in initial redistributions from Canada. Despite being released numerous times on *Linaria dalmatica*, has not been collected from this species

to date. Prefers L. vulgaris.

Limiting Factors Specificity

**Research Organization** State (7), USDA (14)

**References** 437, 618, 710, 1366, 1820, 1821, 1946

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Rhinusa antirrhini (Paykull)

Past Names/Synonyms Gymnetron antirrhini (Paykull)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Gymnaetron antirrhini (Paykull)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

Notes It is believed two "strains" of this

species exist in Canada, with the intentionally introduced population preferring *Linaria dalmatica* over *L. vulgaris*, attacking even the broad-leaved form of *L. dalmatica*. Conversely, the adventive population prefers *L. vulgaris* over *L. dalmatica*. One may in fact be an unnamed

sibling species.

**References** 213, 214, 1690

RELEASE

Country Canada

Year 1993

Source Ex. Former Yugoslavia

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

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#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica; Rhinusa antirrhini (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada (continued)

**Notes** This strain intentionally introduced in 1993, though a different strain already introduced inadvertently prior to 1917. Decreases seed production. Though unknown how this affects Linaria dalmatica populations, similar attack rates by the *L. vulgaris* strain on L. vulgaris do not provide control. Competition between Rhinusa antirrhini and Brachypterolus pulicarius prevents additive impact in many locations. Parasitism may also limit impact. However, localized populations have established well in BC and are spreading. Impact has yet to be

investigated.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Interspecific competition

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 438, 441, 784, 1689, 1922

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 1996

**Source** Ex. Former Yugoslavia

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** An unintentional introduction referred

to as the vulgaris biotype was found on Linaria vulgaris in 1909 and L. dalmatica (narrow-leaved form) by 1957. This additional strain (dalmatica biotype) was intentionally released against L. dalmatica in 1996. Unknown if releases were successful.

**Research Organization** State (13)

**References** 1365, 1366, 1689

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Rhinusa linariae (Panzer)

Past Names/Synonyms Gymnetron linariae Panzer

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

References 213, 214, 441

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada **Year** 1996

Source Ex. Europe (central, southern), Russia

(southern)

Established No.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 438, 441, 1190, 1922

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1996

**Source** Ex. Germany (Rhine Valley)

Established No

**Notes** Confirmed established at only one

Linaria dalmatica site in WY. Status

unknown.

Research Organization State (7), USDA (14)

**References** 306, 334, 335, 710, 1105, 1365, 1366,

1689, 1752, 1991

## **PLANTAGINACEAE** (continued)

# **WEED**

Family Plantaginaceae Species Linaria vulgaris Mill.

> Notes Yellow and Dalmatian toadflax can both be highly variable in North America, which is compounded by their ability to hybridize. The

> > taxonomic status of this group of species and their hybrids remains uncertain.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name vellow toadflax, common toadflax,

butter-and-eggs

#### **AGENT**

Species Brachypterolus pulicarius (L.)

Classification (Coleoptera: Kateridae)

> Notes It was initially believed different biotypes of Brachypterolus pulicarius had evolved sufficiently to be suited differently to Linaria vulgaris and L. dalmatica. Studies have since found no evidence to suggest that genetic variability between the host races has advanced to the point of speciation. B. pulicarius prefers and performs better on L. vulgaris; the use

of L. dalmatica is incidental.

References 861

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria vulgaris; Brachypterolus pulicarius (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

United States of America Country

Year 1997

Source Ex. Unknown via Canada

Established Yes **Abundance** High General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Initially found as an unintentional introduction on *Linaria vulgaris* in NY

> in 1919, from where it spread throughout the USA where it has been

> reported on both L. vulgaris and

L. dalmatica. A population found feeding exclusively on L. dalmatica in Canada was subsequently redistributed to L. dalmatica and L. vulgaris in the USA. The two populations are not genetically different and are likely moving between the two Linaria species on their own so are indistinguishable for establishmnet, abundance and efficacy. Widespread and abundant, preferring Linaria vulgaris over L. dalmatica. Can delay flowering and reduce seed production of L.

vulgaris by 80 to 90% at some locations. However, overall impact minimal.

Research Organization State (7)

References 39, 332, 861, 1127, 1364, 1365, 1366,

1689, 1697, 1991

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria vulgaris (continued)

AGENT

Species Calophasia lunula (Hufnagel)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 1962

Source Ex. Switzerland

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

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Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Larval feeding decreases leaf area but

does not disrupt photosynthetic capacity

sufficiently to have much impact.
Parasitism may decrease populations

in some areas. Establishment limited by

cold climates.

**Limiting Factors** Climate: Parasitism

Other Species Attacked In North America, caterpillars are known

to feed and develop on snapdragons, including non-native, ornamental, and one native species, *Antirrhinum virga* 

A. Gray.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 393, 439, 731, 737, 1190, 1192, 1689,

1991

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

**Year** 1989

**Source** Ex. Former Yugoslavia

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

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**PLANTAGINACEAE** 

Linaria vulgaris; Calophasia lunula (continued)

Country Canada (continued)

Notes Larval feeding decreases leaf area but

does not disrupt photosynthetic capacity sufficiently to have much impact. Parasitism may decrease populations in some areas. Establishment limited by

cold climates.

**Limiting Factors** Climate; Parasitism

Other Species Attacked In North America, caterpillars are known

to feed and develop on snapdragons, including non-native, ornamental, and one native species, *Antirrhinum virga* 

A. Gray.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 439, 1190, 1192, 1689, 1991

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1968

**Source** Ex. Switzerland via Canada (ON)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Populations limited throughout

range. Overall, larval feeding may decrease leaf area but does not disrupt photosynthetic capacity sufficiently to have significant impact on target weeds. Establishment limited by cold climates.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Other Species Attacked In North America, caterpillars are known

to feed and develop on snapdragons, including non-native, ornamental, and one native species, *Antirrhinum virga* 

A. Gray.

**Research Organization** State (6,7,15), USDA (14)

**References** 39, 332, 334, 335, 1364, 1365, 1366,

1689, 1991

## **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria vulgaris (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Eteobalea intermediella Riedl

Classification (Lepidoptera: Cosmopterigidae)

RELEASE

**Country** United States of America

Year 1997

Source Ex. Former Yugoslavia

Established No.

Research Organization State (7)

**References** 1105, 1365, 1366, 1688

**AGENT** 

Species Eteobalea serratella Treitschke

Classification (Lepidoptera: Cosmopterigidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1992

Source Ex. Italy

Established No.

Notes Initially believed to have established

in limited numbers, but subsequently

considered failed.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 439, 1190, 1248

RELEASE

Country United States of America

Year 1996

Source Ex. Italy

Established No

Research Organization State (7)

**References** 1105, 1365, 1366, 1688

**PLANTAGINACEAE** 

Linaria vulgaris (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Mecinus janthiniformis Toševski &

Caldara

Past Names/Synonyms Mecinus janthinus Germar pars

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

Notes The agent released against Linaria

dalmatica and L. vulgaris in North America under the name Mecinus janthinus Germar has since been identified as two distinct species. with Mecinus janthiniformis Toševski & Caldara usually preferentially

attacking L. dalmatica and M. janthinus preferring L. vulgaris.

Recently, a population of

M. janthiniformis has been found attacking hybrids of L. dalmatica and

L. vulgaris in North America.

References 215, 441, 1688, 1821

**RELEASE** 

Country Canada

Year 2000

Source Ex. Republic of Macedonia

Established No.

**Notes** Redistributed from *Linaria dalmatica* 

to L. vulgaris, but not recovered during subsequent site visits. Molecular studies underway which may identify populations of Mecinus janthiniformis on

L. vulgaris.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 437, 439, 618, 1185, 1190, 1820

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria vulgaris; Mecinus janthiniformis (continued)

#### RELEASE

Country United States of America

Year post 1996

Source Ex. Republic of Macedonia via Canada

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Released as early as 1997 though

unclear which *Mecinus* species (or both) was present in initial redistributions from Canada. Found present on *Linaria vulgaris* during recent molecular studies, though populations limited and with

unknown impact.

Research Organization State (7), USDA (14)

References 1366, 1820, 1821, 1946

#### **AGENT**

Species *Mecinus janthinus* Germar Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

Notes The agent released against *Linaria* 

dalmatica and L. vulgaris in North America under the name Mecinus janthinus Germar has since been identified as two distinct species, with Mecinus janthiniformis Toševski & Caldara usually preferentially

attacking *L. dalmatica* and *M. janthinus* preferring *L. vulgaris*.

References 215, 441, 1821

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria vulgaris; Mecinus janthinus (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 1991

**Source** Ex. France, Germany (Rhine Valley)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Densities have remained low with little to

no apparent impact on *Linaria vulgaris* at many sites, though formal evaluation has been limited. Parasitism and cold climates at release sites (leading to insufficient development time) may contribute to low populations and impact. Incorrect host/agent matching with the *Mecinus janthinus/janthiniformis* complex likely also contributed to lower establishment rates. However, at one AB site, *L. vulgaris* has declined to very low density, with the few remaining stems heavily infested with *M. janthinus*.

Limiting Factors Climate; Parasitism

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 432, 437, 439, 618, 1190, 1193, 1820,

1821

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria vulgaris; Mecinus janthinus (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

Year 1997

**Source** Ex. France, Germany (Rhine Valley);

Ex. France, Germany (Rhine Valley) via

Canada

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Released in 1997 from the Rhine Valley

and as early as 1997 from the Rhine Valley via Canada, though is unclear which *Mecinus* species (or both) was present in initial redistributions from Canada. Populations of this species on Linaria vulgaris far more limited than *Mecinus janthiniformis* on *L. dalmatica*. Recent increased efforts on *M. janthinus* redistribution have led to establishment in few western states where weevil populations now increasing and having

significant impact locally.

Research Organization State (7), USDA (14)

**References** 39, 334, 437, 618, 710, 876, 1365,

1366, 1630, 1688, 1820, 1821, 1946,

1991

**PLANTAGINACEAE** 

Linaria vulgaris (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Rhinusa linariae (Panzer)

Past Names/Synonyms Gymnetron linariae Panzer

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**References** 213, 214, 441

RELEASE

Country Canada

**Year** 1996

Source Ex. Europe (central, southern), Russia

(southern)

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Because populations are slow to build.

redistributions made every 2-4 years.
Adult foliage feeding and larval galling reduce plant nutrient reserves. However,

populations too low for significant

impact.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 438, 439, 1190, 1922

### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria vulgaris; Rhinusa linariae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

**Year** 1996

**Source** Ex. Germany (Rhine Valley)

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization State (7), USDA (14)

**References** 335, 1365, 1689

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 2008

Source Ex. Europe (central, southern), Russia

(southern) via Canada (BC)

Established No.

Research Organization BCME, USDA (14), CDA

References 89, 1190

## **POACEAE**

| WEED           |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Family         | Poaceae                         |
| Species        | Arundo donax L.                 |
| Origin         | Mediterranean Europe, Asia      |
| Common Name    | giant reed, carrizo cane        |
| AGENT          |                                 |
| Species        | Rhizaspidiotus donacis Leonardi |
| Classification | (Hemiptera: Diaspididae)        |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Mexico Year 2011

Source Ex. France, Spain

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Several unique genotypes were

intentionally introduced from Spain and France in order to better match the different invaded climates and different genetic clones of *Arundo donax*. Well established at release site along Rio Grande between USA and Mexico, but too early post release to determine

abundance and impact.

**Research Organization** USDA (18,17) **References** 650, 651, 652, 1255

#### **POACEAE**

Arundo donax; Rhizaspidiotus donacis (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 2010

**Source** Ex. France, Spain

Established Yes

**Abundance** Too early post release General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Several unique genotypes were intentionally introduced from Spain and France in order to better match the different invaded climates and different genetic clones of Arundo donax. Well established at the release site along Rio Grande between USA and Mexico, but too early post release to determine

abundance and impact.

Research Organization USDA (18,17)

**References** 650, 651, 652, 1255

#### **AGENT**

Species Tetramesa romana Walker **Classification** (Hymenoptera: Eurytomidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Mexico Year 2009

Source Ex. France, Spain

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

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#### **POACEAE**

**Arundo donax; Tetramesa romana** (continued)

Country Mexico (continued)

**Notes** Several unique genotypes were

intentionally introduced from Spain and France in order to better match the different invaded climates and different genetic clones of Arundo donax. Impact under evaluation but appears similar to native range in Europe. Well established along Rio Grande and tributaries; highest impact closest to river or water

source.

Research Organization USDA (18,17)

**References** 651, 653, 1255

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 2009

Source Ex. France, Spain

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Several unique genotypes were

intentionally introduced from Spain and France in order to better match the different invaded climates and different genetic clones of Arundo donax. Impact under evaluation but appears similar to native range in Europe. In TX well established along Rio Grande and tributaries; highest impact closest to river or water source. Establishment

confirmed in CA.

Research Organization USDA (18,17)

**References** 651, 653, 1255, 2024

# **POLYGONACEAE**

## **WEED**

Family Polygonaceae

Species Emex australis Steinh.

Origin southern Africa

Common Name three cornered Jacks, doublegee,

spiny emex, emex

**AGENT** 

Species Apion frumentarium (L.)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion miniatum German

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

# **RELEASE**

Country Australia

Year 1998

Source Fx. Israel

Established No.

Research Organization CSIRO

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**References** 1633, 2047, 2048

#### **AGENT**

Species Lixus linearis Olivier

Past Names/Synonyms Lixus cribricollis Boheman

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

## **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

Year 1980

Source Ex. Morocco

Established No.

Research Organization CSIRO, VIC State, WA State

**References** 935, 1633, 2047

# **POLYGONACEAE**

Emex australis (continued)

#### **AGENT**

**Species** Perapion antiquum (Gyllenhal)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion antiquum Gyllenhal

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

## **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

(Frankskraal, Ladismith, Grahamstown)

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact None

**Notes** Different populations collected and

released according to ecoclimatic similarity. For this population, large numbers released at numerous sites. Established at three sites only. Though populations persist, no control of weed achieved due to high mortality of adults

over summer period in absence of

growing host plants.

**Limiting Factors** Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 935, 947, 2047

## RELEASE

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1975

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa via Hawaii

USA

Established No

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## **POLYGONACEAE**

Emex australis; Perapion antiquum (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Notes Establishment failure likely due to small

release number and inability of adults to survive in absence of growing host plants over relatively long summer

period.

Limiting Factors Small release size; Agent-host

synchronization

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 944, 2047

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia Year 1984

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa (Oliphants

River)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

**Notes** Though populations persist, no control

of weed achieved due to high mortality of adults over summer period in absence of growing host plants.

**Limiting Factors** Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization VIC State, WA State

**References** 191, 603, 1570, 2047

## **POLYGONACEAE**

Emex australis; Perapion antiquum (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia Year 1987

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established No.

Notes Releases initially survived at summer

irrigated site, however impact limited the following winter and population died out when summer irrigation ceased and host plants grew less over long summer

period.

**Limiting Factors** Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization WA State, CSIRO References 568, 939, 2047

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1957

**Source** Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Control substantial on MA, incomplete

on OA, failed to establish on MO. On HA, control varying from complete (1200 m and above) to partial (above 600 m) to no control (below 150 m).

Limiting Factors Elevation

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 44, 325, 406, 602, 612, 762, 1024, 1149

# **POLYGONACEAE**

Emex australis (continued)

## **AGENT**

**Species** Perapion neofallax (Warner)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion neofallax Warner Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

# **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1962

Source Ex. Morocco

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 408, 612, 1024, 1149

## **AGENT**

Species Perapion violaceum (Kirby)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion violaceum Kirby, Apion

violaceum var. harcyniae Hübenthal

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

## **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1962

Source Ex. Portugal

Established No

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 408, 612, 1024, 1149

# **POLYGONACEAE** (continued)

## **WEED**

Family Polygonaceae

Species Emex spinosa (L.) Campd.

**Origin** northern Africa, western Europe,

western Asia

Common Name lesser Jacks, emex

# **AGENT**

Species Apion frumentarium (L.)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion miniatum German

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

## **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

Year 2004

Source Ex. Israel

Established No.

**Notes** Released at 5 sites but failed to

establish.

Research Organization CSIRO

References 1989

## **POLYGONACEAE**

Emex spinosa (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** Perapion antiquum (Gyllenhal)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion antiquum Gyllenhal

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

(Frankskraal, Ladismith, Grahamstown)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact None

**Notes** Large numbers released at numerous sites using colonies collected from and

released at ecoclimatically similar areas. Established at one site only. Though populations persist, no control of weed achieved due to high mortality of adults

over summer period in absence of

growing host plants.

**Limiting Factors** Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 935, 2047

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1957

Source Ex. Republic of South Africa

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

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## **POLYGONACEAE**

Emex spinosa; Perapion antiquum (continued)

**Country** Hawaii USA (continued)

Notes Control substantial on MA, incomplete

on OA, failed to establish on MO. On HA, control varying from complete (1200 m and above) to partial (above 600 m) to no control (below 150 m).

**Limiting Factors** Elevation

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 44, 325, 406, 602, 612, 762, 1024

**AGENT** 

Species

Perapion neofallax (Warner)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion neofallax Warner

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1962

Source Ex. Morocco

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 408, 612, 1024, 1149

# **POLYGONACEAE** Emex spinosa (continued)

## **AGENT**

Species Perapion violaceum (Kirby)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion violaceum Kirby, Apion

violaceum var. harcyniae Hübenthal

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1962

Source Ex. Portugal

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 408, 612, 1024, 1149

# **POLYGONACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Polygonaceae

Species Fallopia japonica (Houtt.) Ronse

Decraene var. japonica

Origin Asia

Common Name Japanese knotweed

**AGENT** 

Species Aphalara itadori Shinji

Classification (Hemiptera: Psyllidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country England

**Year** 2010

**Source** Ex. Japan (southern)

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Evidence of successful overwintering,

but too early to confirm establishment.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 1647, 1648, 1649

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Wales

**Year** 2011

**Source** Ex. Japan (southern)

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 1647, 1648, 1649

# **POLYGONACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                |                                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Family              | Polygonaceae                        |
| Species             | Persicaria perfoliata (L.) H. Gross |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Polygonum perfoliatum L.            |
| Origin              | Asia                                |
| Common Name         | mile-a-minute weed                  |
| AGENT               |                                     |
| Species             | Rhinoncomimus latipes Korotyaev     |
| Classification      | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)         |

# **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 2004 Source Ex. China

Established Yes

**Abundance** Too early post release

**General Impact** Heavy Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Additional time needed before overall impact can be fully assessed, but initial findings encouraging. Populations have increased considerably and rapidly dispersed from some sites; in NJ, weevil has already spread to all known weed infestations. Decreases plant density, cover, and seed production when attacking plants earlier in the year, less impact if attacking later. Greatest reduction in plant density and biomass occurs in communities with competing

vegetation.

Research Organization USDA FS, State (45)

**References** 599, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 860, 1049

# **POLYGONACEAE** (continued)

**WEED Family** Polygonaceae Species Rumex spp. **Notes** Includes Rumex conglomeratus Murray, Rumex crispus L., Rumex obtusifolius L., and Rumex pulcher L. Origin Europe, Asia, northern Africa

Common Name docks

## **AGENT**

Species Pyropteron doryliformis

(Ochsenheimer)

Past Names/Synonyms Synansphecia doryliformis

(Ochsenheimer), Chamaesphecia

doryliformis (Ochsenheimer)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Sesiidae)

**References** 1537, 1743

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia **Year** 1989

Source Ex. Morocco

Established Yes **Abundance** High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Development of an eggstick machine allowed for the dissemination of nearly 31 million eggs from 1994-1999. Widely established and typically abundant throughout *Rumex* spp. infestations. Decreases plant densities significantly. Impact/abundance sometimes differ by species; most effective on R. crispus and R. obtusifolius, followed by R. pulcher then R. conglomeratus.

Research Organization CSIRO, WA State

References 187, 572, 886, 1278, 1632, 1743

# **PONTEDERIACEAE**

#### **WEED**

Family

Pontederiaceae

Species Eichhornia crassipes (Mart.) Solms

Origin South America

**Common Name** water hyacinth, waterhyacinth,

Majavani, keladi bunting, phak top chawaa, sawah, ècèng, etjeng padi,

luc bình, beda bin, ye padauk

#### **AGENT**

Species Cercospora piaropi Tharp

Past Names/Synonyms Cercospora rodmanii Conway

Classification (Dothideomycetes: Capnodiales)

Notes Historically two species of Cercospora were recognized in discussions regarding fungal biological control of Eichhornia crassipes (Mart.) Solms: C. piaropi Tharp and C. rodmanii Conway. Recent studies suggest the pathogens may be the same, and C. rodmanii should be recognized as a later synonym for the currently accepted C. piaropi. Though disagreements and difficulties remain in this taxonomic group, the editors of this catalogue support the idea that the Cercospora pathogens utilized for biological of *E. crassipes* are the same. Cercospora piaropi is among the most widespread and commonly found pathogens of E. crassipes

worldwide. Consequently, only those countries where this species has been

utilized/distributed intentionally are

listed in this catalogue.

**References** 987, 1284, 1789

## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Cercospora piaropi (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1992

Source Ex. USA (FL)

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Found to be present in 1986, though

not introduced intentionally. A second population was intentionally introduced (under the name Cercospora rodmanii Conway) in 1987. Both populations can no longer be differentiated in South Africa. Severe infections can lead to death of attacked leaves. Although it

occurs extensively, there has been no

significant decline in weed populations. Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 992, 1280, 1283, 1284, 1789, 2006

**AGENT** 

**Species** Cornops aquaticum (Brüner)

**Classification** (Orthoptera: Acrididae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2011

Source Ex. Brazil, Trinidad, Venezuela, Mexico

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 297, 801, 992

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

| AGENT          |                                       |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Species        | Eccritotarsus catarinensis (Carvalho) |
| Classification | (Hemiptera: Miridae)                  |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Benin Year 1999

Source Ex. Brazil via Republic of South Africa

Established No

Research Organization IITA, ARC-PPRI

**References** 13, 15, 17, 298, 802, 1345

## **RELEASE**

**Country** Ghana **Year** 2009

Source Ex. Brazil via Republic of South Africa

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release General Impact Too early post release

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 21, 22, 800, 937, 1784

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Malawi **Year** 1996

Source Ex. Brazil via Republic of South Africa

Established Yes
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization ARC-PPRI, IIBC, MFD References 13, 806, 936, 1496

## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Eccritotarsus catarinensis (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country People's Republic of China

**Year** 2000

Source Ex. Brazil via Republic of South Africa

Established No

Notes For unknown reasons, did not establish

its population after 4 months.

Research Organization CAAS-BCI, ARC-PPRI

References 504, 802

# RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1996
Source Ex. Brazil
Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Five to six years after release,

populations were generally low and their impact slight. Alone the agent is typically not sufficient to reduce all aspects of water hyacinth vigor, especially at very high nutrient concentrations. However, more recently, several outbreaks of *Eccritotarsus catarinensis* have been seen, resulting in mats collapsing. More effective in low nutrient water, in conjunction with other agents, and sites where winter temperatures are not too

low.

Limiting Factors Habitat; Climate Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 208, 294, 295, 296, 297, 801, 802, 806,

992, 1784

## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Eccritotarsus catarinensis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2007

Source Ex. Peru

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Field establishment not yet confirmed.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 800, 1784

**RELEASE** 

Country Zambia

**Year** 1997

Source Ex. Brazil via Republic of South Africa

Established No.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI, ECZ

**References** 249, 799, 802, 806, 936

**RELEASE** 

Country Zimbabwe

**Year** 1999

Source Ex. Brazil via Republic of South Africa

Established No.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI, PPRIZ

**References** 242, 279, 802, 806, 936

**AGENT** 

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Species Megamelus scutellaris Berg

Classification (Hemiptera: Delphacidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 2010

**Source** Ex. Argentina

Established Yes

**Abundance** Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Initially believed to have failed

establishment in FL but subsequently found at original release sites. Too early post release to determine overall impact.

Establishment in CA unknown.

Research Organization USAE, USDA (4), State (14,36)

References 230, 237, 604, 1512, 1800

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 2012

Source Ex. Argentina, Paraguay

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Establishment success looks promising.

though additional time needed to

confirm.

Research Organization USDA (4)

References 1759

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Neochetina bruchi Hustache

Classification (Coleoptera: Erirhinidae)

RELEASE

Country Australia

Year 1990

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

Notes Variable population levels provide

successful control in some catchments. No control where seasonal floods flush weed and agent to sea, thus limiting the time for agent population increase. Less effective where pesticide use continues

and in cool temperate regions.

Limiting Factors Climate; Other control methods;

Flooding

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 937, 946, 2040

**RELEASE** 

Country Benin

Year 1992

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

**Country** Benin (continued)

Notes Neochetina eichhorniae became the

dominant species and has helped reduce the weed overall from a serious pest to a moderate pest. *N. bruchi*, while still found attacking plants, remained confined to the release localities and in

limited numbers.

Research Organization IITA

**References** 13, 17, 298, 879, 946, 1346, 1883

**RELEASE** 

Country Burkina Faso

**Year** 1998

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

**Established** Yes

Abundance Unknown

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Anecdotal evidence suggests a

substantial reduction of water hyacinth

Research Organization IITA

**References** 95, 443, 946, 1409

**RELEASE** Cote d'Ivoire

Country 1998

Year Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Source via Benin

Yes

Established Unknown

**Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact (continued on next page)

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

**Country** Cote d'Ivoire (continued)

**Notes** Spread to the Cote d'Ivoire side of

shared lagoon system by 1997 following release on the Ghana side in 1994. Introduced intentionally from Benin in 1998, though status of introduced

population unknown.

Research Organization IITA

**References** 95, 939, 946

**RELEASE** 

Country Cuba **Year** 1995

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via

Honduras

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 236, 576, 670, 946, 1044

RELEASE Egypt

Country 2000

Year Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Source Yes Established High Abundance Variable

General Impact Neochetina spp. reduced water hyacinth

Notes by 90% within one year in Beheira; in Alexandria reduction slower due to

water pollution.

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Research Organization 21, 389, 562, 946

References

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Ghana Year 1994

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Caused significant damage initially.

Infested waters in Western seasonally flood, washing away weevil-infested plants. Water hyacinth rebounds annually from seed sprout, while weevil

populations remain limited.

**Limiting Factors** Flooding Research Organization EPA, IITA

References 21, 22, 448, 450, 946, 1494

**RELEASE** 

Country Honduras **Year** 1989

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown Research Organization EAP

**References** 236, 576, 936, 1356

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

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Country India Year 1984

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** In combination with *Neochetina* 

eichhorniae, provided excellent control in 1980s. There have since been some resurgence problems due in part to eutrophication of water bodies. Efficacy

now variable.

Research Organization IIHR

**References** 907, 1032, 1439, 1542, 1693

## **RELEASE**

**Country** Indonesia **Year** 1996

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight
Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Though widespread, populations low

and offers no overall control to weed. Predation limits population levels.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization GTZ, NIHORT

References 936, 946, 969, 1809

## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

## **RELEASE**

**Country** Kenya **Year** 1996

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Yes
Abundance Rare
General Impact Slight
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes By 1998, had not started affecting the

growth of the weed significantly on Lake Naivasha. Additional introductions subsequently made which proved more

effective.

Research Organization IITA, KARI

References 625, 630, 894, 946, 1370

## RELEASE

**Country** Kenya **Year** 1997

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia;

Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia via Benin via Uganda; Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Republic of South Africa

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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# **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

**Country** Kenya (continued)

**Notes** On Lake Victoria, estimated 75% of

mats on Kenyan shore had sunk within

2 years of the release of both Neochetina spp. Entire Lake Victoria infestation considered under substantial control, possibly aided by wind and wave action and weather events. On Lake Naivasha, the additional introductions now widespread and significantly impact water hyacinth, reducing vigor and mat thickness, though other factors such as relatively lower water temperatures may also contribute. Neochetina eichhorniae

more common than N. bruchi on Lake

Victoria; the opposite is true for Lake

Naivasha.

Research Organization KARI, CSIRO, ARC-PPRI, NARO

**References** 242, 625, 630, 894, 946, 1247, 1353,

1370, 1371, 1990

**RELEASE** 

Country Malawi

Year 1995

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via

7imbabwe

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** *Neochetina* spp. have had some

success, along with Orthogalumna terebrantis, though water hyacinth

remains a problem.

Research Organization IITA, IIBC, MFD

**References** 139, 881, 882, 946, 1496

# **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Malaysia

Year 1992

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Established only in low numbers.

insufficient to control weed.

Research Organization DOAM, MARDI, PLANTI

**References** 55, 56, 57, 59, 71, 946, 2040

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Mali

Year 1996

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin via Ghana

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization UGL

**References** 9, 13, 14, 279, 946, 1987

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

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Country Mexico Year 1994

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** *Neochetina* spp. in combination provide

excellent control in some water bodies, but have limited impact in others unless additional agents/control methods

utilized.

Research Organization IMTA

References 11, 236, 699, 1161, 1163, 1164

## **RELEASE**

Country Mozambique

Year 1972

Source Ex. Unknown

Established Yes
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 1494, 1495

#### **RELEASE**

Country Niger Republic

**Year** 2011

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown
Research Organization IITA, BMA

References 14, 946

## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

## **RELEASE**

**Country** Nigeria **Year** 1995

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Intentionally released in northwestern

Nigeria beginning in 1995, though found already present in southern Nigeria in 1994 from populations naturally spreading from Benin. In Lake Kainji, 90 percent of plants infested within 2 years of release. By 2001, water hyacinth infestations visibly reduced compared to 1995 observations. Formal evaluation lacking throughout Nigeria.

Research Organization GTZ, NIHORT, IITA

**References** 21, 388, 946

## **RELEASE**

**Country** Panama **Year** 1977

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown
Research Organization PCC

**References** 103, 936, 946, 1434

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Papua New Guinea

**Year** 1993

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widespread throughout country. In combination with Neochetina

eichhorniae has provided very

successful control.

Research Organization CSIRO, PNGDAL

**References** 936, 939, 946, 949, 950, 1400, 1403,

2040

**RELEASE** 

Country People's Republic of China

Year 1996

Source Ex. Argentina via USA

Established Yes Abundance Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Very effective at reducing cover in some

regions, but less effective in others where weed still remains significant

problem. Hampered by cold.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization CAAS-BCI

References 265, 298, 504, 920, 2061

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Philippines

Year 1992

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Thailand

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization NBCRC, GTZ, BPI

**References** 936, 946, 1329

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Republic of Congo

**Year** 1999

Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia Source

via Benin

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Medium

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Established and spread rapidly, up to 800 km following release. As of 2005, though widespread, impacts only beginning. Additional agents may be

warranted.

Research Organization CSIRO, IITA, MFE

**References** 937, 1177, 1345

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1990

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Well established at a few sites, where

it causes moderate damage. Not as abundant or widespread as *Neochetina eichhorniae*. Flooding, low winter temperatures, and high water nutrient

levels limit weevil populations.

Limiting Factors Flooding; Habitat; Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 208, 273, 297, 800, 801, 946, 992

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1996

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via

Zimbabwe

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

**Notes** Following low establishment rates

from first release, this second

introduction made. The two populations subsequently had opportunity to intermix and are no longer differentiated. Well established at a few sites, where it causes moderate damage. Not as abundant or widespread as *Neochetina eichhorniae*. Flooding, low winter temperatures, and high water nutrient

levels limit weevil populations.

Limiting Factors Flooding; Habitat; Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 208, 800, 801, 946, 992

**RELEASE** 

**Country** République Togolaise

**Year** 2001

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin via Ghana

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Little to no efforts have been made to

monitor impact.

Research Organization UGL

**References** 14, 95, 279, 946, 1987

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Rwanda Year 2000

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin via Uganda

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Established in Eastern though failed

in Northern due to cold conditions. Insufficient numbers released; resulting impact not large enough to control

weed.

Limiting Factors Small release size; Climate

Research Organization NARO, ISAR

**References** 10, 279, 617, 946, 1254

**RELEASE** 

Country South Sudan

**Year** 1979

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Medium
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Contributes to control, but majority of

impact due to *Neochetina eichhorniae*. Less abundant than *N. eichhorniae* and *Niphograpta albiguttalis*, but more efficient than *N. eichhorniae* in checking growth of plant, while *N. albiguttalis* not

effective.

**References** 21, 109, 110, 536, 892, 946, 1940

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Sri Lanka Year 2005

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Thailand

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Establishment slow compared to

Neochetina eichhorniae.

Research Organization PPS
References 82, 418

RELEASE

Country Sudan Year 1979

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Medium
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Released into South Sudan beginning

in 1979, which at the time was part of Sudan but which has since gained independence. Naturally spread (as intended) throughout the Nile system into present-day Sudan by 1982. This species contributes to control, but majority of impact due to *Neochetina eichhorniae*. Less abundant than *N. eichhorniae* and *Niphograpta albiguttalis*, but more efficient than *N. eichhorniae* in checking growth of plant, while *N. albiguttalis* not effective.

Research Organization UKS

**References** 21, 109, 110, 536, 892, 946, 1940

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

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**Country** Tanzania **Year** 1995

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Both *Neochetina* weevils responsible for

significant reduction in water hyacinth extent. Weed now considered under substantial control on Lake Victoria, possibly aided by wind and wave action and weather events. On rivers in Tanga Region, weevils reduced amount of manual removal required to keep river

channels open.

Research Organization IITA, MAT, PPD

**References** 21, 23, 28, 946, 1136, 1141, 1337, 1990

#### **RELEASE**

Country Thailand Year 1991

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Established and widespread in almost all areas of the country. With *Neochetina* 

eichhorniae provides excellent control.

Research Organization NBCRC, CSIRO

References 524, 936, 946, 1328, 1329, 1939, 1998,

2040

## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

## **RELEASE**

**Country** Uganda **Year** 1993

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes

Both Neochetina species widespread throughout Uganda. Dispersed rapidly in Northern administrative region where reduced cover and biomass of plants. Significant reduction in extent of weed on Lake Victoria shorelines evident by 1998 with many mats having sunk. Control possibly aided by wind and wave action and weather events. Presently, only small remnants of water hyacinth plants found in Ugandan waters of Lake Victoria except near wastewater outflows where insect populations negatively impacted by high toxicity.

Research Organization

Prganization NARO, CSIRO, GTZ, IITA, CSC References 23, 242, 298, 946, 1136, 1371, 1380,

1494, 1990

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

## **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Well established throughout Gulf

Coast states but usually dominated by *Neochetina eichhorniae*. Damage between species difficult to differentiate, but likely complement each other.

Weevils credited with reducing

waterhyacinth abundance to 1/3 original levels in Gulf Coast states though other factors also important for reducing weed. Waterhyacinth still remains a problem in this region. Though well established in CA, cold temperatures limit overwintering success and impact.

Other Species Attacked Nor

Nontarget damage not recorded specifically from this species but because damage is difficult to differentiate from that of *Neochetina eichhorniae*, nontarget impacts from that species likely applies. Namely, spillover attack observed on the native *Pontederia cordata* L. and other native species intermixed with waterhyacinth, including *Canna* spp., though this attack is insignificant and temporary.

Research Organization USAE, USDA (3,4,7,13), State (14,18)

**References** 19, 130, 222, 235, 236, 238, 242, 288,

 $298,\, 334,\, 335,\, 1179,\, 1503,\, 1512,\, 1726,\,$ 

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## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Vietnam Year 1996

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown
Research Organization VNBCRC

References 219, 936, 946

## **RELEASE**

**Country** Zambia **Year** 1997

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Republic

of South Africa

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Eichhornia crassipes has declined

markedly in areas of *Neochetina* spp. release, however it is unknown if this is due to the weevils (whose abundance is limited) or to other factors such as water level manipulation and control of nutrient

loading in infested waters.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI, ECZ

**References** 249, 946, 963

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Zimbabwe

1990 Year

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes **Abundance** High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Released as mix of both Neochetina species first sourced from Florida USA then later from Benin. Weevils found established away from release sites of both introductions; it is assumed both introductions established and are no longer differentiated in the field. Following successful establishment along Manyame River system, widespread herbicide use led to crash in weed and *Neochetina* spp. populations. Weevil populations increased again, while weed held in check. Though physical and chemical control also contributed to overall dramatic decline of water hyacinth, much credit given to biological control. Weed considered under control in most lakes, with exception of eutrophic water bodies. High herbicide use can cause fungal outbreaks on weevil populations.

**Limiting Factors** Disease (corresponding to high

herbicide use)

Research Organization PPRIZ

**References** 255, 256, 259, 260, 263, 418, 936, 946,

1295

## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Zimbabwe

Year 1993

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Yes Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes

Released as mix of both Neochetina species first sourced from Florida USA then later from Benin. Weevils found established away from release sites of both introductions; it is assumed both introductions established and are no longer differentiated in the field. Following successful establishment along Manyame River system, widespread herbicide use led to crash in weed and Neochetina spp. populations. Weevil populations increased again, while weed held in check. Though physical and chemical control also contributed to overall dramatic decline of water hyacinth, much credit given to biological control. Weed considered under control in most lakes, with exception of eutrophic water bodies. High herbicide use can cause fungal outbreaks on weevil populations.

Limiting Factors

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herbicide use)

Research Organization

References 12, 256, 259, 260, 263, 418, 936, 946,

1295

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Neochetina eichhorniae Warner

Classification (Coleoptera: Erirhinidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1975

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Widely established on mainland;

failed on Norfolk Is. Good control at large infestations and infestations on permanent waters. No control where seasonal floods flush weed and agent to sea thus limiting the time for agent population increase. Less effective where pesticide use continues and in

cool temperate regions.

**Limiting Factors** Climate: Other control methods:

Flooding

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 236, 937, 2037, 2039, 2040

**RELEASE** 

Country Benin

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Variable

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**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

Country Benin (continued)

**Notes** More dominant than *Neochetina bruchi*.

Caused substantial reduction in weed coverage at some localities; at other sites with shallow banks impact slow or ineffective. Overall, weed has been

reduced from serious to moderate pest.

Research Organization IITA, GTZ, BDF

**References** 13, 14, 17, 298, 878, 946, 1346, 1883

RELEASE

Country Benin

**Year** 2011

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Initially released in 1991, cultures of

this same stock were maintained in a laboratory and utilized to make a second

release in 2011. Status unknown.

Research Organization IITA

**References** 14, 18, 946

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Burkina Faso

Year 1998

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Anecdotal evidence suggests a

substantial reduction of water hyacinth.

Research Organization

**References** 95, 443, 946, 1409

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

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Country Cote d'Ivoire

Year 1998

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Spread to the Cote d'Ivoire side of

shared lagoon system by 1997 following release on the Ghana side in 1994. Introduced intentionally from Benin in 1998, though status of introduced

population unknown.

Research Organization IITA

**References** 95, 939, 946

## **RELEASE**

Country Egypt

**Year** 2000

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Neochetina spp. reduced water hyacinth

by 90% within one year in Beheira; in Alexandria reduction slower due to

water pollution.

Research Organization ARCE

References 21, 389, 562, 946

# **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

### **RELEASE**

Country Fiji

**Year** 1977

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially slow to spread, but eventually

distributed throughout range of weed. Providing good to excellent control. Impact likely lower where seasonal floods flush out weed and agent, thus limiting the time for agent population

increase.

Limiting Factors Flooding Research Organization KRS

**References** 236, 288, 960, 1402, 1691

#### **RELEASE**

Country Ghana

Year 1994

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Yes

Abundance Limited
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Caused significant damage initially.

Infested waters in Western Region seasonally flood, washing away weevil-infested plants. Water hyacinth rebounds annually from seed sprout, while weevil populations remain limited. Both *Neochetina* spp. similar in

abundance in Western.

Limiting Factors Flooding

Research Organization EPA, IITA

**References** 21, 22, 448, 450, 946, 1494

## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Honduras

Year 1990

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization EAP

**References** 576, 936, 1356

**RELEASE** 

Country India

Year 1983

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL);

Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Variable

**Notes** In combination with *Neochetina* 

bruchi, provided excellent control in 1980s. There have since been some

resurgence problems due in part to eutrophication of water bodies. Efficacy

now variable.

Research Organization IIHR

**References** 906, 908, 1032, 1439, 1542, 1693

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Indonesia

**Year** 1979

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Though widespread, populations low

and offers no overall control to weed.

Predation limits population levels.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization UKS

**References** 936, 946, 969, 1939

**RELEASE** 

Country Kenya

**Year** 1996

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Yes

Abundance Rare

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes By 1998, had not started affecting the

growth of the weed significantly on Lake Naivasha. Additional introductions subsequently made which proved more

effective.

Research Organization IITA, KARI

**References** 625, 630, 894, 946, 1370

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Kenya Year 1997

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Republic

of South Africa; Ex. Argentina via USA

(FL) via Australia

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** On Lake Victoria, estimated 75% of mats on Kenyan shore had sunk within 2 years of the release of both Neochetina spp. Entire Lake Victoria infestation considered under substantial control, possibly aided by wind and wave action and weather events. On Lake Naivasha, the additional releases now widespread and significantly impact water hyacinth, reducing vigor and mat thickness, though other factors such as relatively lower water temperatures may also contribute. Neochetina eichhorniae more common than N. bruchi on Lake Victoria; the opposite is true for Lake Naivasha.

Research Organization KARI, CSIRO, ARC-PPRI, NARO

**References** 242, 625, 630, 894, 946, 1247, 1353,

1370, 1371, 1990

## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

## **RELEASE**

Country Malawi Year 1995

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via

Zimbabwe

Established Yes Abundance High

**General Impact** Medium

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** *Neochetina* spp. have had some

success, along with Orthogalumna terebrantis, though water hyacinth

remains a problem.

Research Organization IITA, IIBC, MFD

> References 139, 881, 882, 946, 1496

# **RELEASE**

Country Malaysia Year 1983

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Thailand

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Intentionally introduced, though

> separate population of unintentional individuals migrating from Thailand subsequently established in same regions and populations are no longer differentiated. Though widespread throughout range, established only in low numbers: insufficient to control

weed.

**References** 55, 56, 57, 71, 944

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Mali Year 1996

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin via Ghana

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization UGL

**References** 9, 13, 14, 279, 946, 1987

**RELEASE** 

Country Mexico

**Year** 1976

Source Ex. Argentina via USA

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Approved and intentionally released,

though was already present

inadvertently since 1967. Intentional and inadvertent populations subsequently not differentiated in the literature.

Neochetina spp. in combination provide excellent control in some water bodies, but have limited impact in others unless additional agents/control methods

utilized.

Research Organization IMTA

**References** 11, 103, 236, 699, 1161, 1163, 1164,

1368

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Mozambique

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Unknown

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Intentionally introduced in 1972 into

the Cahora Bassa, though the origin of release material is unknown. Also spread naturally from rivers in South

Africa. Overall status of either population

unknown.

**References** 1494, 1495

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Myanmar

**Year** 1980

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Thailand

Established Yes
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization NBCRC, AC

**References** 936, 1326, 1327, 1329, 1939

**RELEASE** 

Country Nauru

Year 2008

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Fiji

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 418, 1401

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

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Niger Republic Country

**Year** 2011

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Status of this intentionally introduced

population unknown. Different population spread naturally from releases on Niger River in Nigeria in

1993.

Research Organization IITA, BMA

**References** 14, 18, 946

#### RELEASE

Country Nigeria Year 1993

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established **Abundance** High General Impact Variable

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## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

Country Nigeria (continued)

Notes Intentionally released in northwestern

Nigeria beginning in 1993 and southwestern Nigeria in 1996, though found already present in southern Nigeria in 1994 from populations naturally spreading from Benin. Intentional and naturally spread populations subsequently not

differentiated in the literature. Dispersed and established rapidly; within 2 years, recovered from sites as far as 200 km from closest release point along River Niger. By 2001, water hyacinth infestations visibly reduced compared to 1995 observations. In southwestern states. Neochetina eichhorniae

widespread but not effectively controlling the weed. Formal evaluation lacking

throughout Nigeria.

Research Organization NASENI, NIHORT, CSIRO

**References** 9, 21, 388, 946, 1499, 1510

## **RELEASE**

Country Papua New Guinea

**Year** 1985

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widespread throughout country. In

combination with Neochetina bruchi has

provided very successful control.

Research Organization CSIRO, PNGDAL

**References** 936, 939, 949, 950, 1077, 1400, 1403.

1939, 2040

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country People's Republic of China

**Year** 1996

Source Ex. Argentina via USA

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Very effective at reducing cover in many

regions. Less effective in other regions, especially those further north with cold winters, where weed still remains

significant problem.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization CAAS-BCI

**References** 265, 298, 418, 504, 920, 2061

RELEASE

Country Philippines

**Year** 1992

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Thailand

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
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Unknown

Research Organization NBCRC, GTZ, BPI

**References** 936, 1329

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of Congo

**Year** 1999

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Established and spread rapidly, up to

800 km following release. As of 2005, though widespread, impacts only beginning. Additional agents may be

warranted.

Research Organization CSIRO, IITA, MFE

**References** 937, 1177, 1345

RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. Argentina; Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** These first introductions had low

establishment and efficacy. Second and (accidental) third introductions increased success, though were no longer differentiated in the literature. Neochetina eichhorniae is now the most widespread and abundant of Eichhornia crassipes agents in South Africa. Control success variable by site; very successful in some areas while ineffective in others. Flooding, low winter temperatures, and high water nutrient levels limit weevil

populations.

Limiting Factors Flooding; Habitat; Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 103, 208, 273, 297, 801, 1340

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

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Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1985

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** The first introductions had low

establishment and efficacy. Second and (accidental) third introductions increased success, though were no longer differentiated in the literature. Neochetina eichhorniae is now the most widespread and abundant of Eichhornia crassipes agents in South Africa. Control success variable by site; very successful in some areas while ineffective in others. Flooding, low winter temperatures, and high water nutrient levels limit weevil

populations.

Limiting Factors Flooding; Habitat; Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 208, 273, 297, 801, 946, 1340

## **RELEASE**

Country République Togolaise

**Year** 2001

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin via Ghana

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Little to no efforts have been made to

monitor impact.

Research Organization UGL

**References** 14, 95, 279, 946, 1987

## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

## RELEASE

Country Rwanda Year 2000

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin via Uganda

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Established in Eastern though failed

in Northern due to cold conditions.
Insufficient numbers released; resulting impact not large enough to control

weed.

**Limiting Factors** Small release size; Climate

Research Organization NARO, ISAR

**References** 10, 279, 617, 946, 1254

# RELEASE

**Country** Solomon Islands

Year 1982

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established No

**Notes** Initially believed to have established, but

subsequently considered failed because no adults observed since early 1983. Failure likely due to small release size and/or chemical contamination of the

release site.

Limiting Factors Small release size; Other control

methods

Research Organization MAL

**References** 1864, 1940

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Solomon Islands

Year 1988

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Fiii

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Limited control. Does not impact weed

ecology in short river systems where

infestations occur.

Research Organization MAL

**References** 427, 1403, 1438, 1864, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country South Sudan

**Year** 1979

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Released into Sudan in 1978. South Sudan has since gained independence from Sudan. Releases into regions falling with South Sudan borders did not occur until 1979. This species credited with majority of damage to water hyacinth, though Neochetina bruchi contributes somewhat and Niphograpta albiguttalis slightly. Program considered a success; since 1982 all control

activities have stopped.

**References** 21, 109, 110, 536, 892, 946, 1940

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Sri Lanka Year 1988

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Populations vary depending on location

but were never high enough to exert control of water hyacinth infestations. Mechanical removal of plants, wave/ wind action, eutrophication all decrease

agent populations and efficacy.

Other control methods; Land use Limiting Factors

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 911, 936, 946, 1588, 1939

**RELEASE** 

Country Sudan

**Year** 1978

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Credited with majority of damage to water hyacinth, though Neochetina bruchi contributes somewhat and Niphograpta albiguttalis slightly. Program considered a success; since

1982 all control activities have stopped.

UKS Research Organization

**References** 21, 109, 110, 536, 892, 946, 1940

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

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**Country** Tanzania **Year** 1995

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Both *Neochetina* weevils responsible for

significant reduction in water hyacinth extent. Weed now considered under substantial control on Lake Victoria, possibly aided by wind and wave action and weather events. On rivers in Tanga Region, weevils reduced amount of manual removal required to keep river

channels open.

Research Organization IITA, MAT, PPD

**References** 21, 23, 28, 946, 1136, 1141, 1337, 1990

#### **RELEASE**

Country Thailand Year 1979

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Established and widespread in almost all areas of the country. With *Neochetina* 

bruchi provides excellent control.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 524, 936, 946, 1326, 1329, 1939, 1998,

2040

## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

### **RELEASE**

Country Uganda Year 1993

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes

Both Neochetina species widespread throughout Uganda. Dispersed rapidly in Northern administrative region where reduced cover and biomass of plants. Significant reduction in extent of weed on Lake Victoria shorelines evident by 1998 with many mats having sunk. Control possibly aided by wind and wave action and weather events. Presently, only small remnants of water hyacinth plants found in Ugandan waters of Lake Victoria except near wastewater outflows where insect populations negatively impacted by high

toxicity.

Research Organization NARO, CSIRO, GTZ, CSC, IITA

**References** 23, 242, 298, 946, 1136, 1371, 1380,

1494, 1990

## RELEASE

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Notes Established throughout Gulf Coast

states, usually along with and dominating *Neochetina bruchi*. Damage between species difficult to differentiate, but likely complement each other. Weevils credited with reducing waterhyacinth abundance to 1/3 original levels in Gulf Coast states though other factors also important for reducing weed. Waterhyacinth still remains a

problem in this region.

Other Species Attacked Spillover attack observed on the native

Pontederia cordata L. and other native species intermixed with waterhyacinth, including Canna spp., though this attack

is insignificant and temporary.

Research Organization USDA (3,4,7,13), State (3,14,18), USAE

**References** 20, 130, 235, 236, 238, 242, 288, 298,

685, 700, 705, 1512, 1726

**RELEASE** 

Country Vanuatu

Year 2004

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Fiji

Established Yes
Abundance Limited

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Providing good to excellent control at

few sites where established. Water hyacinth itself only localized in Vanuatu.

Research Organization SPC, DLQS

**References** 204, 418, 427, 1402,

# **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Vietnam Year 1984

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**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Thailand

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization NBCRC, VNBCRC

**References** 936, 1327, 1328, 1329, 1939

RELEASE

Country Zambia Year 1971

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 103, 312, 799

**RELEASE** 

Country Zambia

**Year** 1996

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Republic

of South Africa

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Eichhornia crassipes has declined

markedly in areas of *Neochetina* spp. release, however it is unknown if this is due to the weevils (whose abundance is limited) or to other factors such as water level manipulation and control of nutrient

loading in infested waters.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI, ECZ

**References** 249, 799, 946, 963

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

## **RELEASE**

**Country** Zimbabwe

Year 1990

Source Ex. South America via USA (FL)

Established Yes Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Released as mix of both Neochetina species first sourced from Florida USA then later from Benin. Weevils found established away from release sites of both introductions; it is assumed both introductions established and are no longer differentiated in the field. Following successful establishment along Manyame River system, widespread herbicide use led to crash in weed and *Neochetina* spp. populations. Weevil populations increased again, while weed held in check. Though physical and chemical control also contributed to overall dramatic decline of water hyacinth, much credit given to biological control. Weed considered under control in most lakes, with exception of eutrophic water bodies. High herbicide use can cause fungal outbreaks on weevil populations.

**Limiting Factors** Disease (corresponding to high

herbicide use)

Research Organization PPRIZ

**References** 255, 256, 259, 260, 263, 418, 936, 946,

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## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

## **RELEASE**

Country Zimbabwe

Year 1993

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

Established Yes Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes

Released as mix of both Neochetina species first sourced from Florida USA then later from Benin. Weevils found established away from release sites of both introductions; it is assumed both introductions established and are no longer differentiated in the field. Following successful establishment along Manyame River system, widespread herbicide use led to crash in weed and *Neochetina* spp. populations. Weevil populations increased again, while weed held in check. Though physical and chemical control also contributed to overall dramatic decline of water hyacinth, much credit given to biological control. Weed considered under control in most lakes, with exception of eutrophic water bodies. High herbicide use can cause fungal outbreaks on weevil populations.

Limiting Factors

Disease (corresponding to high

herbicide use)

Research Organization

References

12, 256, 259, 260, 263, 418, 936, 946,

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# PONTEDERIACEAE

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Niphograpta albiguttalis (Warren)

Past Names/Synonyms Epipagis albiguttalis (Warren),

Sameodes albiguttalis (Warren)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1977

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely established through natural

dispersal. Damage spatially and

temporally patchy; the weed frequently outgrows damage making this agent

less effective overall.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 937, 2037, 2040

**RELEASE** 

Country Benin

**Year** 1993

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established No.

Research Organization IITA

**References** 13, 17, 298, 945, 1346, 1883

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Niphograpta albiguttalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Ghana

**Year** 1996

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Republic of South Africa

Established No.

Research Organization EPA

**References** 21, 450, 945

**RELEASE** 

Country Kenya

**Year** 1997

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Republic of South Africa

Established No.

**Notes** Introduced onto Lake Naivasha but

failed to establish.

Research Organization KARI, ARC-PPRI

**References** 630, 894, 945, 1136, 1247, 1494

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Malawi

**Year** 1996

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Republic of South Africa

Established Unknown

**Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization IIBC, MFD

**References** 936, 945, 1496

Eichhornia crassipes; Niphograpta albiguttalis (continued)

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Country Malaysia Year 1996

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Thailand

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight
Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Established only in low numbers,

insufficient to control weed.

Research Organization MARDI, DOAM

**References** 56, 59, 71, 945

## **RELEASE**

Country Panama Year 1977

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** First release in 1977 failed to establish

due to ant predation; the fate of the second release in 1978 unknown.

Limiting Factors Predation

Research Organization PCC

References 936, 945, 1434

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Niphograpta albiguttalis (continued)

## **RELEASE**

Country Papua New Guinea

**Year** 1994

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established No.

Research Organization CSIRO, PNGDAL

**References** 949, 950, 1400, 2040

# **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1990

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Rare
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

led to its distribution across South Africa. However, its requirement for young and actively growing plants, which are not always found in *Eichhornia crassipes* mats, results in a patchy distribution both spatially and temporally. Consequently considered rare over the majority of the country. Where large populations occur, can be very effective locally. Parasitism may limit populations in some areas, though this has not been

studied explicitly.

**Limiting Factors** Plant phenology; possibly Parasitism

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 273, 297, 800, 801, 945, 992

Eichhornia crassipes; Niphograpta albiguttalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country South Sudan

Year 1980

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes **Abundance** High General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Though widespread, does not contribute

successfully to control. Majority of impact attributed to Neochetina

eichhorniae.

**References** 109, 110, 536, 892, 945, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Sudan Year 1979

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL)

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Released into South Sudan beginning

in 1979, which at the time was part of Sudan but which has since gained independence. Naturally spread (as intended) throughout the Nile system into present-day Sudan by 1982.

Though widespread, does not contribute successfully to control. Majority of impact attributed to Neochetina

eichhorniae.

**Research Organization** UKS

**References** 109, 110, 536, 892, 945, 1940

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Niphograpta albiguttalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Thailand Year 1995

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established Yes Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 936, 1329, 1998, 2040

**RELEASE** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1977

**Source** Ex. Argentina

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Larval tunneling destroys apical

meristem; affected plants often die or lose buoyancy and sink. Establishes quickly, creates a great deal of damage,

and then often disappears.

**Research Organization** USAE, USDA (3,4,7,13), State (14)

**References** 233, 235, 236, 238, 242, 288, 302,

1578, 1726

**RELEASE** 

Country Zambia **Year** 1971

Source Ex. Trinidad via India

Established No. Research Organization IIBC

**References** 103, 799, 936, 945

Eichhornia crassipes; Niphograpta albiguttalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Zambia

**Year** 1997

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Republic of South Africa

Established No

Research Organization ARC-PPRI, ECZ

**References** 249, 799, 936, 945

RELEASE

**Country** Zimbabwe

Year 1994

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Established No

Research Organization PPRIZ, CSIRO

**References** 256, 279, 418, 945

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Orthogalumna terebrantis Wallwork

Classification (Acari: Galumnidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country India Year 1986

**Source** Ex. South America via USA (FL)

**Established** Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact None

**Notes** High populations cause browning of

leaves but damage confined to older leaves and older or shaded plants. Does

not control the weed by itself.

Research Organization IIHR, ICAR, KAU

**References** 909, 931, 1542, 1693

**RELEASE** 

Country Kenya

**Year** 1997

Source Ex. Unknown via Republic of South

Africa

Established No.

Notes Introduced onto Lake Naivasha but

failed to establish.

Research Organization KARI, ARC-PPRI

**References** 801, 894, 1136, 1247, 1494

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Orthogalumna terebrantis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Zambia Year 1971

**Source** Ex. South America via USA (FL)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though widely established, does not

provide substantial control on its own.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 103, 345, 799, 963, 1159

**AGENT** 

Species Xubida infusella (Walker)

Past Names/Synonyms Acigona infusella (Walker)
Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Xubida infusellus (Walker)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1981

Source Ex. Brazil

Established No.

Notes Recoveries made over period of

13 months following release but not thereafter; agent since believed to have

died out.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 937, 1604, 2038, 2040

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Xubida infusella (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia Year 1996

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

**Notes** Established at only one site in QLD

despite being widely released in tropics

and sub tropics. No impact.

Research Organization CSIRO

References 841

**RELEASE** 

Country Papua New Guinea

**Year** 1997

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Recovered at one site in NCD, but

establishment not confirmed.

Research Organization CSIRO, PNGDAL

**References** 937, 939, 949, 950, 952, 1400

**RELEASE** 

Country Thailand

**Year** 1997

**Source** Ex. Argentina via Australia

**Established** Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown
Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 936, 937, 945, 1996

## **PROTEACEAE**

| WEED           |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Family         | Proteaceae                      |
| Species        | Hakea gibbosa (Sm.) Cav.        |
| Origin         | Australia                       |
| Common Name    | rock hakea, hairy needlebush    |
|                |                                 |
| AGENT          |                                 |
| Species        | Aphanasium australe (Boisduval) |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)      |
|                |                                 |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2003

Source Ex. Australia Established Unknown Abundance Unknown General Impact Compromised

**Notes** Establishment unknown but unlikely

because one release site was burned while the *Hakea gibbosa* at the other was chopped down by the landowner.

**Limiting Factors** Land use Research Organization ARC-PPRI References 632

#### **PROTEACEAE**

Hakea gibbosa (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Erytenna consputa Pascoe Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1979

Source Ex. Australia

Established No.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 659

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2003

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Two sites lost to fire and mechanical disturbance. At remaining site, annual fruit loss due to larval damage over a 4-year period had increased steadily to 15.4%. Over the same period, the average number of mature fruits recorded per plant increased 3-fold, indicating negative impact of Erytenna consputa on Hakea gibbosa seed production is not as pronounced as that

on H. sericea.

**Limiting Factors** Land use Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 659

## **PROTEACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |  |  |
|----------------|--|--|
| Origin         | Proteaceae  Hakea sericea Schrad. & J.C. Wendl.  Australia silky hakea, needlebush |  |
| AGENT          |  |  |
| Species        | Aphanasium australe (Boisduval)  |  |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)   |  |

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 2001

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Though it has been over 10 years since

release, populations are still limited. Larvae take up to two years to mature and many of the attacked plants are mature and large; both factors indicate a long time will be required before populations are high and impact is

significant. Still increasing.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 656, 658, 659

#### PROTEACEAE

Hakea sericea (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Carposina autologa Meyrick

Classification (Lepidoptera: Carposinidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially poorly established but new redistribution methods have increased populations. Development time long and hindered greatly by the pathogen Colletotrichum acutatum f. sp. hakeae as well as inability to distinguish between healthy and previously attacked fruits for oviposition. Not as common as Erytenna consputa, though populations still increasing. Often destroys fewer seeds than E. consputa, but reduces seed output by >50% at some sites. Does not kill existing trees and regenerating seedlings still exceed the parent population in existing stands in most cases. Limited following fires as this agent is slow to colonize recovering burned regions. Best in combination with measures that kill parent plants.

Fire: Simultaneous attack of weed by **Limiting Factors** 

pathogens

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 51, 655, 658, 659, 992, 1000, 1341

**TABLE** 

PROTEACEAE
Hakea sericea (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Cydmaea binotata Lea

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1979

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Only established at a few locations;

abundance limited and impact trivial.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 655, 659, 992, 1000

**PROTEACEAE** 

Hakea sericea (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dicomada rufa Blackburn

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2006

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Numerous sites lost to clearing or fire.

Though established at half of remaining

sites, abundance, dispersal and impact

are unknown.

Limiting Factors Land use

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 658, 659, 992

#### **PROTEACEAE**

Hakea sericea (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Erytenna consputa Pascoe
Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Despite establishing, populations

from this release performed poorly in their new habitat, due to host plant

incompatibility.

**Limiting Factors** Host plant incompatibility

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 51, 655, 658, 659, 992, 1000, 1341,

1343

**PROTEACEAE** 

Hakea sericea; Erytenna consputa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1975

Source Ex. Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

otos Pol

Releases consisted of larger colonies (than previous releases) and from inland localities in Australia that better matched host plant forms and climate in South Africa. Now the most widespread and abundant of established agents. Though it destroys most of the seeds produced by *Hakea sericea*, it does not kill existing trees and regenerating seedlings still exceed the parent population in existing stands in most cases. Limited following fires as this agent is slow to colonize recovering burned regions. Best in combination with measures that kill

parent plants, such as the pathogens.

**Limiting Factors** Fire

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 51, 655, 659, 992, 1000, 1001, 1343

## **RANUNCULACEAE**

**WEED** Family Ranunculaceae Species Clematis vitalba L. Origin Europe Common Name old man's beard **AGENT** Species Didymella clematidis Woudenberg, Spiers & Gruyter Past Names/Synonyms Phoma clematidina (Thüm.) Boerema Classification (Dothideomycetes: Pleosporales) Notes This agent was released under the belief it was a strain of Phoma clematidina (Thüm.) Boerema from the USA. However later molecular work showed that what were believed to be a few different strains of this species worldwide are actually different species. This strain was subsequently described as the new species Didymella clematidis Woudenberg, Spiers & Gruyter. References 987, 2036

#### **RANUNCULACEAE**

Clematis vitalba; Didymella clematidis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

**Year** 1996

Source Ex. USA

Established No

Notes Originally established and dispersed

well but recent analyses indicate it has disappeared. Possibly displaced by less virulent or even endophytic strain of *Phoma clematidina* already established in New Zealand prior to this release.

**Limiting Factors** Possibly excluded by endophytes

Research Organization HFRI, MWLR

**References** 665, 761, 1057, 1064, 2036

**AGENT** 

Species Monophadnus spinolae (Klug)

Classification (Hymenoptera: Tenthredinidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country New Zealand

Year 1998

Source Fx. Austria

**Established** No

Notes Only a limited number of releases were

made as mass-rearing proved difficult.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 665, 761, 1064, 1447

## RANUNCULACEAE Clematis vitalba (continued)

#### AGENT

Species Phytomyza vitalbae Kaltenbach

Classification (Diptera: Agromyzidae)

### RELEASE

**Country** New Zealand

**Year** 1996

Source Ex. Germany, Switzerland

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely distributed throughout country.

While some damaging outbreaks have been seen, anecdotal evidence suggests overall impact limited by

parasitism.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Other Species Attacked Spillover feeding has been documented

on the native Clematis foetida Raoul and

C. forsteri J.F. Gmel

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 665, 761, 816, 1057, 1064, 1446, 1447

## **ROSACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Rosaceae

Species Acaena anserinifolia (J.R. Forst. & G.

Forst.) Armstr.

Origin New Zealand

Common Name piripiri

**AGENT** 

Species Ucona acaenae Smith

Past Names/Synonyms Antholcus varinervis Spinola pars

**Classification** (Hymenoptera: Tenthredinidae)

Notes Though released into New Zealand

under the name Antholcus varinervis Spinola, it was later determined the insect did not fit the official description of the species of the same name. It was subsequently determined to be a new species and assigned the name

Ucona acaenae Smith.

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

Year 1936

Source Ex. Chile

Established No

**Notes** Target native to New Zealand.

Research Organization CI, DSIR

**References** 720, 1246, 1695

## ROSACEAE (continued)

| WEED           |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Family         | Rosaceae                |
| Species        | Rubus alceifolius Poir. |
| Origin         | southeastern Asia       |
| Common Name    | giant bramble           |
| AGENT          |                         |
| Species        | Cibdela janthina (Klug) |
| Classification | (Hymenoptera: Argidae)  |

### **RELEASE**

Country La Réunion

**Year** 2008

**Source** Ex. Indonesia (Sumatra)

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release

General Impact Heavy
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Well established and spreading on the

western coast, providing good control of

weed under 1000 m of elevation.

**Limiting Factors** Elevation **References** 1079, 1080

## ROSACEAE (continued)

## **WEED**

Family Rosaceae

Species Rubus argutus Link

Past Names/Synonyms Rubus penetrans Bailey

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Rubus lucidus Rydberg

Origin eastern USA

Common Name prickly Florida blackberry

#### **AGENT**

Species Chlamisus gibbosa (Fabricius)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1969

Source Ex. USA (MO)

Established No

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 401, 612, 1318

## ROSACEAE

Rubus argutus (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Croesia zimmermani Clarke

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Apotoforma sp.

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1964

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Foliar damage can be extensive,

though insect populations fluctuate. In combination with Schreckensteinia festaliella, can provide partial control in some open areas but impact is less in

forested regions.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the native Rubus

hawaiensis A. Gray and R. macraei

A. Gray.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 410, 411, 412, 612, 613, 635, 762, 1212,

1318, 1457, 2068

ROSACEAE

Rubus argutus (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Pennisetia marginata (Harris)

Past Names/Synonyms Bembecia marginata (Harris)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Sesiidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1963

Source Ex. USA (OR)

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 409, 612, 635, 1318

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1966

Source Ex. USA (OR)

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 412, 635, 1318, 1322

### **ROSACEAE**

Rubus argutus (continued)

AGENT

Species Priophorus morio (Lepeletier)

**Classification** (Hymenoptera: Tenthredinidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1966

Source Ex. USA (CA, OR, WA)

**Established** Yes **Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Dispersed throughout range of weed

but population limited by virus probably introduced with the insect. Overall

impact minimal.

**Limiting Factors** Disease

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the native Rubus

hawaiensis A. Gray and R. macraei

A. Gray.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 412, 1150, 1318, 1322, 1457

**ROSACEAE** 

Rubus argutus; Priophorus morio (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1968

Source Ex. USA (CA)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Utilized on different islands than original

release, though current status largely not differentiated in the literature. Dispersed throughout range of weed but population limited by virus probably introduced with the insect. Disease-free population released on KA initially abundant and effective but decreased when virus arrived 2 years later. Overall

impact minimal.

**Limiting Factors** Disease

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the native Rubus

hawaiensis A. Gray and R. macraei

A. Gray.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 405, 1150, 1318, 1457

## ROSACEAE

Rubus argutus (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Schreckensteinia festaliella Hübner

Classification (Lepidoptera: Schreckensteiniidae)

RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1963

Source Ex. California, USA

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Damage can be extensive, though

insect populations fluctuate. In

combination with *Croesia zimmermani*, can provide partial control in some open

areas but impact is less in forested

regions.

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the native Rubus

hawaiensis A. Gray and R. macraei

A. Gray.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 409, 411, 412, 612, 613, 635, 762, 1318,

1457

## **ROSACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Rosaceae

Species Rubus constrictus Lefevre &

P. J. Mull.

Origin Europe

Common Name blackberry, murra

**AGENT** 

Species Phragmidium violaceum (Schultz)

G. Winter

**Classification** (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**RELEASE** 

Country Chile Year 1973

Source Ex. Germany

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Established and spread rapidly.

Provides effective control by hastening normal defoliation such that stems do not lignify properly, facilitating invasion by secondary pathogens and frost damage. Weed being replaced. *Rubus constrictus* is more susceptible than

R. ulmifolius.

Research Organization UACH

**References** 84, 1377, 1379

## ROSACEAE (continued)

| WEED                  |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Family                | Rosaceae  |
| Species               | Rubus fruticosus L. agg.  |
| Origin<br>Common Name | whose frequent interspecific hybridization and high phenotypic plasticity make taxonomic designations difficult. For convenience these are dealt with herein under the name <i>Rubus fruticosus</i> aggregate. <i>Phragmidium violaceum</i> strains work better on some taxa than others. |
| AGENT                 |   |
| Species               | Phragmidium violaceum (Schultz)   |
| Species               | Phragmidium violaceum (Schultz) G. Winter   |
| Classification        |   |

### **RELEASE**

Country Australia
Year 1991
Source Ex. France
Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Strain F15, introduced legally. Genetic evidence suggests genes from F15 were incorporated in the rust population in WA

following these 1991 releases.

Research Organization VIC State

References 185, 189, 886, 1261, 1264, 1265

#### **ROSACEAE**

Rubus fruticosus; Phragmidium violaceum (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia
Year 2004

Source Ex. France

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Strain F15. Genetic screening following

releases in the 2000s indicates alleles of strain F15 incorporated into existing rust population at four representative sites in NSW and VIC. Disease intensity varies by *Rubus* species, location and time, rarely exceeding 40% of leaves on infected stems. Only under ideal conditions (sufficient rainfall and humidity and mild maximum temperatures) is there significant reduction in daughter plant production

and total biomass.

Limiting Factors Climate Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 185, 558, 647, 648, 1261, 1264, 1265

#### ROSACEAE

Rubus fruticosus; Phragmidium violaceum (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia Year 2004

Source Ex. France

Established Yes Abundance Variable **General Impact** Variable

Notes Eight strains released legally. Genetic screening following releases indicates alleles of these strains incorporated into existing rust population at four representative sites in NSW and VIC. Disease intensity varies by Rubus species, location and time, rarely exceeding 40% of leaves on infected stems. Only under ideal conditions (sufficient rainfall and humidity and mild maximum temperatures) is there significant reduction in daughter plant

production and total biomass.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 648, 1261, 1264, 1265

## ROSACEAE (continued)

| Origin         | Rosaceae Rubus ulmifolius Schott Europe, northern Africa zarzamora, blackberry |
|----------------|--|
| AGENT          |  |
| Species        | Phragmidium violaceum (Schultz) G. Winter                                      |
| Classification | (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)   |

#### **RELEASE**

Country Chile **Year** 1973

**Source** Ex. Germany

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** No control resulted despite widespread

establishment. Rubus constrictus is more susceptible than R. ulmifolius.

Research Organization UACH

**References** 84, 1377, 1379

## **RUBIACEAE**

## **WEED** Family Rubiaceae Species Galium spurium L. **Notes** Galium spurium and the closely related *G. aparine* L. are often confused in literature and field records. It is G. spurium that is more abundant and troublesome in arable lands on the Canadian prairies. Origin Eurasia Common Name false cleavers **AGENT** Species Cecidophyes rouhollahi Craemer Classification (Acari: Eriophyidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 2003

**Source** Ex. France (southern)

Established No.

**Notes** Biomass and seed production on infested plants were reduced by about 30% in release plots, but mites not sufficiently cold hardy to survive over

winter.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization ARC, USDA-ARS References 1183, 1184, 1698, 1707

## **SALVINIACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Salviniaceae

Species Salvinia molesta D.S. Mitch.

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Salvinia auriculata Aubl.

Origin Brazil

Common Name salvinia, water fern, Kariba weed,

African payal, giant salvinia

**AGENT** 

Species Cyrtobagous salviniae Calder &

Sands

Past Names/Synonyms Cyrtobagous singularis Hustache

pars, Cyrtobagous sp.

Classification (Coleoptera: Erirhinidae)

Notes When first collected from salvinia in southeastern Brazil it was thought to be a biotype of Cyrtobagous singularis adapted to Salvinia molesta. Detailed comparative studies following releases in Australia helped

researchers determined that it was a new, undescribed species, later to be named Cyrtobagous salviniae. Two ecotypes of this species are known: the larger Brazilian ecotype was intentionally released in Australia and from there to numerous other countries, including Florida USA. The second, smaller ecotype was adventively introduced to Florida.

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia Year 1980 Source Ex. Brazil Established Yes

**Abundance** High **General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Very successful control in coastal and

elevated sites in tropical, sub-tropical, and temperate areas. Effective in multilayered mats of salvinia if integrated with other control methods to reduce mat thickness. Less effective following flooding events which flush the weed

and insects to sea.

**Limiting Factors** Flooding Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 574, 575, 938, 939, 1589, 1591, 1626

### **RELEASE**

Country Botswana Year 1984

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Reduced salvinia to a marginal infestation between 1985-1989. Wherever new infestations are found. or old areas recolonized, insect redistributed and keeps the weed in

check.

Research Organization DWAB

**References** 113, 578, 627, 938, 1042

#### SALVINIACEAE

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Cote d'Ivoire

1998 Year

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Namibia via

Republic of South Africa

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 272, 505, 800, 939, 948, 1498

#### **RELEASE**

Country Fiji Year 1991

Fx. Brazil via Australia Source

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Providing effective control such that

the weed now only occurs in remnant

populations.

Research Organization KRS

**References** 938, 944, 1050

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

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Country Ghana Year 1996

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Namibia via

Republic of South Africa

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Caused marked suppression of Salvinia

*molesta* within 3 months of release; complete control achieved same year.

Research Organization EPA

**References** 21, 272, 449, 450

#### **RELEASE**

Country India
Year 1983

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Successfully controlled the weed in

Bangalore, Karnataka within 14 months following release. Up to 99% infestations suppressed in Kerala where majority of waterways have since remained free of serious accumulations of this weed.

Research Organization IIHR, KAU
References 904, 933, 1542

#### **SALVINIACEAE**

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Indonesia Year 1999

Source Ex. Brazil via Unknown

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown
Research Organization BIOTROP

**References** 948, 1811

#### **RELEASE**

Country Kenya Year 1990

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy
Scale of Impact Pegion

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Salvinia declined rapidly within 18

months after introduction. Since then it has subsisted only as small, isolated or rare patches of weed; no longer

regarded as a problem.

Research Organization CSIRO, ACIAR, KARI, IIBC

**References** 877, 894, 1494, 1587

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Malaysia

Year 1989

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Controlled the weed at the two release

sites in 14 months. Redistribution

required.

Research Organization MARDI, PLANTI, DOAM

**References** 55, 56, 944, 948

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Mali

Year 2004

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Namibia via

Republic of South Africa via Ghana

Established No

Research Organization UGL

**References** 21, 272, 1987

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Mali

Year 2007

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Namibia via

Republic of South Africa via Ghana

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization UGL

**References** 21, 272, 1987

**SALVINIACEAE** 

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Mauritania

**Year** 2000

**Source** Ex. Brazil via Australia via Namibia via

Republic of South Africa

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Within 1 year of second release, weevils

had established and were recovered up to 50 km from the release sites. At most sites, the infestation reduced from 100% to less than 5%. Within 2 years, salvinia no longer considered a problem on the

lower Senegal River.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 272, 505, 506, 1498

RELEASE

**Country** Mauritania

Year 2002

**Source** Ex. Brazil via Australia via Namibia via

Republic of South Africa via Cote d'Ivoire

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Released again as tremendous success

from first release not yet documented. Within 1 year, weevils had established and were recovered up to 50 km from the release sites. At most sites, the infestation reduced from 100% to less than 5%. Within 2 years, salvinia no

longer considered a problem on the

lower Senegal River.

Research Organization FAO

**References** 272, 505, 506, 939, 1498

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

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Country Namibia Year 1984

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Rapid establishment and successful control at release locations on border of Namibia and Botswana within one to two years. Remains active in the eastern Caprivi wetlands; wherever new infestations found, insect redistributed

and keeps weed in check.

Research Organization DWAN

**References** 113, 578, 627, 1042, 1620

### **RELEASE**

Country Papua New Guinea

Year 1982

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Excellent control achieved within two

years of release. Remnant populations

of weevils keep weed in check.

Research Organization CSIRO, FAO

References 948, 1593, 1793, 1794

#### **SALVINIACEAE**

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Philippines

**Year** 1991

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown
Research Organization MAP
References 944, 948

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Republic of Congo

**Year** 2000

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Namibia via

Republic of South Africa

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Dramatically reduced infestations of

this species, typically in <2 years. Few

salvinia plants remained.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI, IITA

**References** 272, 1177

#### SALVINIACEAE

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1985

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Namibia

Established Yes **Abundance** High **General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Rapid establishment and successful

control at various release sites within one to two years of release. Insects widely redistributed, bringing the weed under control throughout South Africa. When new infestations are identified today, this agent is immediately released

and brings the infestations under

control.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 272, 297, 992

**RELEASE** 

Country République Togolaise

**Year** 2001

**Source** Ex. Brazil via Australia via Namibia via

Republic of South Africa via Ghana

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization UGL

**References** 21, 272, 1987

SALVINIACEAE

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Senegal 2000 Year

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Namibia via

Republic of South Africa

Established No.

Notes Establishment failed as the starter

colony had been released directly into the river at a site which was not protected and where the infested plants could not be confined. Subsequently not

recovered.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 272, 506, 1498

**RELEASE** 

Country Senegal Year 2001

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Namibia via

Republic of South Africa

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Within 1 year of third release, weevils had established and were recovered up to 50 km from release sites. At most sites, infestation reduced from 100% to less than 5%. Within 2 years, salvinia no longer considered a problem on lower

Senegal River.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 505, 506, 1498

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

| RELEASE |  |
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|---------|--|

Country Senegal Year 2002

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Namibia

via Republic of South Africa via Cote

d'Ivoire

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Released again as tremendous success from second release not yet documented. Within 1 year of this third release, weevils had established and were recovered up to 50 km from release sites. At most sites, infestation reduced from 100% to less than 5%. Within 2 years, salvinia no longer considered a problem on lower Senegal

River.

Research Organization FAO

**References** 272, 505, 506, 939, 1498

#### **RELEASE**

Country Sri Lanka Year 1986

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Excellent control, usually 12-24 months

following release.

Research Organization KU, DASL, CSIRO, ACIAR

**References** 948, 1588, 1590

#### **SALVINIACEAE**

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

United States of America Country

Year 2001

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** Moderate **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Insects spread slowly but steadily

following release. Biomass and surface coverage reduced more than 99% at release sites in LA and TX. Localized extinctions caused by drought conditions most limiting factor in LA and TX. Additional time needed in CA and AZ but impact between substantial and complete, though this river system requires additional releases annually to replenish populations flushed downstream due to yearly flooding events. A different population (FL ecotype) earlier found inadvertently present on Salvinia minima and subsequently redistributed to S. molesta. Accidental FL ecotype subsequently found to be more effective than Brazilian

ecotype during trials; future releases of

this species recommended to be of FL

ecotype.

Limiting Factors Drought; Flooding Research Organization USDA (3,4)

**References** 264, 1313, 1512, 1798, 1800, 1801.

1802, 1804, 1805

#### SALVINIACEAE

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Zambia Year 1990

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** High **General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Provides excellent control except where

nutrient levels are excessively high due to sewage effluent. At most locations, weed no longer considered a problem.

Research Organization CSIRO, ACIAR

**References** 505, 715, 800, 941, 1587

**RELEASE** 

Country Zimbabwe

Year 1992

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia via Botswana

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Observed on Lake Kariba in 1991, but a population imported from Botswana intentionally introduced to other parts of Lake in 1992. Both populations subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Brought about up to 99% control in different river systems within 2 years. Salvinia molesta no longer considered problematic in Zimbabwe.

Research Organization PPRIZ

**References** 262, 418, 578, 800, 938

SALVINIACEAE

Salvinia molesta (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Cyrtobagous singularis Hustache

Classification (Coleoptera: Erirhinidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Botswana **Year** 1971

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

**Notes** No insects recovered despite multiple

releases.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 101, 103, 312, 313, 528, 1535

**RELEASE** 

Country Botswana

**Year** 1976

Source Fx. Trinidad

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Though widely distributed, densities

low and does not provide any control. Populations likely limited by preference

for Salvinia auriculata.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 103, 528, 948, 1174, 1535, 1619

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous singularis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

**Year** 1979

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact None

Notes Initially thought not to have established

but located in 1991. Not effective.

Research Organization KRS

**References** 944, 1050

**RELEASE** 

Country Namibia

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

**Notes** No insects recovered despite multiple

releases.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 101, 113, 528, 948, 1535

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Namibia

Year 1976

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

Notes Though widespread initially, densities

low likely due to their preference for *Salvinia auriculata*. Since the introduction of the more specific control agent, *Cyrtobagous salviniae*, their numbers gradually declined until they were out-competed and are now

considered to be extinct in Namibia. **Limiting Factors** Specificity; Interspecific competition

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 103, 113, 528, 1535, 1619

#### **SALVINIACEAE**

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous singularis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Zambia
Year 1971

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Established and spread along the

Zambezi River and into Zimbabwe. Although the weed has declined in some areas, evidence suggests that other factors were responsible and this agent has not contributed significantly to

control.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 101, 312, 800, 948, 1160, 1174, 1249

SALVINIACEAE

Salvinia molesta (continued)

AGENT

Species Paulinia acuminata (De Geer)

Classification (Orthoptera: Pauliniidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Botswana

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

**Notes** Salvinia mat on which insects were

thriving was swept away in floods;

permanent establishment failed.

Limiting Factors Flooding

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 101, 103, 113, 312, 313, 528, 1535

RELEASE

Country Botswana

**Year** 1975

**Source** Ex. Trinidad; Ex. Trinidad via Zimbabwe

Established No

**Notes** Initially established but later died out.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 103, 113, 528

RELEASE

Country Fiji

**Year** 1975

Source Ex. Trinidad via India

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact None

**Notes** Impact initially good but has since

declined to no noticeable effect overall.

Research Organization KRS

**References** 948, 960, 1050, 1691

**SALVINIACEAE** 

Salvinia molesta; Paulinia acuminata (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country India

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No

Notes Believed to establish initially, albeit with

poor performance. Has since been

determined to have failed establishment.

Research Organization IIBC, KAU

**References** 101, 114, 315, 904, 1033, 1542

RELEASE

Country Kenya

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No

**Notes** Not established following release on

Lake Naivasha, possibly due to low

night temperatures.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 101, 103, 311, 894, 948

**RELEASE** 

Country Namibia

Year 1972

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

**References** 101, 113, 528, 1535

Salvinia molesta; Paulinia acuminata (continued)

| RELEASE               |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Country               | Namibia  |
| Year                  |  |
| Source                | Ex. Trinidad; Ex. Trinidad via Zimbabwe        |
| Established           | No   |
| Notes                 | Initially established but later died out.      |
| References            | 113, 528, 1535                                 |
|                       |  |
| RELEASE               |  |
| Country               | Sri Lanka                                      |
| Year                  | 1973   |
| Source                | Ex. Trinidad via India                         |
| Established           | No   |
| General Impact        | Compromised                                    |
| Notes                 | The continuous continuity of the continuity of |
|                       | release canal.                                 |
| Limiting Factors      |  |
| Research Organization | DASL   |
| References            | 101  |
|                       |  |
| RELEASE               |  |
| •                     | Sri Lanka                                      |
|                       | 1978   |
|                       | Ex. Trinidad                                   |
| Established           |  |
| Research Organization | IIBC   |

References 1421

### **SALVINIACEAE**

Salvinia molesta; Paulinia acuminata (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Zambia Year 1970

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Populations increased on Lake Kariba

release site initially, coinciding with decline in weed population. However, evidence suggests other factors could be responsible; amount attributable to this agent unknown. More recently populations typically low, though moderate at one site. At all locations, damage to weed occurs, however this damage does not kill the weed and

plants keep growing.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 100, 101, 948, 1160

#### **RELEASE**

Country Zimbabwe Year 1969 Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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Salvinia molesta; Paulinia acuminata (continued)

**Country** Zimbabwe (continued)

Notes Established during 1969 cage

testing. Official approval for release was subsequently obtained and this population was intentionally released in 1971. Populations increased on Lake Kariba release site initially, coinciding with decline in weed population. However, evidence suggests other factors could be responsible; amount attributable to this agent unknown. More recently populations typically low, though moderate at one site. At all locations, damage to weed occurs, however this damage does not kill the weed and plants keep growing.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 100, 101, 948, 1160, 1249

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Zimbabwe

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Uruguay

Established Yes Abundance Rare

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** This second release established on

Lake Kariba but less successful than Trinidad population and rarely recovered

in the field.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 101, 1249

### SALVINIACEAE

Salvinia molesta (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Samea multiplicalis (Guenée)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1981

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Established and spread rapidly but has

not provided control of the weed as the

plant outgrows leaf damage caused by

larvae.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 574, 575, 938, 939, 1589, 1592

**RELEASE** 

Country Botswana

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 101, 313, 948

**TABLE** 

Salvinia molesta; Samea multiplicalis (continued)

RELEASE

Country Fiji

**Year** 1976

Source Ex. Trinidad via India

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact None

**Notes** Impact initially good but has since

declined to no noticeable effect overall.

Research Organization KRS

**References** 938, 960, 1050, 1691

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Zambia

Year 1970

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 101, 103, 311, 948, 1249

## **SCROPHULARIACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Scrophulariaceae

Species Buddleja davidii Franch.

Origin Asia

Common Name buddleia

**AGENT** 

**Species** Cleopus japonicus Wingelmüller

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

RELEASE

**Country** New Zealand

Year 2006

Source Ex. China

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Established well at nearly all release

sites. Though patchily distributed throughout both islands, dispersal and redistribution continuing and populations increasing. Feeding damage has been considerable, with complete defoliation of some plants within 1 km of release sites. Plants can recover from initial defoliation but sustained attack can decreases plant height by 19% which may lead to decreased competition with desirable vegetation. Evaluation

ongoing.

Research Organization Scion

**References** 1064, 1065, 1945

## **SOLANACEAE**

| Origin | Solanaceae Solanum elaeagnifolium Cav. North America, South America silverleaf nightshade, satansbos |
|--------|--|
| ·      | Frumenta nephelomicta Meyrick (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae)   |

## RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1978

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No

Notes Small releases of eggs, all failed to

establish.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 1344, 1390, 1392, 1394

#### RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1984

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No

Notes Small releases of eggs, all failed to

establish.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 1340, 1344, 1390, 1392, 1394

#### SOLANACEAE

Solanum elaeagnifolium; Frumenta nephelomicta (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1985

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No

Notes Large release of eggs (50,000) but

drought conditions prevailed.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 1344, 1390, 1392, 1394

**AGENT** 

**Species** Frumenta sp.

Past Names/Synonyms Frumenta sp. A

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Frumenta nephelomicta Meyrick

Classification (Lepidoptera: Gelechiidae)

Notes Frumenta sp. prob. solanophaga

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1989

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established No.

**Notes** Flower buds inoculated with first instar

larvae at an experimental field site. Initially believed to have established but died out by 1993. Parasitism one

important factor for failure.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 1384, 1390, 1392, 1394

### SOLANACEAE

Solanum elaeagnifolium (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Leptinotarsa defecta (Stål)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1992

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established Yes

Abundance Rare

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Remains localized and relatively scarce

at only a few release sites.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 831, 1340, 1392, 1393, 1395

SOLANACEAE

Solanum elaeagnifolium (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Leptinotarsa texana Schaeffer

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1992

Source Ex. USA (TX)

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Widespread and abundant. High

densities disperse en masse, stripping leaves, flowers and epidermal tissues, leaving only skeletonized stems and branches bearing the inedible fruits. Even at moderate densities, sustained feeding damage by adults and larvae severely stunt the vegetative growth and

fruiting capacity.

Research Organization PPRI, UCT

**References** 831, 992, 1340, 1392, 1393, 1395

## **SOLANACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |  |
|----------------|--|
| Family         | Solanaceae                               |
| Species        | Solanum mauritianum Scop.                |
| Origin         | South America                            |
| Common Name    | bugweed, tree tobacco, woolly nightshade |
| AGENT          |  |
| Species        | Anthonomus santacruzi Hustache           |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)              |

## RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 2008

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release General Impact Too early post release

Notes Preliminary results are promising, with

signs of population persistence and increases already apparent at a few

coastal release sites in KZN.

Research Organization PPRI, UKZN

**References** 992, 1385, 1387, 1389, 1390

### SOLANACEAE

**Solanum mauritianum** (continued)

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|   |   |   |   |   |  |

Species Gargaphia decoris Drake
Classification (Hemiptera: Tingidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Zealand

**Year** 2010

Source Ex. Brazil via Republic of South Africa

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Appears to be struggling to build

damaging populations on North Island, possibly due to predation. Fate of South

Island releases unknown.

**Limiting Factors** Possibly Predation

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 761, 1064, 1066, 1389, 1391

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1999

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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TABLE 1

#### **SOLANACEAE**

Solanum mauritianum; Gargaphia decoris (continued)

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

**Notes** High populations can debilitate *Solanum* mauritianum by causing substantial defoliation, reduced fruiting and even mortality. However, although large outbreaks and extensive damage have been observed in the field, to date these have been erratic and insufficient to inflict meaningful damage on the weed population. Impacted in some areas by predation. Agent populations decrease significantly in winter, presumably due to a reduction in host plant abundance and quality.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization PPRI, UKZN

**References** 992, 1389, 1391

#### **SOLANACEAE**

Solanum mauritianum; Gargaphia decoris (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2002

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** This second release made in attempt to introduce additional genetic material. Both populations subsequently not differentiated. High populations can debilitate Solanum mauritianum by causing substantial defoliation, reduced fruiting and even mortality. However, although large outbreaks and extensive damage have been observed in the field, to date these have been erratic and insufficient to inflict meaningful damage on the weed population. Impacted in some areas by predation. Agent populations decrease significantly in winter, presumably due to a reduction

in host plant abundance and quality.

Limiting Factors Predation Research Organization PPRI, UKZN

References 992, 1389, 1391

### **SOLANACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |  |
|----------------|--|
| Family         | Solanaceae   |
| Species        | Solanum sisymbriifolium Lam.                               |
| Origin         | South America  |
| Common Name    | wild tomato, dense-thorned bitter apple, sticky nightshade |
| AGENT          |  |
| Species        | Gratiana spadicea (Klug)                                   |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)                                |

### RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1994

**Source** Ex. Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay

Abundance Limited
General Impact Medium

Established Yes

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes High densities result in almost complete

defoliation. Although established in a number of regions, beetle populations appear to persist in relatively low numbers, inflicting minimal damage to the weed. Low numbers are due to parasitism and predation, poor climatic matching (moisture stress), and phenological asynchrony. Where populations are able to build over the growing season, this occurs too late to influence the weed's reproductive output.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Predation; Climate;

Agent-host synchronization

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 210, 803, 982, 983, 1392

## **SOLANACEAE** (continued)

| WEED Family Species Origin Common Name | Solanaceae Solanum viarum Dunal South America tropical soda apple, sodom apple, yu-a, tutia de vibora, joa bravo, joa |
|--|---|
| AGENT                                  | amarelo pequeno   |
|  | Gratiana boliviana Spaeth<br>(Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)  |

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 2003

**Source** Ex. Argentina, Paraguay

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Heavy
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Widespread and abundant in south

and central FL, absent in northern FL. Larval and adult feeding causes defoliation and inhibits fruit production. In dense infestations up to 90% decline in plant density attributed to beetle within 3 years and weed is now limited on landscape. Confirmed established in TX, but has not been revisited since 2009 so current abundance/impact in TX unknown.

Limiting Factors Climate
Research Organization State (3,35)

**References** 369, 1230, 1231, 1232, 1410, 1411,

1581

## **TAMARICACEAE**

## **WEED** Family Tamaricaceae Species Tamarix spp. Notes Spans several species including (among other less frequent species) Tamarix parviflora DC., Tamarix canariensis Willd., Tamarix gallica L., Tamarix chinensis Lour., Tamarix ramosissima Ledeb. and their hybrids. T. chinensis, T. ramosissima and their hybrids are by far the most common species invading the southwestern USA. Origin Eurasia, northern Africa

Common Name saltcedar, tamarisk

#### **TAMARICACEAE**

Tamarix spp. (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Past Names/Synonyms

Species Diorhabda carinata (Faldermann) Diorhabda elongata (Brullé) pars

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**Notes** Tamarisk leaf beetles were initially believed to be multiple species or subspecies that were later synonymized and differentiated only according to ecotype. These have recently been reassigned to five species, four of which have been introduced to the USA for tamarisk biological control. The different species of tamarisk leaf beetles are suited to different habitats/locations in the USA. Ecotype distinctions are retained here for the ease of combining information from different references. In 2009, a lawsuit was filed against USDA APHIS due to the possible negative impacts this biocontrol program could have on the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher by destroying some of the adventive tamarisk it utilizes where its natural habitat has been encroached. Redistributions of the tamarisk leaf beetles have been discontinued until this is resolved.

**References** 1644, 1822

Tamarix spp.; Diorhabda carinata (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 2006

Source Ex. Uzbekistan

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Karshi ecotype, which typically does not

require long daylight hours in order to avoid premature diapause. Localized initially but now rapidly expanding in west TX and into OK. Throughout its established range, this group of biocontrol agents limited by predation.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

Research Organization USDA (7,9), USDA-APHIS-PPQ, State

(24,40), USDI-BOR

**References** 89, 390, 461, 462, 465, 1822

### TAMARICACEAE

Tamarix spp. (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Diorhabda carinulata (Desbrochers)

Past Names/Synonyms Diorhabda elongata (Brullé) subsp. deserticola Chen, Diorhabda elongata

(Brullé) pars

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

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References

1644, 1822

this is resolved.

Tamarix spp.; Diorhabda carinulata (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 2001

**Source** Ex. China (Fukang)

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Fukang ecotype. Heavy defoliation at most release sites, however spread from release sites varies by location. Very successful throughout NV where thousands of ha defoliated by 2006. Repeated defoliation led to death of 70% of plants within 5 years. Also highly defoliating regionally in WY and CO. Populations limited in OR where heavy defoliation only occurs locally. Flooding and heavy predation limit agent populations. Limited daylight hours send most populations of this species into early diapause, preventing their establishment at sites south of 38th parallel.

**Limiting Factors** Daylight; Flooding; Predation

Research Organization USDA (7,9), USDA-APHIS-PPQ, State

(24,40), USDI-BOR, CDA

**References** 39, 88, 90, 92, 334, 461, 462, 465,

1094, 1644, 1822

#### **TAMARICACEAE**

Tamarix spp.; Diorhabda carinulata (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 2001

Source Ex. Kazakhstan

Established Yes **Abundance** High **General Impact** Heavy Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Chilik ecotype. Expanding rapidly from

release sites. Populations experience heavy bird predation, but have still increased sufficiently to exert significant control of tamarisk, especially along Colorado River near Moab where extensive defoliation had occurred for at least 18 river miles by 2006 and Delta where 30 ha had been defoliated by 2003. Flooding limits agent populations. Limited daylight hours send populations

into early diapause, preventing establishment of this species at sites

south of 38th parallel.

**Limiting Factors** Daylight; Flooding; Predation

Research Organization USDA (7,9), USDA-APHIS-PPQ, State

(24,40), USDI-BOR

**References** 88, 89, 461, 462, 465, 1644, 1822

Tamarix spp.; Diorhabda carinulata (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 2003

Source Ex. China (Turpan)

Established No.

**Notes** Turpan ecotype, which typically does

not require long daylight hours in order to avoid premature diapause. Open field release in CO initially believed to have poorly established but since known to have failed due to flooding at release site. Fate of open field release in TX unknown, though assumed to have failed as well. Throughout its established range, this group of biocontrol agents

limited by predation.

**Limiting Factors** Flooding; Predation

Research Organization USDA (7,9), USDA-APHIS-PPQ, State

(24,40), USDI-BOR, CDA

**References** 89, 461, 462, 465, 1822

## TAMARICACEAE

Tamarix spp. (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Diorhabda elongata (Brullé)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

Notes Tamarisk leaf beetles were initially

believed to be multiple species or subspecies that were later synonymized and differentiated only according to ecotype. These have recently been reassigned to five species, four of which have been introduced to the USA for tamarisk biological control. The different species of tamarisk leaf beetles are suited to different habitats/locations in the USA. Ecotype distinctions are retained here for the ease of combining information from different references. In 2009, a lawsuit was filed against USDA APHIS due to the possible negative impacts this biocontrol program could have on the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher by destroying some of the adventive tamarisk it utilizes where its natural habitat has been encroached. Redistributions of the tamarisk leaf beetles have been discontinued until this is resolved.

**References** 1644, 1822

Tamarix spp.; Diorhabda elongata (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 2003

Source Ex. Greece (Crete)

Established Yes Abundance Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Crete ecotype, which typically does not require long daylight hours in order to avoid premature diapause. Well established at some sites where populations beginning to spread and increasing defoliation noticeably. Does well on *Tamarix parviflora*, the dominant species in northern and central CA. Initially believed to have survived in NM but has since died out. Failed or slow to increase at other sites. In general, establishment has had lower rate of success and lower rates of increase and dispersal than that of the Fukang/ Chilik ecotypes established in northern regions. However, damage still sufficient to promise successful biological control. Flooding and predation limit population growth. 2007 releases occurring along the Rio Grande in TX; natural dispersal into bordering Mexico is likely.

Limiting Factors

Flooding; Predation

Research Organization USDA (7,9), USDA-APHIS-PPQ, State

(24,40), USDI-BOR

**References** 88, 89, 90, 461, 462, 465, 1822

#### **TAMARICACEAE**

Tamarix spp.; Diorhabda elongata (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 2005

**Source** Ex. Greece (Mainland)

Established No.

**Notes** Posidi Beach ecotype, which typically

does not require long daylight hours in order to avoid premature diapause. Persisted ~3 years in TX then died out; never established in large numbers. Failure to survive in NM likely to due to site flooding. Though no longer established, it is believed Diorhabda carinata and D. elongata have

hybridized in west TX.

**Limiting Factors** Flooding; Predation

Research Organization USDA (7,9), USDA-APHIS-PPQ, State

(24,40), USDI-BOR

**References** 91, 461, 465, 1822

#### TAMARICACEAE

Tamarix spp. (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Classification

Species Diorhabda sublineata (Lucas) Past Names/Synonyms Diorhabda elongata (Brullé) pars

(Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**Notes** Tamarisk leaf beetles were initially believed to be multiple species or subspecies that were later synonymized and differentiated only according to ecotype. These have recently been reassigned to five species, four of which have been introduced to the USA for tamarisk biological control. The different species of tamarisk leaf beetles are suited to different habitats/locations in the USA. Ecotype distinctions are retained here for the ease of combining information from different references. In 2009, a lawsuit was filed against USDA APHIS due to the possible negative impacts this biocontrol program could have on the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher by destroying some of the adventive tamarisk it utilizes where its natural habitat has been encroached. Redistributions of the tamarisk leaf beetles have been discontinued until this is resolved.

**References** 1644, 1822

#### **TAMARICACEAE**

Tamarix spp.; Diorhabda sublineata (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 2004

Source Fx. Tunisia

Established Yes Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Tunisian ecotype, which typically does not require long daylight hours in order to avoid premature diapause. The dominant species at the original release location was a hybrid between Tamarisk canariensis, T. gallica, T. ramosissima or T. chinensis, to which the beetles were not strongly attracted in outdoor-cage tests. Though they fed well in caged sleeves, once liberated they immediately dispersed in search of a better host, thus not establishing. Subsequent releases resulted in populations that expanded rapidly to extend nearly into NM by the end of 2012. Throughout its established range, this group of

biocontrol agents limited by predation.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity; Predation

Research Organization USDA (7,9), USDA-APHIS-PPQ, State

(24,40), USDI-BOR

**References** 89, 91, 461, 462, 465, 1822

### **WEED** Family Verbenaceae Species Lantana camara L. sens. lat. Past Names/Synonyms Lantana camara subsp. aculeata Moldenke, Lantana camara var. aculeata (L.) Moldenke, Lantana aculeata L., Lantana camara aculeata **Notes** Comprises a complex of horticultural/ weedy hybrids and closely related species within the section Camara Origin Original parent species likely native to tropical Americas Common Name lantana, kauboica, tataramoa, bands, guphul, nagaairi, phullaki, putus, tantbi, vieille fille, chiponiwe (Shona), tick berry, bahug-bahug, sapinit, phaka-krong, talamoa, prickly lantana **AGENT**

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia **Year** 2012

Past Names/Synonyms Eriophyes lantanae Cook
Classification (Acari: Eriophyidae)

Source Ex. USA (FL), Cuba via Republic of

South Africa

Species Aceria lantanae (Cook)

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 117

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Aceria lantanae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2007

Source Ex. USA (FL), Cuba

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Very abundant on certain varieties at

some sites in KZN, MP and LP; scarce or absent on all varieties at other sites. On preferred varieties, stunts growth and reduces seed production by up to 90%. Does best in humid, frost-free areas. Generally scarce in EC and GP, though occasionally abundant until frost.

Limiting Factors Specificity; Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 108, 992, 1294, 1698, 1848, 1849, 1850

### VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Aconophora compressa Walker Classification (Hemiptera: Membracidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia
Year 1995
Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Widely established on coastal and subcoastal eastern Australia. Populations

coastal eastern Australia. Populations peak in winter and spring, causing branch death and reduced flowering and seeding. Susceptible to heat waves that reduce populations during hot summer months. Formal evaluation of overall

impact lacking.

Limiting Factors Cl

Climate

Other Species Attacked Has been found feeding on several

introduced species growing adjacent to large infestations, including species within and outside the Verbenaceae. However, populations usually cannot be sustained and damage is typically negligible. Feeds more regularly on *Citharexylum spinosum* L., causing significant leaf-drop and a large production of honey-dew, leading to problems for residents who possess these trees. It has not been released in any other country due to its lack of

specificity.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 414, 418, 422, 429, 1143, 1426

### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Aerenicopsis championi Bates
Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**RELEASE** 

Year 1995
Source Ex. Mexico

Established No

**Notes** Establishment failure due to rearing

difficulties and small release numbers.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization QLD State
References 414, 422, 429

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1902

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 612, 1464, 1940, 1951

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1955

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No

**Notes** After a generation in the field following

one release, agent never seen again.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 398, 406, 408, 409, 412, 612, 635,

762, 1940, 1951

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Alagoasa parana Samuelson

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1981

Source Ex. Brazil

Established No.

General Impact Compromised

Notes One QLD population initially established

but later died out due to fire. Since been determined that long, vulnerable larval stage, inability to increase populations rapidly, and poor suitably for many lantana-invaded habitats made this

species unlikely to succeed.

Limiting Factors Land use; Climate

Research Organization CSIRO

References 414, 422, 429, 1994

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1998

Source Ex. Brazil

Established No.

Notes Establishment failure likely due to

rearing difficulties and small release

numbers.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization QLD State

References 414, 418, 422, 429

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Alagoasa parana (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1985

**Source** Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established No.

**Notes** Agents were sourced from Australia

prior to the Australian population dying

out in the field.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 280, 429, 992

**AGENT** 

Species Apion sp. A

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1902

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 612, 1464, 1940

**AGENT** 

Species Apion sp. B

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1902

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 612, 1464, 1940

### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Autoplusia illustrata Guenée

Classification (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1976

Source Ex. Costa Rica

Established No

Research Organization QLD State, NSW State

References 414, 418, 422, 429, 1976

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1978

Source Ex. Colombia via Australia

Established No.

**Notes** Establishment failure due to small

number released and the mechanical destruction of site within few days of

release.

**Limiting Factors** Small release size; Other control

methods

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 277, 280, 992

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VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Calycomyza lantanae (Frick)

Past Names/Synonyms Phytobia lantanae Frick

Classification (Diptera: Agromyzidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely distributed throughout range of

weed. Populations fluctuate seasonally,

peaking in summer and autumn

in warm, moist areas but waning over winter and in temperate areas. Populations significantly reduced by cool sub-tropical winters. Even at high

densities causes only minor damage.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 314, 414, 418, 422, 429, 1783

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

**Year** 1996

Source Ex. Trinidad via Australia

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** No major surveys have been conducted.

Research Organization KRS

**References** 418, 429, 431, 1050

Lantana camara; Calycomyza lantanae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Republic of South Africa Country

> 1982 Year

Source Ex. Trinidad via Australia

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though widely distributed throughout

the range of lantana, populations limited by parasitism. Not having significant impact on the weed. No longer differentiated from second release.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 65, 66, 280, 1340, 1849

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1989

Source Ex. USA (FL, TX)

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** This second release made in order to increase genetic diversity. The two introductions initially differentiated based on location, but as populations spread rapidly throughout the country, they likely interspersed and are no longer differentiated in the literature. Though widely distributed throughout the range of lantana, populations limited by parasitism. Not having significant impact

on the weed.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 65, 66, 280, 1340, 1849

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Charidotis pygmaea Klug Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia Year 1994 Source Ex. Brazil Established No

**Notes** Establishment failure likely due to heat

stress and dry conditions, and not well suited to Lantana camara as it was

collected from L. fucata.

Limiting Factors Climate; Specificity

Research Organization QLD State

References 414, 418, 425, 429

#### **RELEASE**

Country Fiji Year 1995

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established No. Research Organization KRS

**References** 429, 431, 1050

Lantana camara (continued)

AGENT

Species Coelocephalapion camarae Kissinger

Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2007

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Abundance and impact differ by

elevation and lantana variety. At one release site, up to 9% of petioles galled by 2009. Populations likely increasing on some varieties as releases are ongoing. More time needed for overall impact and distribution to become

evident.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity; Possibly Elevation

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 787, 788, 789, 990, 992, 1849

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Cremastobombycia lantanella Busck

Classification (Lepidoptera: Gracillariidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1902

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though present on all major islands, of

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only minor importance.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 612, 635, 762, 1755, 1940

TABLE 1

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Crocidosema lantana Busck

Past Names/Synonyms Epinotia lantana (Busck)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1914

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Widely established wherever lantana occurs, but more common in warmer coastal areas. Can be seasonally abundant. Does not appear to have significant impact on plant; seed

production remains high.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 414, 422, 429, 753, 1783, 1940, 1989

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

**Year** 1948

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes In conjunction with Lantanophaga

pusillidactyla reduces fruit production by up to 80%, leading to partial or seasonal

control.

**References** 429, 481, 482, 1548, 1627, 1940

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Crocidosema lantana (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1902

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Medium

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widespread and important initially:

more recently contributing to only partial control, possibly as a result of

parasitism.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Predation

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 413, 431, 612, 635, 762, 1755, 1940,

2068

**RELEASE** 

Country Marshall Islands

Year 1948

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 429, 698, 1940

Lantana camara; Crocidosema lantana (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1984

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance I imited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Intentionally introduced in 1984, though now believed this species already present accidentally prior to 1961. Both populations not differentiated in the literature. Though widely distributed throughout South Africa, populations typically low, due at least in part to parasitism. Contributes to the damage of lantana flowers throughout its range, although insufficient to reduce the

plant's weed status.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 62, 65, 66, 429, 635, 992, 1340

### VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

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Species Diastema tigris Guenée

Classification (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

Year 1965

Source Ex. Panama via Hawaii USA

Established No.

**Notes** Establishment failure due to rearing

difficulties and small release numbers.

**Limiting Factors** Small release size

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 326, 414, 418, 422, 429, 1989

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

**Year** 1955

Source Ex. Panama via Hawaii USA

Established No.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 326, 429, 431, 482, 1627, 1940

### **RELEASE**

Country Fiji

Year 1954

**Source** Ex. Panama via Hawaii USA

Established No

**Notes** Released in small numbers and did not

establish.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization KRS

**References** 326, 429, 431, 1375, 1376, 1547, 1548

Lantana camara; Diastema tigris (continued)

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Country Fiji

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Trinidad via India

Established No

Research Organization KRS

References 937

#### **RELEASE**

Country Ghana

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Trinidad via India

Established No.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 312, 1618

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1954

Source Ex. Panama

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 612, 635, 762, 1023, 1950

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1962

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 408, 431, 635, 762

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Diastema tigris (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country India

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

Research Organization CPPTI

**References** 114, 1312, 1542, 1548, 1607

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Mauritius

Year 1967

Source Ex. Trinidad

**Established** Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Established near release site, at least

initially. Not encountered recently.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 429, 586, 668

#### RELEASE

Country St Helena

**Year** 1971

**Source** Ex. Trinidad via India

Established No

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 312, 429, 1548

#### RELEASE

Country Tanzania

**Year** 1967

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 308, 429, 668, 1940

Lantana camara; Diastema tigris (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Tanzania

Year 1968

**Source** Ex. Trinidad via Uganda

Established No.

**Notes** Agents sourced from laboratory colonies

as this species failed to establish in the

field in Uganda.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 309, 429, 668, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Uganda

Year 1963

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 667, 668, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Zambia

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 311, 429, 1117

VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Ectaga garcia Becker

Classification (Lepidoptera: Oecophoridae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1993

Source Ex. Brazil

Established No.

Notes Establishment failure likely due to small

release numbers, and not well suited to Lantana camara as it was collected from

L. fucata.

**Limiting Factors** Small release size; Specificity

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 414, 415, 418, 429, 430

**AGENT** 

**Species** Eutreta xanthochaeta Aldrich

Past Names/Synonyms Eutreta sparsa Wiedemann pars

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

**Notes** Though described in early literature

as Eutreta sparsa Wiedemann, it was subsequently determined to be a new

species Eutreta xanthochaeta Aldrich.

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1914

**Source** Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established No

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 414, 714, 1783, 1989

Lantana camara; Eutreta xanthochaeta (continued)

Country Australia Year 1971

**Source** Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established No.

**Notes** Establishment failure likely due to small

release numbers, and possibly not well suited to the Lantana camara growing in

Australia.

Limiting Factors Small release size; Specificity

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 414, 418, 429, 714, 1783

#### **RELEASE**

Country Australia **Year** 1977

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established No.

**Notes** Establishment failure likely due to small

release numbers, and possibly not well suited to the Lantana camara growing in

Australia.

**Limiting Factors** Small release size; Specificity

Research Organization CSIRO **References** 414, 418, 429 **VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Eutreta xanthochaeta (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1902

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes **Abundance** High General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Widespread but of only minor

importance overall; can be somewhat damaging in drier parts of the islands, but lantana tends to outgrow galls in

wetter regions.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization HDOA

**References** 413, 431, 612, 635, 1755, 1940

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1983

**Source** Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established No

**Notes** Establishment failure likely due to small

release size and incompatibility with the varieties on which the insect was

released.

Limiting Factors Specificity; Small release size

Research Organization ARC-PPRI References 280, 992, 1124

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Falconia intermedia (Distant)

Classification (Hemiptera: Miridae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 2000

**Source** Ex. Jamaica via Republic of South Africa

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Established only on the Atherton Tableland in north QLD and only on specific plant varieties. Causes obvious

damage locally but overall impact has not been quantified. Species does best in warm moist locations; unlikely to thrive in summer drought regions where

lantana defoliates seasonally.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity; Climate

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 414, 418, 422, 429

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1999

Source Ex. Jamaica

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara; Falconia intermedia (continued)

Country

Republic of South Africa (continued)

**Notes** Initially established at 41% of release sites, doing best in moist/warm climates.

Populations rapidly built up at those sites, reduced flowering by ~80%, and defoliated some sites completely during the first 3 years. At temperate sites, impacts were moderate and waned over time. Nearly all populations have since crashed; this agent is currently only found at a few localized locations where damage is moderate. The crash was attributed in small part to predation and in large part to an induction of resistance

in lantana.

**Limiting Factors** Host plant resistance; Predation

Other Species Attacked

Temporary spillover onto indigenous

Lippia species has been observed when high population densities were reached

on adjacent lantana.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 67, 790, 992, 1849

**AGENT** 

Species Hepialus sp.

Classification (Lepidoptera: Hepialidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1902

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 612, 1464, 1940

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Hypena laceratalis Walker

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Hypena strigata (Fabricius), Hypena

jussalis Walker, Hypena strigalis

Classification (Lepidoptera: Erebidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1965

**Source** Ex. Kenya, Zimbabwe via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely distributed throughout range of weed. Populations fluctuate seasonally, peaking in summer and autumn in warm, moist areas but waning over winter and in temperate areas. Even at high densities causes only minor damage. Damage did not increase with introduction of African population.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 414, 422, 429, 714, 1783, 1940

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

Year 1958

Source Ex. Kenya, Zimbabwe via Hawaii USA

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited

**Notes** Overall impact insignificant; populations

low and likely hindered by parasitism.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

General Impact None

Research Organization UOG

**References** 429, 481, 482, 1302, 1627, 1940

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Hypena laceratalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

Year 1960

Source Ex. Kenya, Zimbabwe via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Minor damage only; populations low and

likely hindered by parasitism.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization KRS

**References** 429, 1547, 1548, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Guam

**Year** 1967

Source Ex. Kenya, Zimbabwe via Hawaii USA

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact None

**Notes** Initially thought not to have established

but recorded in 1988. Overall impact

insignificant.

Research Organization GDA, UOG

**References** 429, 481, 482, 1300, 1317, 1940

Lantana camara; Hypena laceratalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1957

Source Ex. Kenya, Zimbabwe

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Highly defoliating initially, especially in

drier regions and during winter months where it led to partial control on OA and partial to significant control on HA, MA, MO and KA. Damage has decreased since 1969, possibly from unfavorable

weather or parasitism.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 181, 397, 398, 399, 413, 612, 635, 762,

1023, 1775, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1965

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Source Ex. Philippines

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Hypena laceratalis (continued)

Country Hawaii USA (continued)

Notes This second release no longer

differentiated from first. Highly defoliating initially, especially in drier regions and during winter months where it led to partial control on OA and partial to significant control on HA, MA, MO and KA. Damage has decreased since 1969, possibly from unfavorable weather

or parasitism.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 181, 413, 612, 635, 762, 1940

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Mauritius

Year pre 1960

Source Ex. Unknown

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Introduced intentionally from unknown

sources, though the species may be native to Mauritius. Remains unclear if the intentional introduction was due to the mistaken belief the introduced species was a different organism (similar to the situation in South Africa) or if it was unknown to already be present on Mauritius. Along with *Teleonemia scrupulosa* and *Salbia haemorrhoidalis*, commonly found and causes extensive damage to lantana in drier areas and

periods.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

**References** 429, 668, 715, 1677

Lantana camara; Hypena laceratalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1961

**Source** Ex. Kenya, Zimbabwe via Hawaii USA

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Introduced in belief it was Hypena jussalis. In 1962 found to be H. strigata (now referred to as H. laceratalis) which is indigenous to South Africa. Introduced and native populations subsequently not differentiated as native population was already widespread. Though now widely distributed throughout the range of lantana, populations typically low due to disease and high rates of parasitism. Overall impact minor, even when

populations build to high levels locally.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Disease

Other Species Attacked Also attacks native *Lippia* and *Priva* spp.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 62, 66, 280, 1399

#### VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species

Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (Walker)

Past Names/Synonyms

Platyptilia pusillidactyla Walker

Classification

(Lepidoptera: Pterophoridae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

Year 1948

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** In conjunction with *Crocidosema lantana* 

reduces fruit production by up to 80%, leading to partial or seasonal control.

429, 481, 482, 1302, 1548, 1627, 1940 References

RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1902

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes **Abundance** High General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Despite being widespread throughout

the islands, of only minor importance.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 413, 431, 612, 635, 1755, 2067

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Hong Kong

Year 1933

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Intentionally introduced, though

the agent was already established inadvertently prior to 1900. Populations subsequently not differentiated. Current

overall status unknown.

**References** 429, 635, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Palau Year 1960

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via

Federated States of Micronesia

(Pohnpei)

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Initially thought not to have established, but located later in small numbers at one

site where it causes only minor damage.

**References** 429, 481, 482, 1627, 1940

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1984

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established No

Notes Failure to establish likely due to small

release number and adverse climatic conditions. An adventive population already present since at least 1904.

Limiting Factors Small release size; Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI References 280, 1340

**AGENT** 

Species Leptobyrsa decora Drake

Classification (Hemiptera: Tingidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1969

Source Ex. Colombia, Peru

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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Lantana camara; Leptobyrsa decora (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Notes Established only on the Atherton

Tableland in north QLD, likely due to climatic conditions that constrain species to tropics and to open sunny areas; does poorly in closed canopy or high rainfall. In late summer can reach high numbers that cause obvious damage locally by reducing number of leaves and reproductive output. Widespread releases in NSW all failed, most likely due to high predation combined with long non-reproductive

period over cooler months.

**Limiting Factors** Climate; Predation

Research Organization CSIRO, QLD State, NSW State

References 414, 418, 422, 429, 714, 717, 1783,

1940

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Cook Islands

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Colombia, Peru via Australia via Fiji

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization DAC

**References** 312, 429, 431, 1940

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Leptobyrsa decora (continued)

RELEASE

Country Fiji

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Colombia, Peru via Australia via

Hawaii USA

Established No

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 312, 429, 960, 1940

RELEASE

Country Fiji

**Year** 1976

Source Ex. Colombia, Peru via Australia

Established No

Research Organization KRS

**References** 429, 431, 960

RELEASE

Country Ghana

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Colombia, Peru via Australia

Established No

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 312, 1618

**RELEASE** 

Country Guam

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Colombia, Peru via Australia via

Hawaii USA

**Established** No.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 429, 482, 1300, 1317, 1940

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Leptobyrsa decora (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. Colombia, Peru via Australia

Established Yes Abundance Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Firmly established on MA and KA but

abundance variable on HA. Throughout range may cause severe defoliation in drier areas, but less effective in wetter

regions; usually ineffective overall.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization HDOA

**References** 181, 326, 402, 413, 431, 612, 762, 1940

### **RELEASE**

Country Palau **Year** 1977

Source Ex. Colombia, Peru via Australia via

Hawaii USA

Established No

Research Organization UOG

**References** 429, 431, 481, 482, 1627, 1940

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Colombia, Peru via Australia

Established No.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 268, 280, 992

#### VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara; Leptobyrsa decora (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Tonga

**Year** 1969

Source Ex. Unknown

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 429, 431, 1940

#### **RELEASE**

Country Zambia

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. Colombia, Peru via Australia

Established No

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 311, 429, 717, 1117, 1940

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Longitarsus bethae Savini & Escalona

Past Names/Synonyms Longitarsus sp.

**Classification** (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 2007

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

**Abundance** Too early post release

**General Impact** Too early post release

**Notes** Initially established well at two sites

in KZN which have since been

compromised. Establishment recorded in MP and KZN (and tenuously in other provinces); does best in moderately moist soils. Additional time is needed before determining overall impact and

abundance.

Limiting Factors Soil

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 992, 1668, 1670, 1671, 1849

VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Neogalea sunia (Guenée)

Past Names/Synonyms

Catabena esula (Druce),

Neogalea esula (Druce)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1957

Source Ex. USA (CA) via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely established and can become

locally abundant, but generally

ineffective due to low population levels

restricted by parasitism.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 414, 418, 429, 714, 753, 1783, 1940,

1989

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

**Year** 1955

Source Ex. USA (CA) via Hawaii USA

Established No.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 429, 431, 482, 635, 1627

### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Neogalea sunia (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1955

Source Ex. USA (CA)

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Causes widespread defoliation in some

areas, though damage is seasonal and largely occurs in dry areas; insect

heavily parasitized.

Limiting Factors Climate; Parasitism

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 402, 407, 413, 612, 635, 762, 1023,

1951

RELEASE

**Country** Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1962

Source Ex. USA (CA) via Hawaii USA via

Trinidad

Established No

Notes Laboratory cultures in South Africa (and

presumably subsequent releases) wiped

out by disease.

Limiting Factors Disease

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 267, 280, 992, 1399

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Neogalea sunia (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1968

Source Ex. USA (CA) via Hawaii USA via

Australia

Established No

**Notes** Establishment failure likely due to small

release size.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 267, 268, 992

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Octotoma championi Baly

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Octotoma sp. probably plicatula

(Fabricius)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

Notes Although it was recorded that

Octotoma sp. "probably" plicatula was released on Hawaii, this species does not feed upon Lantana camara.

It is therefore more likely that O. championi, which closely

resembles O. plicatula, was released.

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1975

Source Ex. Costa Rica

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Established only at few locations in

NSW, QLD, Norfolk Island. Populations

too low to be effective.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization QLD State, NSW State

References 414, 418, 422, 429, 1976

RELEASE

Country Fiji

Year 1976

Source Ex. Costa Rica via Australia

Established No

Research Organization KRS

**References** 429, 431, 1050

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Octotoma championi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1954

Source Ex. Honduras

Established No.

**Notes** Failure likely due to only 6 individuals

being released.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 612, 1023, 1381, 1950

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1978

Source Fx. Costa Rica via Australia

Established No.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 268, 280, 992

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1995

**Source** Ex. Costa Rica via Australia

Established No.

**Notes** Persisted in low numbers for the

following two seasons, but subsequently

not recovered.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 65, 66

Lantana camara (continued)

AGENT

Species Octotoma gundlachi Suffrain

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1953

Source Ex. Cuba

Established No

Research Organization HDOA

References 761

**AGENT** 

Species Octotoma scabripennis Guérin-

Méneville

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1966

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Octotoma scabripennis (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Notes Rare in north QLD and south of Sydney;

common from central QLD south to central NSW where present in large numbers during favorable seasons, frequently alongside *Uroplata girardi*. Together cause severe defoliation and reduced flowering in late summer and autumn but do not permanently suppress the weed. Ineffective on

Norfolk Island.

Research Organization CSIRO, QLD State, NSW State

**References** 414, 418, 422, 429, 713, 714, 715,

1783, 1940

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. El Salvador

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Rare in north QLD and south of Sydney:

common from central QLD south to central NSW where present in large numbers during favorable seasons, frequently alongside *Uroplata girardi*. Together cause severe defoliation and reduced flowering in late summer and autumn but do not permanently

suppress the weed.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 414, 418, 422, 429, 715

Lantana camara; Octotoma scabripennis (continued)

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ountry Cook Islands

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

via India

**Established** No **Research Organization** DAC

**References** 429, 431, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji Year 1971

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

Established No Research Organization IIBC

**References** 312, 431, 960, 1940

RELEASE

Country Fiji Year 1976

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

Established No

**Research Organization** QLD State **References** 431, 960

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji Year 1993

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

Established No Research Organization KRS

References 431, 1050, 1868

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Octotoma scabripennis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Ghana Year 1971

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Established but ineffective probably as a

result of predation and parasitism.

**Limiting Factors** Predation; Parasitism

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 312, 313, 314, 1618, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Ghana Year 1973

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight
Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Additional introduction in order to bolster

success. Established and sometimes common in one area, but no marked control. Populations limited by predation

and parasitism.

Limiting Factors Predation; Parasitism

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 429, 1618,

1940

Lantana camara; Octotoma scabripennis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Guam

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established No.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 429, 482, 1300, 1317, 1940

RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1902

Source Fx. Mexico

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 635, 1464, 1951

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1953

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable General Impact Variable

**Notes** Causes significant defoliation in some

areas (especially dry regions) but populations limited in other areas. Defoliation complements effects of other biocontrol agents, resulting in partial to

significant control in both dry and wet

areas.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization HDOA

**References** 399, 409, 410, 411, 413, 612, 635, 762,

1940, 1949, 1951

VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara; Octotoma scabripennis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. El Salvador via Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Progeny of this release no longer

differentiated in literature from 1953 release. Causes significant defoliation in some areas (especially dry regions) but populations limited in other areas. Defoliation complements effects of other biocontrol agents, resulting in partial to significant control in both dry and wet

areas.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization HDOA

**References** 413, 612, 635, 762, 1169, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country India **Year** 1972

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

Established Yes Abundance Unknown General Impact None

Notes Established in North India but not

effective.

Research Organization FRI

**References** 1312, 1542, 1940

Lantana camara; Octotoma scabripennis (continued)

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Country New Caledonia

Year 1977

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Causes only minor damage.

Research Organization RSTO

**References** 286, 429, 698

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Niue **Year** 1994

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

**Established** No **Research Organization** SPC

**References** 1403, 1868, 1940

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1971

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Octotoma scabripennis (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Republic of South Africa (continued)

**Notes** Populations vary from rare to abundant.

Restricted to the warm, moist eastern parts of the range of lantana in South Africa. Can occasionally completely defoliate whole stands. Along with Teleonemia scrupulosa and Uroplata girardi (which has since been largely replaced by Ophiomyia camarae) could reduce the rates of growth and reproduction of lantana. However attack is frequently temporary and plants can recover. Consequently, overall impact is typically low to moderate. Does not appear to prefer certain varieties of

lantana.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 65, 268, 269, 280, 992, 1849

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Solomon Islands

**Year** 1993

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

via Fiji

**Established** Unknown **Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

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Research Organization SPC

References 429, 431, 1868, 1940

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Ophiomyia camarae Spencer

Classification (Diptera: Agromyzidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 2007

Source Ex. USA (FL) via Republic of South

Africa

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Intermixed with material released earlier

and no longer differentiated. Spreading central to northern QLD with releases ongoing through 2012. Impact under

evaluation.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 414, 418, 428, 1669

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Republic of South Africa

**Year** 2001

Source Ex. USA (FL)

Established Yes Abundance Variable

General Impact Variable

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**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia camarae (continued)

Republic of South Africa (continued)

**Notes** Populations dense at humid, low

elevation sites while sparse at high elevations. Establishment failed at sites above 900m which are characterized by cold and dry winters that cause leaf abscission. High populations decrease lantana growth and reproduction by half. Parasitoids present, but unclear if these significantly impact Ophiomyia camarae populations. Exhibits lantana varietal preferences in the field. This agent is believed to outcompete Uroplata girardi

in coastal regions of KZN.

**Limiting Factors** 

Climate; Specificity; Possibly Parasitism

Recorded utilizing less than 1% of Other Species Attacked

> native Lippia spp. leaves while the agent was at outbreak population density in the field; however, this damage could have been due to an indigenous insect

instead.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 786, 1669, 1673, 1674, 1849

**RELEASE** 

Country Uganda

**Year** 2008

Source Ex. USA (FL) via Republic of South

Africa

Established No.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 1669, 1849

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Ophiomyia lantanae (Froggatt)

Past Names/Synonyms Agromyza lantanae Froggatt

Classification (Diptera: Agromyzidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

**Year** 1914

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established No.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 414, 714, 1989

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1917

**Source** Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely established throughout range of weed in Australia. Can damage up to 85% of seeds, however fruit attack frequently does not decrease seed viability. Seed dispersal by birds may be

reduced slightly due to attack

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 180, 414, 422, 429, 714, 753, 1989

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Cook Islands

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization DAC

**References** 429, 431, 930, 1940

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

Year 1948

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Well established in Chuuk, but not

observed in recent years on other

islands.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 429, 481, 482, 1308, 1548, 1627, 1940

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

**Year** 1911

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Originally reported lantana difficult to find near Suva, but now considered unlikely to have been due to this insect. Though widespread throughout country, fruit attack frequently does not decrease seed viability; seed dispersal by birds may be reduced slightly due to attack.

Research Organization DAF

**References** 180, 418, 429, 977, 1351, 1373, 1547,

1548, 1611, 1683, 1685, 1918

**RELEASE** 

Country French Polynesia

**Year** 1916

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via New

Caledonia

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 53, 666, 706, 1236, 1351, 1715

VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Guam

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Medium

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Contributes to control, often found

infesting more than 50% of berries.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 429, 481, 482, 1300, 1317, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1902

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though widespread, fruit attack

frequently does not decrease seed viability; seed dispersal by birds may be

reduced slightly due to attack.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism Research Organization HDOA

> References 180, 326, 413, 612, 635, 1464, 1918,

> > 1940

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

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Country Hong Kong

**Year** 1933

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes
Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 429, 431, 635, 1716, 1940

#### **RELEASE**

Country India
Year 1921

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact None

**Notes** Believed to have been unintentionally

introduced to India before this deliberate release. Both populations subsequently not distinguished in the literature. Initially believed to have failed establishment but located 13 years after release. Now widespread throughout country. Attacks high percentage of fruits, but ineffective

as germination is not affected.

Research Organization DAIN

**References** 1312, 1542, 1548, 1607, 1747, 1940

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Kenya Year 1958

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Following release it was found already

present in Kenya. Intentional and unintentional populations subsequently not differentiated. Though widespread throughout country, impact is minor as fruit attack frequently does not kill the

embryo in the seeds.

**References** 429, 667, 668

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** New Caledonia

**Year** 1911

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Less important than *Teleonemia* 

scrupulosa, but contributes to limiting

spread of the weed.

**References** 429, 698, 1464, 1548, 1832, 1940

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1961

**Source** Fx. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Intentionally introduced in 1961. Following release it was found that a species already present in the country had been wrongly identified as Ophiomyia rhodesiensis and was in fact O. lantanae. Intentional and unintentional populations were subsequently not differentiated as the unintentional population was already widespread. Now widely established and abundant, despite parasitism. Contributes to seed destruction but unlikely to impact spread of the weed. though additional study is warranted. Shows no preference for different

lantana varieties.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 65, 66, 267, 271, 280, 1399

## VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Orthezia insignis Browne **Classification** (Hemiptera: Ortheziidae)

**Notes** Though it was used intentionally in

Hawaii, it is polyphagous and very damaging to many plant species and should not be considered for additional use as a biocontrol agent.

References 429

#### **RELEASE**

Hawaii USA Country

Year pre 1902

Source Ex. Unknown

Yes Established Abundance High General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Unrecorded introduction probably

brought from Sri Lanka to MA by

ranchmen, then subsequently distributed

to other islands. Though widely distributed, damage is localized and

insufficient to control weed.

**Other Species Attacked** Feeds on many nontarget plant species.

Research Organization Private

References 1312, 1464, 1546, 1940

#### RELEASE

Country India **Year** 1921

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact None

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Lantana camara; Orthezia insignis (continued)

Country India (continued)

Notes First identified in India in 1915, a second

population intentionally introduced in 1921. Both populations subsequently not differentiated in the literature. At one point agent was targeted for eradication once its polyphagous nature determined, but efforts failed and agent now firmly established in India. Does not

control weed.

Other Species Attacked Feeds on several desirable nontarget

species.

Research Organization MGI

**References** 1034, 1312, 1546

**AGENT** 

Species Parevander xanthomelas (Guérin-

Méneville)

Past Names/Synonyms Evander xanthomelas (Guérin-

Méneville)

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1902

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Source Ex. Mexico

Established No

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 612, 1464, 1940

VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Passalora lantanae (Chupp) U. Braun

& Crous var. lantanae

Past Names/Synonyms Mycovellosiella lantanae (Chupp)

Deighton var. lantanae

Classification (Dothideomycetes: Capnodiales)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 2002

Source Ex. USA (FL)

Established No.

Notes Isolates C442, C470, C493. Although

symptoms were observed on lantana within the first 3 months of release, did not persist possibly because it could not

bridge the dry winter season.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 470, 472, 992, 1849

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara (continued)

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Species Plagiohammus spinipennis (Thomson)

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia **Year** 1967

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established No.

**Notes** Initially believed to have established at

only one NSW site at perpetually low levels. Recent surveys failed to detect insect. Establishment failure likely due to incompatibility of *Lantana camara* 

variety.

Limiting Factors Specificity

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 414, 418, 422, 429, 719

**RELEASE** 

Country Guam

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii via Australia

Established No.

Research Organization UOG

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**References** 429, 482, 1300, 1317, 1940

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Plagiohammus spinipennis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1960

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Damage can be severe in some high

rainfall areas, leading to partial control;

ineffective in drier areas.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Climate

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 400, 401, 407, 408, 409, 411, 412,

413, 612, 762, 1940

RELEASE

**Country** Palau

**Year** 1977

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established No

Research Organization UOG

**References** 429, 431, 481, 482, 1627

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

Established No

**Notes** Despite multiple releases, persisted only

at a garden in the PPRI laboratories in GP without spreading elsewhere. Has since been deemed an unsuccessful

establishment.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 267, 268, 280, 992

### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** Prospodium tuberculatum

(Spegazzini) Arthur

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 2001

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Specific to the common pink flowering variety. Though causes chlorosis and premature abscission of leaves, does not seem to have significant impact on lantana. Formal evaluation lacking.

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 414, 418, 422, 429, 1817

VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Pseudopyrausta santatalis (Barnes &

McDunnough)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Pseudopyrausta acutangulalis

(Snellen), Blepharomastix

acutangulalis (Snellen)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

**Year** 1955

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established No.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 326, 429, 431, 482, 1627

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

Year 1954

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

**Established** No

Research Organization KRS

**References** 326, 429, 1375, 1376, 1547, 1548

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1953

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 406, 612, 762, 1940, 1949, 1950

Lantana camara; Pseudopyrausta santatalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1965

Source Ex. Mexico

Established No.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 326, 411, 612, 635, 762

**AGENT** 

Species Salbia haemorrhoidalis Guenée

Past Names/Synonyms Syngamia haemorrhoidalis (Guenée)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1958

Source Ex. USA (FL), Cuba via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Well established in warm tropical areas causing some damage in conjunction

> with other agents; alone typically exerts little control on lantana. Populations

hindered by parasitism.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 414, 418, 422, 429, 635, 714, 753,

1783, 1940, 1989

VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara; Salbia haemorrhoidalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

Year 1958

Source Ex. USA (FL), Cuba via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widespread and common but impact

minimal.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 429, 481, 482, 635, 1302, 1627

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

**Year** 1958

Source Ex. USA (FL), Cuba via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Well established causing some damage in conjunction with other agents; alone

typically exerts little control.

Research Organization KRS

**References** 429, 635, 1376, 1547, 1548

**RELEASE** 

Country Guam

**Year** 1958

Source Ex. USA (FL), Cuba via Hawaii USA

Established No

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 429, 481, 482, 635, 1300, 1317

Lantana camara; Salbia haemorrhoidalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1956

Source Ex. USA (FL), Cuba

Established Yes **Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Caused severe defoliation in some areas initially, but effectiveness decreased after 1969, possibly due to unfavorable weather conditions (though not confirmed). Together with other agents contributes to partial to substantial control in dry regions.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization HDOA

**References** 398, 406, 413, 612, 1023, 1940, 1952

**RELEASE** 

Country India Year 1971

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No. Research Organization CPPTI

**References** 1312, 1542, 1548, 1607

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Salbia haemorrhoidalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Kenya Year 1958

Source Ex. USA (FL), Cuba via Hawaii USA

Established No

**Notes** Due to rearing difficulties, only four

individuals were released and failed to establish. Limited surveys conducted recently failed to find this agent.

**Limiting Factors** Small release size

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 418, 635, 667, 668, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Kenya Year 1965

Source Ex. Trinidad via Uganda

Established No

**Notes** Initially believed to have established,

but has since believed to have failed. Limited surveys conducted recently

failed to find this agent.

Research Organization IIBC

References 418, 668, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Mauritius

Year 1965

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Variable

Notes Along with Teleonemia scrupulosa and

Salbia haemorrhoidalis, commonly found and causes extensive damage to lantana in drier areas and periods.

Research Organization IIBC References 586, 668

Lantana camara; Salbia haemorrhoidalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Palau **Year** 1960

Source Ex. USA (FL), Cuba via Hawaii USA

Established No.

**References** 429, 481, 482, 635, 1627

RELEASE

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1962

Source Ex. USA (FL), Cuba via Hawaii USA

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Though widely distributed in South

Africa, populations typically low. Highest densities restricted to the moist and lower elevation sites in eastern inland and coastal regions. This is likely related to plant variety, as this species has a strong association with certain lantana varieties. At high densities and during outbreaks, can contribute to the control of lantana. In most regions impact is minimal. Populations hindered by

parasitism.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Specificity

Other Species Attacked Reared from native Lippia species

at some point, but not in most recent

surveys.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 62, 66, 277, 280, 635, 786, 992, 993,

1341, 1399, 1849

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Salbia haemorrhoidalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1984

Source Ex. USA (FL), Cuba via Hawaii USA

Established No

Notes Establishment failure likely due to very

small number of individuals released.

**Limiting Factors** Small release size

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 277, 993, 1341, 1848

RELEASE

Country Tanzania

**Year** 1967

Source Ex. Trinidad via Uganda

Established No Research Organization IIBC

**References** 309, 429, 668

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Uganda **Year** 1964

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes
Abundance Rare
General Impact None

**Notes** Recovered at one site but rare, likely

due in part to parasitism. Failed at second site due to defoliation by

Teleonemia scrupulosa.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Interspecific competition

Research Organization IIBC References 667, 668

Lantana camara; Salbia haemorrhoidalis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Zambia

Year 1970

**Source** Ex. Trinidad via India via Pakistan

Established No.

Notes

Initially observed breeding in field, but has since believed to have failed

establishment.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 311, 429, 1117

**AGENT** 

Species Septoria sp.

Classification (Dothideomycetes: Capnodiales)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1997

Source Ex. Ecuador

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Initially well established at release

sites where credited with decreasing infestations of lantana: subsequently not monitored so current abundance not known. Though a Septoria sp. was recently isolated from lantana at release site in KA, not yet been genetically

analyzed to confirm it was same species

released.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 325, 326, 1006, 1823, 1826, 1827

VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Strymon bazochii (Godart)

Past Names/Synonyms Thecla bazochii (Godart), Thecla

agra (Hewitson), Strymon bazochii

qundlachianus (Bates)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Lycaenidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1914

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established No.

**Notes** Establishment failure likely due to the

small numbers of individuals released.

**Limiting Factors** Small release size

Research Organization QLD State

**References** 414, 418, 714, 1940, 1989

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

**Year** 1923

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Though initially considered widespread,

populations later determined limited, likely due to egg parasitism. Provided only minor damage. Not observed

during more recent field surveys.

**Limiting Factors** 

Parasitism

Research Organization DAF

**References** 418, 429, 977, 1373, 1547, 1548, 1683

Lantana camara; Strymon bazochii (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1902

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though initially widespread and

abundant, currently of only minor importance; impact limited by

parasitism. Has since been found on

other hosts.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Other Species Attacked Observed feeding on numerous

nontarget species of economic importance so not recommended for

release in novel locations.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 413, 429, 612, 635, 1169, 1464, 1755,

1940, 2066

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara (continued)

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Species Teleonemia elata Drake
Classification (Hemiptera: Tingidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1969

Source Ex. Brazil

Established No

**Notes** Establishment failure likely due to the

small numbers of individuals released.

Limiting Factors Small release size

Research Organization CSIRO, QLD State

**References** 414, 418, 429, 714

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Cook Islands

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established No

Research Organization DAC

**References** 429, 431, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established No.

**Notes** Establishment failure likely due to small

release size.

**Limiting Factors** Small release size

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 267, 268, 280

Lantana camara; Teleonemia elata (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Uganda Year 1972

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established No

**Notes** Agents were sourced from laboratory

colonies in Australia as this species

failed to establish in the field in Australia.

Research Organization IIBC

References 313, 429

**RELEASE** 

Country Zambia Year 1970

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established No

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 311, 429, 1117, 1940

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Teleonemia harleyi Froeschner

Classification (Hemiptera: Tingidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia **Year** 1969

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established No

**Notes** Initially believed to have established

at low levels at only one site. Recent

surveys failed to detect insect.

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 414, 422, 429, 714, 1783

AGENT

Species Teleonemia prolixa (Stål)

Classification (Hemiptera: Tingidae)

RELEASE

Country Australia
Year 1974
Source Ex. Brazil

Established No.

Notes Establishment failure likely due to

low numbers released and plant

incompatibility.

Limiting Factors Small release size; Specificity

Research Organization CSIRO

References 414, 418, 429, 717

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara (continued)

| AGENT                         |  |
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| Species                       | Teleonemia scrupulosa Stål   |
| Past Names/Synonyms           | Teleonemia vanduzeei Drake,<br>Teleonemia sp.  |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | Teleonemia bifasciata Champion,<br>Teleonemia lantanae Distant   |
| Classification                | (Hemiptera: Tingidae)  |
| Notes                         | Referred to as <i>Teleonemia bifasciata</i> Champion and <i>Teleonemia lantanae</i> Distant in some of the original Hawaii release records because authors erroneously assumed they were new species, when in fact they were <i>Teleonemia scrupulosa</i> Stål released there in 1902. |
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# **RELEASE**

Country Ascension Island

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji via

Australia via India via St Helena

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Causing widespread and severe

damage.

Research Organization IIBC

References 429, 431, 582, 584

### VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1936

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Seasonally abundant and causes

considerable damage to some varieties but not others. Effects increased following new introductions from different sources in 1969. Populations often limited by unfavorable climate and habitat; dry conditions and summer months preferred to moist and/or shady infestations, 1937 release on Norfolk Island failed but successful in 1948 and is partially successful in retarding

growth.

**Limiting Factors** Climate; Habitat; Specificity Research Organization CSIRO, QLD State, NSW State **References** 414, 418, 422, 429, 635, 713, 717,

1783, 1940, 1989

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Australia **Year** 1969

Source Ex. Brazil, Mexico, Paraguay, Trinidad,

Venezuela

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable **General Impact** Variable

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Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Notes Seasonally abundant and causes considerable damage to some varieties but not others. Effects increased following new introductions from different sources in 1969. Populations often limited by unfavorable climate and habitat; dry conditions and summer months preferred to moist and/or shady

infestations.

Limiting Factors Climate; Habitat; Specificity

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 414, 418, 422, 429, 713, 714, 717, 1940

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

**Year** 1948

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Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Rare on Pohnpei where damage is

minimal. Abundant on Chuuk where damage is heavy. Drier climate of Chuuk believed to be more suitable to agent.

Limiting Factors Climate
Research Organization UOG

**References** 481, 482, 520, 1302, 1548, 1627

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

RELEASE

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

Year 1962

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via

Federated States of Micronesia via

Palau

Established No

**Notes** Failure likely due to inability of agent to

survive on lantana variety present on

Yap.

**Limiting Factors** Host plant incompatibility

Research Organization UOG

**References** 481, 482, 1627

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

Year 1928

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Variable

Notes Caused yellowing, loss of foliage and

reduced flower production and seed set over considerable area near Suva in Rewa. Subsequently disappeared from some areas where originally showed promise. Most effective in cold and dry seasons. Populations frequently limited by predation, fungal attack, and heavy

rainfall.

Limiting Factors Climate; Disease; Predation

Research Organization DAF

**References** 429, 605, 717, 1373, 1547, 1548, 1681,

1682, 1683

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** French Polynesia

Year pre 1986

Source Ex. Unknown

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 706, 1350

RELEASE

Country Ghana

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji via

Australia via India

**Established** Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Established and very common. Though

attack rates sometimes reach 50-80% of shoots, overall providing little control.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 312, 313, 429, 1618, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Ghana

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Kenya

via Uganda; Ex. Trinidad via Uganda

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

**Country** Ghana (continued)

**Notes** This release subsequently not

differentiated in literature from release made year prior. Established and very common. Though attack rates sometimes reach 50-80% of shoots,

overall providing little control.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 317, 429, 667, 668, 1618

**RELEASE** 

Country Guam

**Year** 1969

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via

Federated States of Micronesia (Pohnpei) via Palau via Northern

Mariana Islands (Saipan)

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Contributes to good control, especially

in open sunny areas during the drier months. Population greatly reduced

during the wet season.

Limiting Factors Season

Research Organization UOG

**References** 429, 481, 482, 1300, 1317

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1902

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Causes extensive defoliation during

summer months and in drier areas. Summer defoliation by this insect complements winter defoliation by other

introduced species.

Other Species Attacked Has been found feeding on a native

Hawaiian tree, *Myoporum sandwicense* A. Gray, though not during more recent surveys. Also found attacking an exotic

Xanthium sp.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 413, 507, 612, 635, 717, 1023, 1457,

1464, 1755, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1952

Source Ex. Cuba

Established No.

**Notes** Introduced for possible greater efficacy

and in the belief it was a separate species, *Teleonemia vanduzeei* Drake.

Other Species Attacked Has been found feeding on a native

Hawaiian tree, *Myoporum sandwicense* A. Gray, though not during more recent surveys. Also found attacking an exotic

Xanthium sp.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 612, 717, 762, 1023, 1169, 1457, 1940,

1950

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1954

**Source** Ex. Belize (formerly British Honduras)

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Introduced for possible greater efficacy

or adaptability to varying climatic zones and subsequently not distinguished from other *Teleonemia scrupulosa* populations released since 1902. Causes extensive defoliation during summer months and in drier areas. Summer defoliation by this insect complements winter defoliation by other

introduced species.

Other Species Attacked Has been found feeding on a native

Hawaiian tree, *Myoporum sandwicense* A. Gray, though not during more recent surveys. Also found attacking an exotic

Xanthium sp.

Research Organization HDOA

References 413, 612, 635, 717, 762, 1023, 1169,

1457, 1940, 1950

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1954

Source Ex. Brazil

Established Yes Abundance Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Introduced for possible greater efficacy or adaptability to varying climatic zones and subsequently not distinguished from other Teleonemia scrupulosa populations released since 1902. Causes extensive defoliation during summer months and in drier areas. Summer defoliation by this insect complements winter defoliation by other

introduced species.

Has been found feeding on a native Other Species Attacked

> Hawaiian tree, Myoporum sandwicense A. Gray, though not during more recent surveys. Also found attacking an exotic

Xanthium sp.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 413, 612, 635, 717, 762, 1023, 1169,

1457, 1940, 1950

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1954

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Introduced for possible greater efficacy

or adaptability to varying climatic zones and subsequently not distinguished from other Teleonemia scrupulosa populations released since 1902. Causes extensive defoliation during summer months and in drier areas. Summer defoliation by this insect

complements winter defoliation by other

introduced species.

Has been found feeding on a native Other Species Attacked

> Hawaiian tree, Myoporum sandwicense A. Gray, though not during more recent surveys. Also found attacking an exotic

Xanthium sp.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 413, 612, 635, 717, 762, 1023, 1169,

1457, 1940, 1950

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1954

Source Ex. USA (FL)

Established Yes Abundance Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Introduced for possible greater efficacy and in the belief it was a separate species, Teleonemia vanduzeei Drake. Subsequently not distinguished from T. scrupulosa already established. Causes extensive defoliation during summer months and in drier areas. Summer defoliation by this insect complements winter defoliation by other introduced species.

Other Species Attacked

Has been found feeding on a native Hawaiian tree, Myoporum sandwicense A. Gray, though not during more recent surveys. Also found attacking an exotic

Xanthium sp.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 413, 612, 635, 717, 762, 1023, 1169,

1457, 1940, 1950

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1963

Source Ex. USA (FL)

Established Yes Abundance Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Introduced for possible greater efficacy

and in the belief it was a separate species, Teleonemia vanduzeei Drake. Subsequently not distinguished from T. scrupulosa already established. Causes extensive defoliation during summer months and in drier areas. Summer defoliation by this insect complements winter defoliation by

other introduced species.

Has been found feeding on a native Other Species Attacked

> Hawaiian tree, Myoporum sandwicense A. Gray, though not during more recent surveys. Also found attacking an exotic

Xanthium sp.

**HDOA** Research Organization

> References 409, 413, 635, 762, 1169, 1457, 1940,

> > 1950

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Kenya

**Year** 1953

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Though established at all releases

sites, causes no more than a temporary setback to lantana, and this only during the dry periods. Still present during

recent surveys.

Research Organization DAK

**References** 394, 418, 429, 667, 668

RELEASE

Country Madagascar

**Year** 1961

**Source** Ex. Unknown via Mauritius

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Established on plateau and east coast.

wherever weed occurs. Damage only slight but causes tip dieback and may help keep weed in check, especially in

plateau region.

**References** 160, 668, 1846

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** New Caledonia

**Year** 1936

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** In conjunction with *Ophiomyia lantanae* 

limits spread of the weed; however, more effective in dry zones than moist

regions.

Research Organization CSIRO, QLD State, FCN

**References** 429, 623, 698, 1093, 1548

**RELEASE** 

Country Niue

**Year** 1994

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Research Organization SPC

**References** 1403, 1868, 1940

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

| RELEASE |  |
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**Country** Northern Mariana Islands

Year 1963

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via

Federated States of Micronesia

(Pohnpei)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Most effective of the lantana insects

present, leading to severe defoliation in some stands, particularly in open sunny situations. At some locations, plants observed recovering completely

following extensive defoliation.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 429, 481, 482, 1317

### **RELEASE**

**Country** Palau **Year** 1960

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via

Federated States of Micronesia

(Pohnpei)

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Can cause extensive defoliation to some

forms of lantana, while not surviving on

others.

**Limiting Factors** Host plant incompatibility **References** 429, 481, 482, 1627

### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Papua New Guinea

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji via

Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy
Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Common wherever lantana occurs.

Severe damage in the dry season with complete defoliation, but this damage

occurs only in ESP and MBP.

Research Organization PNGDAL

References 429, 1400, 1427, 1428, 1940, 1982,

2050

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

### **RELEASE**

Republic of South Africa Country

**Year** 1961

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable General Impact Variable

**Notes** Though widely distributed, abundance varies. Populations low during winter, but increase rapidly in warmer months. Prefers drier areas/seasons. Can occasionally lead to complete defoliate of whole stands, dieback of branches, stunted growth and decreased reproduction. Along with Octotoma scabripennis and Uroplata girardi (which has since been largely replaced by Ophiomyia camarae) could reduce the rates of growth and reproduction of lantana. However attack is frequently temporary and plants can recover. Consequently, overall impact typically only moderate. Shows varietal preferences for the color form (pink) not the most abundant in South Africa.

Limiting Factors Specificity; Climate

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the native Lantana rugosa Thunb. and *Lippia* spp., especially when they are growing close to Lantana

camara L. sens. lat.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 65, 66, 267, 269, 277, 280, 786, 992.

1342, 1399, 1849

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Brazil, Mexico, Paraguay, Trinidad,

Venezuela via Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Though widely distributed, abundance varies. Populations low during winter, but increase rapidly in warmer months. Prefers drier areas/seasons. Can occasionally lead to complete defoliate of whole stands, dieback of branches, stunted growth and decreased reproduction. Along with Octotoma scabripennis and Uroplata girardi (which has since been largely replaced by Ophiomyia camarae) could reduce the rates of growth and reproduction of lantana. However attack is frequently temporary and plants can recover. Consequently, overall impact typically only moderate. Shows varietal preferences for the color form (pink) not the most abundant in South Africa.

**Limiting Factors** 

Specificity; Climate

Other Species Attacked

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camara L. sens. lat.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 65, 66, 277, 280, 717, 786, 992, 1849

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Republic of South Africa Country

> Year 1984

Source Ex. Unknown via Mauritius

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Though widely distributed, abundance varies. Populations low during winter, but increase rapidly in warmer months. Prefers drier areas/seasons. Can occasionally lead to complete defoliate of whole stands, dieback of branches, stunted growth and decreased reproduction. Along with Octotoma scabripennis and Uroplata girardi (which has since been largely replaced by *Ophiomyia camarae*) could reduce the rates of growth and reproduction of lantana. However attack is frequently temporary and plants can recover. Consequently, overall impact typically only moderate. Shows varietal preferences for the color form (pink) not the most abundant in South Africa.

Limiting Factors Specificity; Climate

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the native Lantana rugosa

Thunb. and Lippia spp., especially when they are growing close to Lantana

camara L. sens. lat.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 65, 66, 277, 280, 668, 786, 992, 1849

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Republic of South Africa Country

Year 1989

Source Ex. USA (FL, TX)

Established Yes Abundance Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Though widely distributed, abundance varies. Populations low during winter, but increase rapidly in warmer months. Prefers drier areas/seasons. Can occasionally lead to complete defoliate of whole stands, dieback of branches, stunted growth and decreased reproduction. Along with Octotoma scabripennis and Uroplata girardi (which has since been largely replaced by *Ophiomyia camarae*) could reduce the rates of growth and reproduction of lantana. However attack is frequently temporary and plants can recover. Consequently, overall impact typically only moderate. Shows varietal preferences for the color form (pink) not the most abundant in South Africa.

Limiting Factors

Specificity; Climate

Other Species Attacked

Also attacks the native *Lantana rugosa* 

Thunb. and *Lippia* spp., especially when they are growing close to Lantana

camara L. sens. lat.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 65, 66, 277, 280, 786, 992, 1849

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Samoa

Year 1936

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji

Established No.

**References** 431, 1548, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Samoa

**Year** 1940

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Redistribution attempts to other districts

on the main island of Upolu in 1978

failed. Where established, agent clearly

affecting growth of lantana.

**References** 429, 431, 1548, 1940

RELEASE

**Country** Solomon Islands

Year 1993

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Provides excellent control on Russell

Islands.

Research Organization SPC

**References** 429, 431, 1868, 1940

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country St Helena

**Year** 1971

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji via

Australia via India

Established Yes Abundance High

**General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Exerts significant control in drier areas,

but lantana remains problematic in more

moist regions of island.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 312, 429, 582, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Tanzania

Year 1958

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Kenya

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Can cause heavy defoliation when populations high, though this is typically

no more than a temporary setback to lantana, and usually only during the dry

periods.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization IIBC

**References** 394, 429, 667, 668

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

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Country Tonga Year 1937

**Source** Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji

Established Yes Abundance I imited General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Causes only minor damage. Numbers remain low, possibly due to cultivation.

**Limiting Factors** Land use

**References** 429, 962, 1093, 1548, 1940

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** Uganda Year 1960

**Source** Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Kenya

Established Yes Abundance Variable General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially believed to have failed so second release made subsequently. Has since been determined both releases were successful, and both are no longer differentiated. Can cause heavy defoliation when populations high, though this is typically no more than a temporary setback to lantana, and usually only during the dry periods.

Other Species Attacked Found attacking the cultivated Sesamum

indicum L. and S. angustifolium (Oliv.) Engl. when insect populations high.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 394, 429, 667, 668, 786

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Uganda **Year** 1962

Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes Abundance Variable General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** This release made because was initially

believed first release failed. Has since been determined both releases were successful, and both are no longer differentiated. Can cause heavy defoliation when populations high, though this is typically no more than a temporary setback to lantana, and usually only during the dry periods.

Climate Limiting Factors

Other Species Attacked Found attacking the cultivated Sesamum

> indicum L. and S. angustifolium (Oliv.) Engl. when insect populations high.

IIBC Research Organization

> 394, 429, 667, 668, 786 References

#### **RELEASE**

Country Vanuatu Year 1935

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji

Established Yes Abundance Variable General Impact Slight Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Well established, but not present on

all islands. Where present, even high populations do not produce adequate

level of control.

289, 418, 429, 698, 1093, 1548, 1940 References

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Zambia Year 1962

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Kenya

via Zimbabwe

Established No

Research Organization MAZ

**References** 668, 1940

RELEASE

Country Zambia Year 1969

Source Ex. Trinidad via Uganda

**Established** Yes **Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Widely established throughout country.

Has massive impact on individual plants at very localized sites. Population densities vary by location and year, making overall impact far more limited. The cold season and heavy summer

rains both limit populations.

Limiting Factors Climate Research Organization IIBC

**References** 310, 311, 313, 429, 1117, 1940, 2005

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Zimbabwe

**Year** 1961

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Kenya

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Temporarily established then believed to

have died out by 1965 without achieving control. Recent surveys indicated the agent is widespread and causing

moderate damage.

Research Organization MAR

**References** 418, 668, 1940

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Tmolus echion (L.)

Past Names/Synonyms Thecla sp. (echion group), Tmolus sp.

(echion group), Strymon echion (L.)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Lycaenidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

Year 1922

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA

Established No.

Research Organization DAF

**References** 429, 431, 977, 1373, 1547, 1548, 1683,

1685

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1902

Source Ex. Mexico

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Of only minor importance.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Other Species Attacked Attacks numerous species besides

Lantana camara agg. L.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 413, 612, 635, 1464, 1755, 1940, 2066

VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Uroplata fulvopustulata Baly

Past Names/Synonyms Uroplata sp. nr bilineata Chapuis

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1976

Source Ex. Costa Rica

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Restricted to north QLD. Causing only

minimal damage.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization QLD State

References 414, 418, 422, 429, 713, 1783

**RELEASE** 

Country Fiji

**Year** 1976

**Source** Ex. Costa Rica via Australia

Established No.

Research Organization QLD State, FCN

**References** 429, 431, 1050

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1978

Source Ex. Costa Rica via Australia

Established No

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 268, 280, 992

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Uroplata girardi Pic

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Ascension Island

**Year** 1973

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Australia

via India via St Helena

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Initially limited in distribution, but has

since expanded and is contributing to

significant control along with *Teleonemia* 

scrupulosa and Orthezia insignis.

**References** 429, 431, 582, 584

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia

Year 1966

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

**Notes** Present in large numbers throughout

lantana range during favorable

seasons, frequently alongside *Octotoma scabripennis*. Together cause severe defoliation and reduced flowering in late summer and autumn but do not permanently suppress the weed.

Ineffective on Norfolk Island.

Other Species Attacked Documented attacking basil and other

herbs (Lamiaceae).

Research Organization CSIRO, QLD State, NSW State

**References** 414, 422, 429, 713, 714, 715, 1212,

1783, 1940

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. Argentina

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes

Limiting Factors

**Other Species Attacked** 

**Research Organization** 

References

Collected from cooler region in an

attempt to increase the establishment

and efficacy of the species in the southern portions of the weed's invaded range in Australia. No longer

differentiated from earlier release.
Present in large numbers throughout

lantana range during favorable

seasons, frequently alongside *Octotoma* scabripennis. Together cause severe defoliation and reduced flowering in late summer and autumn but do not permanently suppress the weed.

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Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

**Country** Australia (continued)

Other Species Attacked Documented attacking basil and other

herbs (Lamiaceae).

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 414, 418, 422, 429, 715, 1212, 1783,

1940

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Cook Islands

Year 1969

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Fiji

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Contributing to significant control.

**References** 429, 1548, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Cook Islands

Year 1973

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Australia

via India

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Contributing to significant control.

Remains uncertain if this release, the original, or both, was responsible for

establishment.

**References** 429, 1940

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federated States of Micronesia

**Year** 1963

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Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Among most effective biocontrol agents

currently established in country. Most effective in shady areas with high

ective in snady areas

humidity.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat **Research Organization** UOG

References 429, 481, 482, 1302, 1627, 1940

RELEASE

Country Fiji Year 1969

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Most prominent and effective of control

agents released against *Lantana* camara to date in Fiji. Heavily damaging in shade, causing stunted growth and reduced seed production. Less effective

in sunny conditions.

Limiting Factors Habitat

Research Organization DAF

**References** 418, 429, 960, 1050

Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Ghana **Year** 1971

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Australia;

Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Trinidad

via Uganda

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Caused spectacular damage at release

sites, but overall providing only limited control. Though widely distributed, remains of minor importance with less than 50% of terminal shoots attacked. Generally more common at sites where *Teleonemia scrupulosa* rather scarce.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 308, 312, 314, 315, 316, 318, 429, 957,

1618, 1940

RELEASE

Country Guam Year 1967

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Northern

Mariana Islands (Saipan)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Contributes to good control, especially

in shady areas.

Limiting Factors Habitat
Research Organization IIBC

**References** 429, 481, 482, 1300, 1317, 1940

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA Year 1961

Source Ex. Brazil
Established Yes

Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Well adapted to Hawaiian conditions.

Complements other foliage-feeding species. Can cause considerable foliar stress on small plants, but overall not

effective on older plants.

Other Species Attacked Documented attacking basil and other

herbs (Lamiaceae).

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 407, 409, 413, 431, 612, 635, 762, 1169,

1212, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1974

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Well adapted to Hawaiian conditions.

Complements other foliage-feeding species. Can cause considerable foliar stress on small plants, but overall not

effective on older plants.

Other Species Attacked Documented attacking basil and other

herbs (Lamiaceae).

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 431, 612, 762, 1169, 1212, 1940

Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

| RELEASE                      |   |
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| Country                      | India   |
| Year                         | 1972  |
| Source                       | Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Australia   |
| Established                  | Yes   |
| Abundance                    | Unknown   |
| General Impact               | None  |
| Notes                        | Established in North India but not effective.   |
| Research Organization        | FRI   |
| References                   | 1312, 1542, 1940  |
|                              |   |
| RELEASE                      |   |
| Country                      | Mauritius   |
| Year                         | 1967  |
| Source                       | Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Trinidad  |
| Established                  | Yes   |
| Abundance                    | High  |
| General Impact               | Slight  |
| Geographical Scale of Impact | Widespread throughout range   |
| Notes                        | Though widespread and abundant on both the main island and Rodrigues Island, damage only minor on both. |
| Research Organization        | IIBC  |
| References                   | 309, 429, 586, 668, 957   |
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# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

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| RELEASE                           |  |
| Country                           | New Caledonia  |
| Year                              | 1977   |
| Source                            | Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Australia                                    |
| Established                       | Yes  |
| Abundance                         | High   |
| General Impact                    | Medium   |
| Geographical Scale of Impact      | Widespread throughout range  |
| Notes                             | Causing significant defoliation to pink variety, particularly near Nouméa. |
| Research Organization             | RSTO   |
| References                        | 286, 429, 698  |
|                                   |  |
| RELEASE                           |  |
| Country                           | Niue   |
| Year                              | 1993   |
| Source                            | Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Fiji   |
| Established                       | Yes  |
| Abundance                         | Moderate   |
| General Impact                    | Medium   |
| Geographical Scale of Impact      | Localized  |
| Notes                             | Providing partial control. Most effective                                  |

in open areas.

**References** 52, 429, 431, 1868, 1940

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Northern Mariana Islands

Year 1963

**Source** Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Medium

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Contributing to control: most effective in

shady areas with high humidity.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 429, 481, 482, 1317

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Northern Mariana Islands

**Year** 1989

**Source** Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Northern

Mariana Islands (Saipan) via Guam

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact None

**Notes** Surveys 10 months after release

revealed although beetle had

established, population was small and ineffective and had spread little from the

release point.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 481, 482, 1940

VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Palau **Year** 1974

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Federated

States of Micronesia (Pohnpei)

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Well established throughout country:

exerting moderate damage on all varieties of lantana. Most effective in

shady areas with high humidity.

**Limiting Factors** Habitat

**References** 429, 481, 482, 1243, 1627, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Papua New Guinea

**Year** 1972

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Australia

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Slight Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Though common wherever lantana

occurs, causes only minor damage.

Research Organization FRI

**References** 429, 1400, 1940

Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

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**Philippines** Country

> 1985 Year

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Fiji

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown Research Organization IIBC, PCA

**References** 291, 429, 1940

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1974

Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Australia

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

Source

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially moderately damaging where very abundant in coastal regions of KZN but sparse in LP and MP. Populations in KZN have since crashed, likely due to competition with Ophiomyia camarae; now distribution and abundance limited throughout South Africa. Exhibited strong lantana varietal preferences in the field, opposite to the preferences of

Octotoma scabripennis.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition; Specificity

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 65, 66, 268, 269, 280, 786, 993, 1849

### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1983

Source Ex. Argentina via Australia

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Originated from cooler region and

released in attempt to increase

establishment and efficacy under inland conditions of South Africa. Populations established in LP but scarce. Overall impact minimal. Exhibited strong lantana varietal preferences in the laboratory.

Specificity Limiting Factors Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 65, 66, 280, 786, 993

#### **RELEASE**

Country Republic of South Africa

Year 1984

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Trinidad

via Mauritius

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Establishment from this introduction

unlikely due to small release size and release occurring in climatically

unsuitable area (too dry).

Limiting Factors Small release size; Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI **References** 275, 993, 1940

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Samoa

**Year** 1975

**Source** Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Fiji

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate **General Impact** Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes When occurs in high numbers has

noticeable effect.

**References** 429, 431, 1940

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Solomon Islands

**Year** 1992

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Fiji

Established Yes

**Abundance** High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes With Teleonemia scrupulosa provides

excellent control on Russell Islands.

especially in shady conditions

Research Organization SPC

**References** 52, 429, 431, 1868, 1940

VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country St Helena

**Year** 1970

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Australia

via India

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Initial recoveries made some distance

from release site, but does not appear to have established. Systematic searches

not made.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 311, 312, 429, 582, 1940

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Tanzania

**Year** 1967

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Trinidad

Established No.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 308, 429, 667, 957, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Tonga

**Year** 1969

**Source** Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Australia;

Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Fiji

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

**Country** Tonga (continued)

**Notes** Though established, causes only partial

or seasonal control. Numbers remain low, possibly due to cultivation.

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Limiting Factors Land use Research Organization IIBC

**References** 289, 429, 962, 1548, 1940

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Trinidad and Tobago

Year pre 1969

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Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Released for a few (unspecified) years

on Trinidad prior to the well documented 1969 release. Post-release recoveries made but heavy larval predation by wasps initially mitigated against effective establishment. Release sites subsequently destroyed; current status

of this species unknown.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 288, 310, 429, 1940

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Uganda **Year** 1966

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Trinidad

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact None

**Notes** Though established, populations remain

low and has provided no marked control.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 308, 310, 311, 429, 957

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Vanuatu Year 1983

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Established rapidly and initially showed

obvious damage to lantana. However, weed still very problematic so overall control now considered minimal.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 204, 289, 418, 429, 1940

**RELEASE** 

Country Zambia Year 1969

Source Ex. Brazil via Hawaii USA via Trinidad

Established No

**Notes** Numerous releases made as many

populations failed to survive dry season. Despite temporary establishment of some populations, overall establishment

considered failed.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 311, 313, 957, 1117

Lantana camara; Uroplata girardi (continued)

### RELEASE

**Country** Zambia **Year** 2009

**Source** Ex. South America via Republic of South

Africa

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

Notes Initial introductions starting in 1969

failed to establish in dry conditions/sites. This second release made in 2009 from South African material. South Africa agents originated from two different sources; unclear which population or if a mixture of both was used for this release. Agents have thrived under rainforest conditions, though too early past release to determine everally

post release to determine overall abundance and impact.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI, CABI-Africa

**References** 786, 1849, 2005

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Uroplata lantanae Buzzi & Winder Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia **Year** 1977

Source Ex. Brazil

Established No

**Notes** Establishment failure likely due to

small release size, itself due to inability to maintain populations on lantana varieties naturalized in Australia.

Limiting Factors Specificity; Small release size

Research Organization CSIRO

**References** 414, 418, 429, 1783, 1993

**RELEASE** 

Country Republic of South Africa

**Year** 1984

Source Ex. Brazil via Australia

Established No

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 280, 992

TABLE 4

# **VERBENACEAE** (continued)

Family Verbenaceae

Species Lantana montevidensis (Spreng.)
Briq.
Origin South America
creeping lantana

AGENT
Species Calycomyza lantanae (Frick)
Past Names/Synonyms Phytobia lantanae Frick
Classification (Diptera: Agromyzidae)

#### **RELEASE**

Year 1974
Source Ex. Trinidad

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Released on *Lantana camara* agg. but

established *L. montevidensis* as well. Widely distributed throughout range of weed. Populations fluctuate seasonally, peaking in summer and autumn in warm, moist areas but waning over winter and in temperate areas. Even at high densities causes only minor

damage.

Limiting Factors Climate Research Organization CSIRO

References 314, 414, 415, 422

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana montevidensis (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Charidotis pygmaea Klug
Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia
Year 1994
Source Ex. Brazil
Established No

**Notes** Adults persisted for several months

following release but failed to lay many eggs and disappeared completely within 24 months. Failure attributed to heat

stress and dry conditions.

Limiting Factors Climate
Research Organization QLD State

References 415, 418, 425, 429

**AGENT** 

Species Ectaga garcia Becker

Classification (Lepidoptera: Oecophoridae)

**RELEASE** 

Country Australia
Year 1993
Source Ex. Brazil
Established No
Research Organization QLD State

References 415, 429, 430

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana montevidensis (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Hypena laceratalis Walker

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Hypena strigata (Fabricius), Hypena

jussalis Walker, Hypena strigalis

Classification (Lepidoptera: Erebidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Australia

Year 1965

Source Ex. Kenya, Zimbabwe via Hawaii USA

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Released on *Lantana camara* agg. but established on L. montevidensis as well. Prior to release of this African population, the species was found to be present in Australia, and assumed to be native. Both populations no longer differentiated in the literature. Frequently found in warm moist areas where plant growth is lush but absent from dry slopes. Populations fluctuate seasonally, peaking in summer and autumn but waning over winter. Even at high

densities causes only minor damage.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization QLD State

**References** 414, 415, 422, 429, 714

**WEED** 

Family Zygophyllaceae

**ZYGOPHYLLACEAE** 

Species Tribulus cistoides L.

Origin tropical and sub-tropical Africa,

Indo-Australia

Common Name false puncturevine, nohu, Jamaican

feverplant, Jamaican fever vine,

puncturevine, bur-not

**AGENT** 

Microlarinus lareynii (Jacquelin Species

du Val)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**RELEASE** 

**Country** Federation of St Kitts and Nevis

**Year** 1968

Source Ex. Italy via USA (CA)

Established No.

Notes Initially recovered one year following

release, but not subsequently.

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 98, 99, 288, 1128

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1962

Source Ex. Italy via USA (CA)

Established No.

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# **ZYGOPHYLLACEAE**

Tribulus cistoides; Microlarinus lareynii (continued)

**Country** Hawaii USA (continued)

Notes Initially very damaging on KA and

OA in conjunction with Microlarinus lypriformis (the most important agent), but populations disappeared as weed populations destroyed by feeding. The target weed is considered native to

Hawaii.

Research Organization HDOA

References 405, 408, 409, 410, 635, 762, 1128

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1963

**Source** Ex. Italy via USA (AZ)

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Reportedly in bad condition by the time it reached MA where only gives partial control. Populations from other releases more effective on other islands. The target weed is considered native to

Hawaii.

**Limiting Factors** Unhealthy release material

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 405, 409, 635, 762, 1128

**ZYGOPHYLLACEAE** 

Tribulus cistoides; Microlarinus lareynii (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1967

Source Ex. Italy via USA (CA)

Established Yes **Abundance** High **General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Initial releases very damaging on KA

and OA in conjunction with Microlarinus lypriformis (the most important agent), but populations disappeared as weed populations destroyed by feeding. This 1967 reintroduction successful and helps keep *Tribulus* spp. low. The target weed is considered native to Hawaii.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 405, 409, 410, 635, 762, 1128, 1894

**RELEASE** 

Country Papua New Guinea

Year 1966

Source Ex. Italy via continental USA via Hawaii

USA

Established No.

Research Organization PNGDAL

**References** 1128, 2050

# ZYGOPHYLLACEAE

**Tribulus cistoides** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Microlarinus lypriformis (Wollaston)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

RELEASE

**Country** Federation of St Kitts and Nevis

**Year** 1966

Source Ex. Italy via continental USA via Hawaii

USA

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Well established and providing excellent

control on St Kitts. Initially successful control on Nevis, but subsequent enlargement of airport destroyed the weed and probably also the weevil population. Current status of weed and

weevil unknown on Nevis.

Limiting Factors Land use

Research Organization IIBC

**References** 98, 99, 104, 288, 1128

**ZYGOPHYLLACEAE** 

Tribulus cistoides; Microlarinus lypriformis (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1963

**Source** Ex. Italy via USA (AZ, CA)

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Substantial to complete control on KA

and OA, but only partial control on MA and HA. The target weed is considered

native to Hawaii.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 44, 405, 409, 410, 411, 635, 762, 1128

**RELEASE** 

Country Papua New Guinea

**Year** 1967

Source Ex. Italy via continental USA via Hawaii

USA

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Controlling plant at release points and

spreading.

Research Organization PNGDAL

**References** 155, 1128, 1427, 1428, 2050

# **ZYGOPHYLLACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |   |
|----------------|---|
| Family         | Zygophyllaceae  |
| Species        | Tribulus terrestris L.  |
| Origin         | Mediterranean, western Asia, Africa                           |
| Common Name    | puncturevine, ground bur nut, bull's head, goat head, caltrop |
| AGENT          |   |
| Species        | Microlarinus lareynii (Jacquelin<br>du Val)                   |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)                                   |

# **RELEASE**

Country Canada Year 1986

Source Ex. Italy via USA (CO)

Established No Research Organization AAFC References 101

# **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA Year 1962

Source Ex. Italy via USA (CA)

Established No

Notes Initially very damaging on KA and

OA in conjunction with *Microlarinus lypriformis* (the most important agent), but populations disappeared as weed populations destroyed by feeding.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 405, 408, 409, 410, 635, 762, 1128

### **ZYGOPHYLLACEAE**

Tribulus terrestris; Microlarinus lareynii (continued)

**RELEASE** 

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1963

Source Ex. Italy via USA (AZ)

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Reportedly in bad condition by the time

it reached MA where only gives partial control. Populations from other releases

more effective on other islands.

Limiting Factors Unhealthy release material

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 405, 409, 635, 762

RELEASE

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1967

Source Ex. Italy via USA (CA)

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Initial releases very damaging on KA

and OA in conjunction with *Microlarinus lypriformis* (the most important agent), but populations disappeared as weed populations destroyed by feeding. This 1967 reintroduction successful and

helps keep *Tribulus* spp. low.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 405, 409, 410, 635, 762, 1128, 1894

### **ZYGOPHYLLACEAE**

Tribulus terrestris; Microlarinus lareynii (continued)

# **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

**Year** 1961 Source Ex. Italy Established Yes **Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

Notes In combination with Microlarinus Ivpriformis successfully reduced weed cover and seed production up to 80% in warmer areas of southwest USA, especially CA. Contributed to successful control in AL such that current establishment there unknown. Generally ineffective at higher elevations where cold winter temperatures reduce weevil populations. Recent redistribution within CA successfully established a population at one high elevation site, indicating establishment possible when sites have overwintering shelter and limited disturbance. This species much more successful at high elevation site compared to M. lypriformis, and is established in limited amounts in WA and OR whereas M. lypriformis is not, indicating higher cold tolerance. Populations limited by parasites and predators at some sites.

**Limiting Factors** Climate: Parasitism: Predation (continued at top of next column)

# **ZYGOPHYLLACEAE**

Tribulus terrestris; Microlarinus lareynii (continued)

United States of America (continued)

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the native Kallstroemia

californica (S. Watson) Vail, K. grandiflora Torr. ex A. Gray, and one additional native Kallstroemia sp. Adults found on numerous exotic species (some of economic importance), though

impact is typically negligible.

**Research Organization** USDA (7,12), State (4,5,6,9,13,14,15,21)

> References 39, 45, 332, 334, 335, 862, 1114, 1128,

1457, 1501, 1578, 1731, 1840, 1894,

1906

#### **RELEASE**

Country United States of America

Year 1994 Source Ex. Italy

Established No.

Notes Cold adapted strains from the Abruzzi

Mountains, Italy, were distributed to more northern areas but failed to

establish in CA.

Research Organization State (14)

References 335, 1840, 1906

# **ZYGOPHYLLACEAE**

Tribulus terrestris (continued)

| AG | ENT |
|----|-----|
|    |     |

Species Microlarinus lypriformis (Wollaston) Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

# RELEASE

Country Canada Year 1986

Source Ex. Italy via USA (CO)

Established No.

Research Organization AAFC References 659

#### **RELEASE**

Country Hawaii USA

Year 1963

Source Ex. Italy via USA (AZ, CA)

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable General Impact Variable

**Notes** Substantial to complete control on KA

and OA, but only partial control on MA

and HA.

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 44, 405, 409, 410, 411, 635, 762, 1128

# **ZYGOPHYLLACEAE**

Tribulus terrestris; Microlarinus lypriformis (continued)

#### **RELEASE**

**Country** United States of America

Year 1961 Source Ex. Italy

Established Yes Abundance Variable **General Impact** Variable

**Notes** In combination with *Microlarinus lareynii* successfully reduced weed cover and seed production up to 80% in warmer areas of southwest USA, especially CA. Contributed to successful control in AL such that current establishment there unknown. Generally ineffective at higher elevations where cold winter temperatures reduce weevil populations. Recent redistribution within CA successfully established a population at one high elevation site, indicating establishment possible when sites have overwintering shelter and limited disturbance. However, this species much less abundant at high elevation site compared to *M. lareynii*, and is not established in WA and OR whereas M. lareynii is, indicating lower cold tolerance. Populations limited by parasites and predators at some sites.

Limiting Factors

Climate; Parasitism; Predation

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# **ZYGOPHYLLACEAE**

Tribulus terrestris; Microlarinus lypriformis (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the native Kallstroemia

californica (S. Watson) Vail, K. grandiflora Torr. ex A. Gray, and one additional native Kallstroemia sp. Adults found on numerous exotic species (some of economic importance), though

impact is typically negligible.

**Research Organization** USDA (7,12), State (4,5,6,9,13,14,15,21)

**References** 39, 45, 332, 335, 862, 1128, 1129, 1457,

1501, 1578, 1731, 1840, 1894, 1906

**RELEASE** 

Country United States of America

Year 1993 Source Ex. Italy

Established No

Notes Cold adapted populations from

the Abruzzi Mountains, Italy, were distributed to more northern areas but

failed to establish in CA.

**Research Organization** State (14)

**References** 1840, 1906

## **TABLE 2. NATIVE ORGANISMS INTENTIONALLY REDISTRIBUTED**

### **Redistribution Information**

Releases in this table are typically redistributions because the agents in question already occur naturally within the country of discussion and are simply redistributed to select locations within the country. These entries are listed alphabetically according to the country of redistribution and are accompanied by the year the first field release/redistribution was made. Some species have been redistributed in the same country multiple times. When subsequent redistributions were separated by five years or more, or were successfully established following the failure of the original redistribution(s), then these subsequent redistributions are given their own entries and are listed numerically by the redistribution year.

#### **Current Status**

Please note that all information included in this section pertains only to the intentionally redistributed populations, and not to naturally occurring populations established elsewhere within the country.

The establishment status of each intentional redistribution is given when known. The impact of established agents is then stated using eight categories pre-determined for the ease of quick data summary, including: None, Slight, Medium, Heavy, Variable, Too early post release, Unknown, and Compromised (the latter for sites destroyed post release). Because the choices selected for impact are subjective estimates by the editors, an additional notes section is provided which includes a brief summary of the status for each redistribution system. All impact is assumed to occur only on a localized scale following the redistribution, unless stated otherwise in the notes. Abbreviations used in the notes section to denote sub-regions of a country are provided along with their corresponding regions at the front of this catalogue immediately following the Table of Contents. If the biocontrol agent has been observed in the field attacking plant species other than those targeted for control, this information is included. Likewise, factors believed to limit the efficacy of any particular release are listed when known

## **AMARANTHACEAE**

| Amaranthaceae                  |
|--------------------------------|
| Amaranthus retroflexus L.      |
| North America                  |
| rough pigweed, redroot         |
|                                |
|                                |
| Disonycha glabrata (Fabricius) |
| (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)    |
|                                |

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country United States of America

**Year** 1979 Established No.

General Impact Not established

Notes Beetles subjected to predation and

failed to overwinter.

Limiting Factors Predation; Climate

Research Organization State (27)

References 81

## **AMARANTHACEAE** (continued)

| Species<br>Origin | Amaranthaceae  Amaranthus spinosus L.  tropical Americas spiny amaranth, phak khom nam |
|-------------------|--|
| •                 | Hypolixus truncatulus (Fabricius) (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)                          |

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country Thailand

Year pre 1982 Established Yes

**General Impact** Heavy

**Notes** Augmentative releases have resulted

in a country-wide distribution, giving satisfactory control and replacing use of

herbicides.

Other Species Attacked Also attacks Chromolaena odorata

L., Amaranthus viridis L., and Digera arvensis (whose name has since been changed to Digera muricata (L.) Mart.).

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 1326, 1329, 1939

## **ARACEAE**

Family Araceae
Species Pistia stratiotes L.
Origin tropical Americas, Asia, Malesia, Australia (NT)

Common Name water lettuce, Nile cabbage, chok, jawg

AGENT
Species Spodoptera pectinicornis (Hampson)
Past Names/Synonyms Namangana pectinicornis (Hampson), Epipsammea pectinicornis (Hampson)
Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Epipsammia pectinicornis, Episammia pectinicornis (Hampson)
Classification (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country Thailand
Year 1982
Established Yes
General Impact Heavy
Notes Augmentative releases have resulted in

widespread distribution, giving excellent control and replacing use of herbicides.

Releases still ongoing.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 1326, 1327, 1329, 1347, 1745, 1939

## **ASTERACEAE**

| ·                                     | Asteraceae  Baccharis halimifolia L.  North America groundsel bush, sea myrtle, consumption-weed |
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| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Rhopalomyia californica Felt<br>(Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)   |

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country United States of America

Year 1985 Established No

General Impact Not established

Research Organization USDA (9), State (22)

References 136, 533

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |  |
|----------------|--|
| Family         | Asteraceae                               |
| Species        | Baccharis neglecta Britton               |
| Origin         | Texas USA, Mexico                        |
| Common Name    | Roosevelt weed, linear-leaf false willow |
| ·              | Rhopalomyia californica Felt             |
| Classification | (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)                 |

#### REDISTRIBUTION

Country United States of America

**Year** 1985 Established No

General Impact Not established Research Organization USDA (9), State (22)

**References** 136, 533

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| Species                               | Asteraceae  Cassinia arcuata R. Br.  Australia sifton bush |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Austrotachardia sp. (Hemiptera: Kerridae)                  |

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

**Country** Australia **Year** 1985 Established Yes **General Impact** Heavy

Notes 250 ha of Cassinia arculata were

killed within 4 years and pastures regenerated. Redistribution and control success have continued in some locations. Current distribution and

population levels unknown.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism Research Organization NSW State **References** 224, 839, 842

### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

Family Asteraceae
Species Cassinia spp.
Notes Includes Cassinia laevis R. Br. and Cassinia quinquefaria R. Br.
Origin Australia
Common Name coughbush

AGENT
Species Paratachardina sp.
Classification (Hemiptera: Kerridae)

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country Australia
Year 1991
Established Yes
General Impact Heavy

Notes Substantial but unquantified areas of Cassinia laevis and C. quinquefaria have been killed. Redistribution and control success have continued in

some locations. Current distribution and

population levels unknown.

Limiting Factors Parasitism
Research Organization NSW State
References 224, 839

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

Family Asteraceae
Species Cirsium arvense (L.) Scop.
Origin Eurasia
Common Name Canada thistle, creeping thistle,
Californian thistle, field thistle

AGENT
Species Corythucha distincta Osborn & Drake

Classification (Hemiptera: Tingidae)

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms

Country United States of America

Year 1984
Established Yes
General Impact Heavy

Notes Feeding observed to stunt or kill Cirsium

Corythuca disticta Osborn & Drake

arvense shoots when populations high. Attack on native *Cirsium* spp. precludes applied utilization of *Corythucha distincta* as biocontrol agent.

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Other Species Attacked Regularly attacks numerous native Cirsium spp. Causes lesser damage to

other exotic thistle species.

**Research Organization** State (13)

References 74, 709

#### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Rhaponticum repens (L.) Hidalgo

Past Names/Synonyms Centaurea repens L.,

Acroptilon repens (L.) DC.

Origin Central Asia

Common Name Russian knapweed

References 792

**AGENT** 

Species Aceria acroptiloni Shevchenko &

Kovalev

Past Names/Synonyms Aceria sp. n.

Classification (Acari: Eriophyidae)

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** Ukraine

Year pre 1973

**Established** Yes **General Impact** Heavy

**Notes** Efficiently suppressed reproduction of

the weed.

**References** 1015, 1021

REDISTRIBUTION

Country Uzbekistan

Year pre 1997

Established Yes

General Impact Heavy

**Notes** Abundance of the mite in cultivation is

maintained by preservation on 2 ha plots among crops. Successful control of seed production observed in different crops.

Research Organization ZIAS

References 1017

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Rhaponticum repens (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Subanguina picridis (Kirjanova)

Brzeski

Past Names/Synonyms Paranguina picridis (Kirjanova)

Kirjanova & Ivanova,

Mesoanguina picridis (Kirjanova)

Chizhov & Subbotin

Classification (Tylenchida: Anguinidae)

REDISTRIBUTION

Country Tajikistan

**Year** 1962

Established Yes

General Impact Heavy

**Notes** Incorporation of chopped galls into

soils in December/January led to up to 100% infection, including 30% severely

infected and 20% killed.

**References** 895, 1613

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** Ukraine

Year pre 1973

Established Yes

**General Impact** Heavy

**Notes** Spray application resulted in up to 60%

infestation and 30% mortality in some field trials. Reduced number of plants to 27% in others. Efficiently suppressed

reproduction of the weed.

**References** 1015, 1018

## **ASTERACEAE**

Rhaponticum repens; Subanguina picridis (continued)

### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country Uzbekistan

Year pre 1993

Established Yes

General Impact Heavy

**Notes** Application of a suspension of nematode

larvae and water in autumn and spring proved to be particularly successful in perennial grass crops, e.g. alfalfa. Mass rearing of nematodes and gall collections performed on special plots

(2 ha) among crops.

Research Organization ZIAS

**References** 1017, 1596

## CACTACEAE

| WEED                  |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Family                | Cactaceae   |
| Species               | Opuntia ficus-indica (L.) Mill.   |
| Past Names/Synonyms   | Opuntia cordobensis Spegazzini,<br>Opuntia megacantha Salm-Dyck   |
| Origin<br>Common Name | Previous literature referred to this release as occurring on <i>Opuntia cordobensis</i> Spegazzini which has since been synonymized with <i>O. ficus-indica</i> (L.) Mill. While some authors consider <i>O. ficus-indica</i> to be a spineless cultivar derived from <i>O. megacantha</i> , many other authors consider <i>O. megacantha</i> to also be a cultivated taxon or a name applied to multiple ruderal reversions to spininess from the escaped, cultivated <i>O. ficus-indica</i> and they treat <i>O. megacantha</i> as a later synonym. The editors of this catalogue are in the latter group.  Mexico Indian fig, mission prickly pear, grootdoringturksvy |
| AGENT                 |   |
| Species               | Fusarium oxysporum Schlecktendahl   |

Classification (Sordariomycetes: Hypocreales)

#### **CACTACEAE**

Opuntia ficus-indica; Fusarium oxysporum (continued)

#### REDISTRIBUTION

Country Hawaii USA

**Year** 1943 Established Yes

General Impact Variable

Notes Fungus first documented on KA and

later was successful against red-fruited variety of Opuntia on NI, OA, MO, and MA. Deliberately released on Opuntia on HA. Largely ineffective on the less desirable white form. Field inoculations discontinued in 1949 when introduction

of insect agents began.

Research Organization BAF

**References** 413, 601, 611, 612, 1986

## **CACTACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Cactaceae

Species Opuntia littoralis (Engelm.) Cockerell **Origin** southwestern coastal USA including

Santa Cruz Island and Baja California,

Mexico

Common Name prickly pear, coastal prickly pear

**AGENT** 

Species Chelinidea tabulata (Burmeister)

Classification (Hemiptera: Coreidae)

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** United States of America

Year 1945 Established Yes General Impact None

Notes Initially thought to have not established

but recovered in 1961 immediately prior to second release. Currently has very limited distribution and having no impact. Target weed considered native.

Research Organization State (5)

**References** 635, 638, 639

REDISTRIBUTION

Country United States of America

Year 1961 Established Yes General Impact None

**Notes** Not differentiated from earlier release.

Established but with very limited

distribution and having no impact. Target

weed considered native.

Research Organization State (5)

**References** 635, 638, 639

## CACTACEAE

Opuntia littoralis (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Chelinidea vittiger Uhler Classification (Hemiptera: Coreidae)

REDISTRIBUTION

Country United States of America

Year 1945 Established No

General Impact Not established

Notes Target weed considered native.

Research Organization State (5)

**References** 447, 635, 638, 639

**REDISTRIBUTION** 

Country United States of America

Year 1961 Established Yes General Impact None

Notes Establishment tenuous due to

competition by *Dactylopius opuntiae* and predation. Target weed considered

native.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition; Predation

Research Organization State (5)

**References** 447, 635, 638, 639

CACTACEAE

**Opuntia littoralis** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius confusus (Cockerell)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1942

Established No

General Impact Not established

Notes Establishment failed because colonies

washed into ocean during winter

following extremely heavy rainfall. Target

weed considered native.

Limiting Factors Flooding
Research Organization State (5)
References 635, 638, 639

AGENT

Species Dactylopius tomentosus (Lamark)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**Notes** Different biotypes of *Dactylopius* 

tomentosus have been identified based on the source species from

which they were collected.

References 1167

**REDISTRIBUTION** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1940

Established No

General Impact Not established

**Notes** Target weed considered native.

**Research Organization** State (5)

**References** 638, 639

## CACTACEAE

**Opuntia littoralis** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Melitara prodenialis Walker

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

REDISTRIBUTION

Country United States of America

Year 1945 Established No

General Impact Not established

**Notes** Target weed considered native.

Research Organization State (5)
References 635, 638, 639

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** United States of America

Year 1962 Established No

General Impact Not established

**Notes** Target weed considered native.

**Research Organization** State (5)

**References** 635, 638, 639

CACTACEAE

**Opuntia littoralis** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Olycella junctolineella (Hulst)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

**REDISTRIBUTION** 

Country United States of America

**Year** 1961

Established No

General Impact Not established

**Notes** Target weed considered native.

**Research Organization** State (5) **References** 635, 638, 639

## **CACTACEAE** (continued)

Family
Species Opuntia oricola Philbrick
Origin Santa Cruz Island and Baja California,
Mexico
Common Name Prickly pear, chaparral prickly pear

AGENT
Species Chelinidea tabulata (Burmeister)

Classification (Hemiptera: Coreidae)

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** United States of America

Year 1945 Established Yes General Impact None

**Notes** Initially thought to have not established

but recovered in 1961 immediately prior to second release. Currently has very limited distribution and having no impact. Target weed considered native.

**Research Organization** State (5)

**References** 635, 638, 639

REDISTRIBUTION

Country United States of America

Year 1961 Established Yes General Impact None

**Notes** Not differentiated from earlier release.

Established but with very limited distribution and having no impact. Target weed considered native.

Research Organization State (5)

**References** 635, 638, 639

### CACTACEAE

Opuntia oricola (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Chelinidea vittiger Uhler Classification (Hemiptera: Coreidae)

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** United States of America

Year 1945 Established No

General Impact Not established

**Notes** Target weed considered native.

**Research Organization** State (5)

**References** 447, 635, 638, 639

REDISTRIBUTION

Country United States of America

Year 1961 Established Yes General Impact None

**Notes** Establishment tenuous due to

competition by *Dactylopius opuntiae* and predation. Target weed considered

native.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition; Predation

Research Organization State (5)

**References** 447, 635, 638, 639

#### CACTACEAE

Opuntia oricola (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius confusus (Cockerell)

Past Names/Synonyms Dactylopius greenii Cockerell
Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

**REDISTRIBUTION** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1942

Established No

General Impact Not established

**Notes** Establishment failed because colonies

washed into ocean during winter following extremely heavy rainfall. Target weed considered native.

Limiting Factors Flooding

Research Organization State (5)

References 635, 638, 639

**AGENT** 

Species Dactylopius tomentosus (Lamark)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

Notes Different biotypes of *Dactylopius*tomentosus have been identified
based on the source species from

which they were collected.

References 1167

REDISTRIBUTION

Country United States of America

Year 1940 Established No

General Impact Not established

**Notes** Target weed considered native.

Research Organization State (5) References 638, 639 CACTACEAE

Opuntia oricola (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Melitara prodenialis Walker

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

REDISTRIBUTION

Country United States of America

**Year** 1945

Established No

General Impact Not established

Notes Target weed considered native.

Research Organization State (5)
References 635, 638, 639

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1962

Established No

General Impact Not established

**Notes** Target weed considered native.

Research Organization State (5)

References 635, 638, 639

## CACTACEAE Opuntia oricola (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Olycella junctolineella (Hulst)
Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country United States of America

Year 1961 Established No

General Impact Not established

**Notes** Target weed considered native.

Research Organization State (5)
References 635, 638, 639

## **CONVOLVULACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Convolvulaceae

Species Calystegia sepium (L.) R. Br.

Past Names/Synonyms Convolvulus sepium L.

Origin North America

Common Name hedge bindweed, hedge false

bindweed

AGENT

Species Charidotella sexpunctata bicolor

(Fabricius)

Past Names/Synonyms Metriona bicolor (Fabricius)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

#### REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1969

Established Yes

General Impact Slight

Notes Confirmed established at original

1969 release in BC as of 2001; found spreading to new hedge bindweed patches during 2007-2012 monitoring. Considered a pest of morning glory and sweet potato in ON so further redistribution being reconsidered.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on numerous desirable and

weedy plant species.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 437, 1173, 1841

## **CONVOLVULACEAE**

Calystegia sepium (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Deloyala guttata (Olivier)

Past Names/Synonyms Chirida guttata (Olivier)
Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

References 117, 1089

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country Canada

**Year** 1971

Established No

General Impact Not established

Notes Though common in its original range

in Canada, transfer to BC failed to

establish.

Research Organization UBC

References 1173

## **CONVOLVULACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Convolvulaceae

Species Convolvulus arvensis L.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name field bindweed

**AGENT** 

Species Charidotella purpurata (Boheman)

Past Names/Synonyms Metriona purpurata (Boheman)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

## **REDISTRIBUTION**

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1979

Established Yes

General Impact Unknown

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 735, 1173, 1185

#### CONVOLVULACEAE

Convolvulus arvensis (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Charidotella sexpunctata bicolor

(Fabricius)

Past Names/Synonyms Metriona bicolor (Fabricius)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country Canada

**Year** 1969

Established No.

General Impact Not established

**Notes** Though common in its original range

in Canada, transfer to BC failed to

establish.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on numerous desirable and

weedy plant species.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 1173

#### **AGENT**

**Species** Chelymorpha cassidea (Fabricius)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

#### REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1979

Established No.

General Impact Not established

Notes Though common in its original range

in Canada, transfer to SK failed to

establish.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 735, 1173

#### CONVOLVULACEAE

Convolvulus arvensis (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Deloyala guttata (Olivier)

Past Names/Synonyms Chirida guttata (Olivier)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

**References** 117, 1089

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1969

Established No.

General Impact Not established

Notes Though common in its original range in

Canada, transfers to AB and BC failed

to establish.

Research Organization AAFC

References 1173

## **CONVOLVULACEAE** (continued)

| WEED Family                      | Convolvulaceae  |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Species<br>Origin<br>Common Name | Cuscuta campestris Yunck. Americas dodder                       |
| •                                | Alternaria cuscutacidae Rudakov (Dothideomycetes: Pleosporales) |

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country Russia
Year 1950s
Established Yes
General Impact Variable

Notes Mass production and inoculation of the fungus has resulted in control in some crops, but less effective control

in others.

**References** 629, 944, 1015, 1986

## **CONVOLVULACEAE** (continued)

| •                     | Convolvulaceae  Cuscuta capulata Engelm.  This species is largely missing from the literature and current taxonomic |
|-----------------------|---|
| Origin<br>Common Name | databases. Americas   |
| AGENT                 | dodder  |
|                       | Alternaria cuscutacidae Rudakov (Dothideomycetes: Pleosporales)   |

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country Russia
Year 1950s
Established Yes
General Impact Variable

Notes Mass production and inoculation of

the fungus has resulted in control in some crops, but less effective control

in others.

**References** 629, 944, 1015, 1986

## **CONVOLVULACEAE** (continued)

## **WEED** Family Convolvulaceae Species Cuscuta europaea L. Origin Europe Common Name dodder **AGENT** Species Melanagromyza cuscutae Héring Classification (Diptera: Agromyzidae)

## **CONVOLVULACEAE** (continued)

| Species |   |
|---------|---|
|         | Melanagromyza cuscutae Héring<br>(Diptera: Agromyzidae) |

**REDISTRIBUTION** 

Country Kazakhstan Year pre 1979 Established Yes General Impact Unknown

Notes Natural populations augmented by

spring releases of adults emerging from plant material kept indoors during winter.

Overall impact unknown.

**References** 629, 1716

**REDISTRIBUTION** 

Country Kazakhstan Year pre 1979 Established Yes General Impact Unknown

**Notes** Natural populations augmented by

spring releases of adults emerging from plant material kept indoors during winter.

Overall impact unknown.

**References** 629, 1716

## **CONVOLVULACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Family         | Convolvulaceae                |
| Species        | Cuscuta lupuliformis Krock.   |
| Origin         | Eurasia                       |
| Common Name    | dodder                        |
| AGENT          |                               |
| Species        | Melanagromyza cuscutae Héring |
| Classification | (Diptera: Agromyzidae)        |
|                |                               |

#### REDISTRIBUTION

Country Kazakhstan
Year pre 1979
Established Yes
General Impact Unknown

**Notes** Natural populations augmented by

spring releases of adults emerging from plant material kept indoors during winter.

Overall impact unknown.

**References** 629, 1716

## **CYPERACEAE**

Family Cyperaceae
Species Cyperus esculentus L.
Origin cosmopolitan
Common Name yellow nutsedge

AGENT
Species Bactra verutana Zeller

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country United States of America

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

Year 1967 Established Yes General Impact Slight

Notes Although severe insect infestations

markedly reduced plant growth, majority of plants survived to produce numerous tubers. Natural populations limited by

parasitism.

Limiting Factors Parasitism
Research Organization State (9)
References 595, 972

### CYPERACEAE (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Cyperaceae

Species Cyperus rotundus L.

Origin cosmopolitan

Common Name nut grass, purple nutsedge, vucesa,

soronakabani, oni ani, pakopako

**AGENT** 

Species Antonina australis Froggatt

Past Names/Synonyms Chaetococcus australis (Froggatt),

Kuwanina hilli Laing, Kuwanina australis (Green) Brimblecombe

Classification (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae)

References 597, 779

REDISTRIBUTION

Country Australia

**Year** 1901

Established Yes

General Impact Slight

**Notes** May cause severe damage locally under

dry conditions but overall impact is

minimal.

**References** 597, 779, 902, 1748, 1989

CYPERACEAE

Cyperus rotundus (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Bactra venosana (Zeller)

Past Names/Synonyms Bactra truculenta Meyrick

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**REDISTRIBUTION** 

Country Thailand

Year pre 1997

Established Yes

General Impact Unknown

**Notes** Augmentative releases hampered

by attack of egg parasite,

Trichogrammatoidea bactrae fumata

Nagaraja.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization NBCRC

References 1329

**AGENT** 

Species Bactra verutana Zeller

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**REDISTRIBUTION** 

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1972

Established Yes

General Impact Heavy

Notes Augmentative releases in early season

reduced above-ground growth of weed by up to 68% and resulted in seed cotton yields similar to those of uninfested plots. In their natural cycle, these insects do not cause appreciable

damage to their host plants.

Research Organization USDA (5)

References 595

## **EBENACEAE**

| WEED                |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Family              | Ebenaceae  |
| Species             | Diospyros virginiana L.  |
| Origin              | North America  |
| Common Name         | persimmon, eastern persimmon   |
| AGENT               |  |
| Species             | Nalanthamala diospyri (Crand.)<br>Schroers & M.J. Wingf.                     |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Acremonium diospyri (Crand.) W.<br>Gams, Cephalosporium diospyri<br>Crandall |
| Classification      | (Sordariomycetes: Hypocreales)   |

#### REDISTRIBUTION

Country United States of America

Year 1949
Established Yes
General Impact Heavy

**Notes** Oklahoma State Legislature approved

spread of this agent for control of persimmon in 1965. Very effective when cut stumps are inoculated with a spore suspension of this pathogen. Using this method, only unwanted trees are killed. In practical use throughout eighties but other forms of control now

recommended for this weed.

Research Organization State (2), SRNF References 251, 1109, 1786, 1986

## **FABACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Fabaceae

Species Mimosa pigra L.

Past Names/Synonyms Mimosa pigra L. var. pigra

Origin tropical Americas

Common Name giant sensitive plant, mimosa, giant

mimosa

**AGENT** 

Species Rhytiphora piperitia Hope

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Sympheletes humeralis White,

Platyomopsis humeralis White

Classification (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)

Notes Identified and pushlished as

Sympheletes humeralis White (whose name was later changed to *Platyomopsis humeralis* White) though it had already been described under the name *Rhytiphora piperitia* 

Hope.

References 293

#### **FABACEAE**

Mimosa pigra; Rhytiphora piperitia (continued)

#### REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** Australia

**Year** 1997

Established Yes

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Stem girdling reduces growth and

seed production but does not kill mature plants. High populations cause conspicuous damage, though populations typically fluctuate and

redistributions often necessary. Parasitism limits efficacy.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on Acacia spp., Cassia spp.,

the native Peltophorum pterocarpum (DC.) Backer ex K. Heyne, and Samanea saman (Jacq.) Merr. (an exotic species useful in grazing

systems).

Research Organization CSIRO, NT

**References** 531, 571, 765, 776

## **HALORAGACEAE**

| Origin | Haloragaceae  Myriophyllum spicatum L.  Europe, northern Africa, Asia  Eurasian watermilfoil |
|--------|--|
|        | Euhrychiopsis lecontei (Dietz)<br>(Coleoptera: Curculionidae)                                |

#### REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** United States of America

Year pre 1994

Established Yes **General Impact** Variable

Notes Now commercially available as Milfoil Solution®, formerly known as The Middfoil® process, which entails placing egg- and larvae-infested plant material into new locations. Releases into lakes and ponds often intended to only supplement existing populations as this species is naturally already widespread in North America. Associated with weed declines in some lakes in CT. MA, MI, MN, NY, OH, VT and WI, but not in others. High weevil densities can suppress weed populations, however most infestations can potentially recover when weevils move to shorelines for overwintering. Impact could be due to combination of this species and Acentria ephemerella, as damage caused by the two often difficult to differentiate.

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#### **HALORAGACEAE**

Myriophyllum spicatum; Euhrychiopsis lecontei (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Notes (continued) Fish predation and lack of suitable overwintering habitat likely factors limiting weevil populations. Augmentation with larvae and/or eggs ineffective for increasing adult weevil counts or decreasing weed density. Augmentation with adults increases weevil

> densities the year following release. Establishment in OR suspected but not

confirmed.

Limiting Factors Predation; Habitat

Other Species Attacked

Native host is *Myriophyllum sibiricum* 

Kom. Feeds on other native

Myriophyllum spp. when densities are high, but due to lowered fecundity, weevil impact is considered to be significantly less on all native Myriophyllum spp. than on Eurasian

watermilfoil.

**Research Organization** State (29,30,31,32,33)

**References** 198, 334, 335, 356, 357, 358, 359, 923,

1233, 1653, 1654

#### **HALORAGACEAE**

Myriophyllum spicatum (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** Phytobius leucogaster (Marsham)

Past Names/Synonyms Litodactylus leucogaster (Marsham)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** United States of America

1979 Year

**Established** No

General Impact Not established

**Notes** Recovered 1.5km away after three

months but not recovered since 1979.

Research Organization USDA (3)

References 194, 923

### HALORAGACEAE

Myriophyllum spicatum (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Triaenodes tarda Milne

Classification (Trichoptera: Leptoceridae)

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** Canada

**Year** 1980

Established Yes

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Extremely abundant population virtually

eliminated weed from one lake in 1979 where fish apparently not present. In other locations impact from larval herbivory minimal. Intentional transfer of approximately 3,500 larvae to new lake unsuccessful, possibly due to cold

weather and fish predation.

Limiting Factors Predation; Climate

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on native plant species

but preferred Myriophyllum spp. in

laboratory tests.

Research Organization BCME

**References** 964, 1573

### **MALVACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Malvaceae

Species Abutilon theophrasti Medik.

Origin Asia

Common Name velvetleaf

**AGENT** 

Species Niesthrea Iouisianica Sailer

Classification (Heteroptera: Rhopalidae)

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1985

Established Yes

General Impact Variable

**Notes** At some locations, in combination with

pathogenic fungi significantly decreased seed viability and seedling emergence compared to either the insect or fungi alone. At other sites where large augmentative releases of insects made,

seed viability significantly reduced in area of establishment. As cold weather

slows insect population growth, re-introductions most practical.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization USDA (11)

**References** 1027, 1028, 1718

## **ONAGRACEAE**

| WEED Family Species                          | Onagraceae  Ludwigia adscendens (L.) H. Hara              |
|--|---|
| Past Names/Synonyms Origin Common Name       | Indo-Australia  |
| AGENT  | Altica foveicollis (Jacoby)                               |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Classification | Altica foeveicollis Jacoby<br>(Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae) |

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country Thailand
Year pre 1989
Established Yes
General Impact Heavy

Notes Augmentative releases resulted in

seasonal but satisfactory control.

Research Organization NBCRC

References 1326, 1328, 1329

## **OROBANCHACEAE**

| WEED  |   |
|---|---|
| Family Species Past Names/Synonyms Notes  Origin Common Name References | Orobanchaceae Orobanche cernua Loefl. var. cumana (Wallr.) Beck Orobanche cumana Wallr. In Russia and the Ukraine, the literature reports of releases made on both Orobanche cernua Loefl. and O. cumana Wallr. Orobanche cumana has since been synonomized with O. cernua Loefl. var. cumana (Wallr.) Beck. Consequently, releases in both Russia and the Ukraine are reported for C. cernua Loefl. var. cumana only. Eurasia broomrape, sunflower broomrape |
|   | 2011  |
| AGENT Species Classification  | Phytomyza orobanchia Kaltenbach (Diptera: Agromyzidae)  |

#### REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** Former Yugoslavia

Year 1960s
Established Yes

General Impact Medium

Notes Natural populations typically insufficient

to avoid economic damage by

Orobanche: consequently inun

Orobanche; consequently, inundative releases made to temporarily increase *Phytomyza* populations. Can achieve considerable control by destroying up to 96% of seeds. Populations limited by pagasition and low temporatures.

parasitism and low temperatures.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Climate

Research Organization PPIB

References 1085, 1098, 1716

#### **OROBANCHACEAE**

Orobanche cernua; Phytomyza orobanchia (continued)

#### REDISTRIBUTION

Country Romania

Year 1970s Established Yes

General Impact Medium

**Notes** Natural populations typically insufficient

to avoid economic damage by

Orobanche; consequently, inundative releases made to temporarily increase *Phytomyza* populations. Larvae can destroy up to 65% of seeds in some years. Mechanical separation of larvae from their parasites increased

effectiveness.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism **References** 1003

#### REDISTRIBUTION

Country Russia

**Year** 1960s

**Established** Yes **General Impact** Heavy

Notes Natural populations typically insufficient

to avoid economic damage by

Orobanche; consequently, inundative releases made to temporarily increase *Phytomyza* populations. Pupae collected and stored during winter and released before the emergence of new shoots in spring. Efforts made to exclude parasites. Provides substantial control of

infestations over a large area.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism **References** 994, 1015, 1098

#### **OROBANCHACEAE**

Orobanche cernua; Phytomyza orobanchia (continued)

#### REDISTRIBUTION

Country Ukraine

Year 1960s
Established Yes
General Impact Heavy

**Notes** Natural populations typically insufficient

to avoid economic damage by

Orobanche; consequently, inundative releases made to temporarily increase *Phytomyza* populations. Destroying up to 94% of peduncles, allowing significant yield increases for many crop species.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism **References** 629, 994, 1716

## **OROBANCHACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Family         | Orobanchaceae                   |
| Species        | Orobanche crenata Forsk.        |
| Origin         | Eurasia                         |
| Common Name    | broomrape, bean broomrape       |
|                |                                 |
| AGENT          |                                 |
| Species        | Phytomyza orobanchia Kaltenbach |
| Classification | (Diptera: Agromyzidae)          |
|                |                                 |

#### REDISTRIBUTION

Country Egypt **Year** 1999 Established Yes

General Impact Medium

**Notes** Led to capsule infestation rate of 70% by Phytomyza compared to 27% natural infestation rate in fields without releases. Larvae consumed all seeds within infested capsules. Though this led to decreased input into soil seed bank, insufficient to control weed

population completely.

Research Organization WRCL

**References** 24, 754, 1941

#### **OROBANCHACEAE**

Orobanche crenata; Phytomyza orobanchia (continued)

#### REDISTRIBUTION

Country Morocco

Year 1996 Established Yes

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Natural populations typically insufficient

to avoid economic damage by

Orobanche; consequently, inundative releases made to temporarily increase Phytomyza populations. Infested stems collected and stored during winter and released before the emergence of new shoots in spring. Can reduce viable seed production by 95% which controls the weed in low to moderate infested fields, but is still sufficient to contribute to seed bank (and is thus ineffective) in

highly infested fields.

Research Organization UHG

References 33, 994, 1941

## **OROBANCHACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Family         | Orobanchaceae                   |
| Species        | Orobanche spp.                  |
| Origin         | Eurasia                         |
| Common Name    | broomrape                       |
| AGENT          |                                 |
| Species        | Phytomyza orobanchia Kaltenbach |
| Classification | (Diptera: Agromyzidae)          |

#### REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** Turkmenistan

**Year** 1960s

Established Yes

General Impact Heavy

**Notes** Natural populations typically

insufficient to avoid economic damage by *Orobanche* spp.; consequently, inundative releases made to temporarily increase *Phytomyza* populations. Can achieve considerable control by destroying up to 100% of seeds.

References 994

## **OROBANCHACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                |                                      |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Family              | Orobanchaceae                        |
| Species             | Phelipanche aegyptiaca (Pers.) Pomel |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Orobanche aegyptiaca Pers.           |
| Origin              | Eurasia                              |
| Common Name         | broomrape                            |
| ACENT               |                                      |
| AGENT               |                                      |
| Species             | Phytomyza orobanchia Kaltenbach      |
| Classification      | (Diptera: Agromyzidae)               |

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country Uzbekistan Year 1970s

**Established** Yes **General Impact** Heavy

**Notes** Natural populations typically insufficient

to avoid economic damage by

Orobanche; consequently, inundative releases made to temporarily increase *Phytomyza* populations. Can achieve considerable control by destroying up to

89% of seeds.

References 994

### **OROBANCHACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Orobanchaceae

Species Phelipanche ramosa (L.) Pomel

Past Names/Synonyms Orobanche ramosa L.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name broomrape, branched broomrape

**References** 922, 1463

**AGENT** 

Species Phytomyza orobanchia Kaltenbach

Classification (Diptera: Agromyzidae)

**REDISTRIBUTION** 

**Country** Egypt

Year 2001

Established Yes

**General Impact** Medium

**Notes** Led to capsule infestation rate of

61% by *Phytomyza* compared to 33% natural infestation rate in fields without releases. Larvae consumed all seeds within infested capsules. Though this led to decreased input into soil seed bank, insufficient to control weed

population completely.

Research Organization WRCL

**References** 24, 754, 1941

#### **OROBANCHACEAE**

Phelipanche ramosa; Phytomyza orobanchia (continued)

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** Former Yugoslavia

Year 1960s Established Yes

General Impact Heavy

Notes Natural populations typically insufficient

to avoid economic damage by

Orobanche; consequently, inundative releases made to temporarily increase *Phytomyza* populations. Can achieve considerable control by destroying up to 96% of seeds. Populations limited by parasitism and low temperatures.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Climate

Research Organization PPIB

**References** 994, 1085, 1716

REDISTRIBUTION

Country Romania

Year 1970s

Established Yes
General Impact Slight

Notes Natural populations typically insufficient

to avoid economic damage by

Orobanche; consequently, inundative releases made to temporarily increase *Phytomyza* populations. Larvae can destroy up to 20% of seeds in some years. Mechanical separation of larvae from their parasites increased

effectiveness.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

References 1003

#### **OROBANCHACEAE**

Phelipanche ramosa; Phytomyza orobanchia (continued)

#### REDISTRIBUTION

Country Russia **Year** 1960s Established Yes

General Impact Medium

**Notes** Natural populations typically insufficient

to avoid economic damage by Orobanche; consequently, inundative releases made to temporarily increase Phytomyza populations. Achieving up to 80% control, allowing a significant increase in crop production. Widely

applied.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism Research Organization AUPPI

**References** 629, 994, 1015, 1098

#### REDISTRIBUTION

Country Ukraine **Year** 1950s Established Yes

**General Impact** Heavy

**Notes** Natural populations typically insufficient

to avoid economic damage by Orobanche; consequently, inundative releases made to temporarily increase Phytomyza populations. Destroying up to 94% of peduncles, allowing significant

yield increases for many crop species.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism **References** 629, 994, 1716

### **POACEAE**

| WEED Family Species Origin Common Name | Poaceae Spartina alterniflora Loisel. Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of North America, Caribbean, South America spartina, smooth cordgrass |
|--|--|
| · ·                                    | Prokelisia marginata (Van Duzee)<br>(Hemiptera: Delphacidae)   |

#### REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** United States of America

Year 2000 Established Yes **General Impact** Variable

Notes Redistributed from Spartina alterniflora in CA to WA. Additional populations from GA, RI, and VA USA released along with the CA population in order to ascertain best climatic fit for WA. Following release in WA, populations grew explosively during first summer and caused visible damage to plants by fall, including up to 50% reduced biomass and up to 90% reduction in seed viability. High overwintering mortality led to annual reductions of populations followed by steady annual increases at some populations, but extinctions at others. By 2007, aggressive treatment program resulted in herbicide application at all spartina-infested regions of WA.

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#### **POACEAE**

Spartina alterniflora; Prokelisia marginata (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Notes (continued) Whether Prokelisia marginata is capable

of persisting and suppressing sparse surviving shoots is unknown. Of the four populations experimentally released in 2004, RI and CA populations appeared most effective under WA conditions.

**Limiting Factors** Other control methods; Climate

Research Organization State (22,48)

**References** 609, 672, 674, 675, 676, 677, 1953

**WEED** 

Family Poaceae

Species Spartina anglica C. E. Hubb.

Notes Spartina anglica arose in England as

a result of chromosome doubling by Spartina ×townsendii H. & J. Groves, the sterile hybrid between the native European Spartina maritima (Curtis) Fernald and the introduced North American Spartina alterniflora Loisel.

Origin England

Common Name spartina, English cordgrass

**AGENT** 

Species Prokelisia marginata (Van Duzee)

Classification (Hemiptera: Delphacidae)

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** United States of America

Year 2003 Established Yes General Impact Variable

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**POACEAE** 

Spartina anglica; Prokelisia marginata (continued)

**Country** United States of America (continued)

Notes Redistributed from Spartina alterniflora

to S. anglica. Following release, populations typically grew explosively during their first summer and caused visible damage to the plants by fall, including up to 50% reduced biomass and up to 90% reduction in seed viability. High overwintering mortality led to annual reductions of populations followed by steady annual increases at some populations, but extinctions at others. By 2007, aggressive treatment program resulted in herbicide application at all spartina-infested regions of WA. Whether Prokelisia marginata is capable of persisting and suppressing sparse surviving shoots is unknown.

Limiting Factors Other control methods; Climate

Research Organization State (22,48) References 672, 677

## **POLYGONACEAE**

Family Polygonaceae
Species Rumex obtusifolius L.
Origin Eurasia
Common Name broadleaf dock

AGENT
Species Gastrophysa atrocyanea Motschulsky
Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

REDISTRIBUTION

Country Japan
Year 1976
Established Yes
General Impact Heavy

Notes Quickly established, multiplied and

spread. Populations of the beetle reached satisfactory levels within

4 years of release.

Research Organization MAF, PIJ

**References** 691, 1250, 1319, 1320

**REDISTRIBUTION** 

Country South Korea

Year 2007
Established Yes
General Impact Heavy

Notes Established rapidly in field of release.

Reduced final fresh weight and flower stalk formation by 80%; significantly

decreased seed production.

**References** 1429, 1430

#### **POLYGONACEAE**

Rumex obtusifolius (continued)

| AGENT          |   |
|----------------|---|
|                | Ostrinia palustralis memnialis (Walker) |
| Classification | (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)                |

#### REDISTRIBUTION

Country South Korea

Year 2007
Established Yes
General Impact Heavy

**Notes** Stem and root damage by larvae

resulted in death of over 98% of stems at release location within 30 days of

release.

**References** 1429, 1430

## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Family
Species
Common Name
Common Name

AGENT

Species

Acremonium zonatum (Sawada) W. Gams

Classification

Contederiaceae

Eichhornia crassipes (Mart.) Solms
South America
water hyacinth, waterhyacinth,
Majavani, keladi bunting, phak top
chawaa, sawah, ècèng, etjeng padi,
luc bình, beda bin, ye padauk

Acremonium zonatum (Sawada) W.
Gams
(Sordariomycetes: Hypocreales)

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country Mexico
Year pre 2006
Established Yes
General Impact Heavy

**Notes** Strain Mx-WH-26. In combination with *Cercospora piaropi* and *Neochetina* spp.

provided excellent control in a reservoir.

Research Organization IMTA
References 1163

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Bellura densa (Walker)
Past Names/Synonyms Arzama densa Walker
Classification (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

#### REDISTRIBUTION

Country United States of America

Year 1974
Established Yes
General Impact Variable

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Notes High populations, such as following augmentative releases, significantly reduced weed cover and biomass in some ponds, but had little impact on density or cover in others. Natural populations greatly hindered by parasitism, predation and disease.

Agent feeds on native and economically important species, precluding its use

elsewhere as biocontrol agent.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Predation; Disease

Other Species Attacked Feeds on taro (Colocasia esculenta (L.)

Schott), the native *Pontederia cordata* L., and other species in the Araceae and

Pontederiaceae.

**Research Organization** USAE, USDA (5), State (23)

**References** 241, 242, 304, 701, 1919, 1920

## **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Cercospora piaropi Tharp

Past Names/Synonyms Cercospora rodmanii Conway

Classification (Dothideomycetes: Capnodiales)

Notes Historically two species of Cercospora were recognized in discussions regarding fungal biological control of Eichhornia crassipes (Mart.) Solms: C. piaropi Tharp and C. rodmanii Conway. Recent studies suggest the pathogens may be the same, and C. rodmanii should be recognized as a later synonym for the currently accepted C. piaropi. Though disagreements and difficulties remain in this taxonomic group, the editors of this catalogue support the idea that the Cercospora pathogens utilized for biological control of E. crassipes are the same. Cercospora piaropi is among the most widespread and commonly found pathogens of E. crassipes worldwide. Consequently, only those countries where this species has been utilized/distributed intentionally are listed in this catalogue.

**References** 987, 1284, 1789

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Cercospora piaropi (continued)

#### REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** Mexico

Year pre 2006

Established Yes

**General Impact** Heavy

**Notes** Strain Mx-WH-15.1. In combination with

Acremonium zonatum and Neochetina

spp. provided excellent control in a

reservoir.

Research Organization IMTA

References 1163

#### REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** United States of America

**Year** 1973

Established Yes

**General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Capable of decreasing waterhyacinth biomass, and in some instances under right conditions has caused substantial decline of weed populations. Longterm success of this species with only a single application unlikely when the host growth is rapid. Combined feeding by the Neochetina weevils and infection with this fungus has additive effects. Patent obtained 1978, EPA Experimental Use Permit obtained 1979. Successful large-scale aerial application of Abbott formulation 1980. Not formally

registered as a bioherbicide.

Research Organization State (35)

**References** 242, 298, 329, 591, 1789

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Neochetina bruchi Hustache

Classification (Coleoptera: Erirhinidae)

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** Argentina

Year 1974

Established Yes

General Impact Heavy

**Notes** After six years water surface cover of

weed reduced from 50% to at most 8%.

Research Organization USDA (13)

References 463

REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** Bolivia

Year pre 1995

Established Yes

General Impact Unknown

**Notes** Weevils introduced from warmer regions

(Santa Cruz de la Sierra) where weed not problematic, to temperate regions (Tarija) where weed is serious problem

in summer. Impact unknown.

Research Organization FAO

References 1044

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Neochetina eichhorniae Warner

Classification (Coleoptera: Erirhinidae)

**REDISTRIBUTION** 

Country Bolivia

Year pre 1995

Established Yes

General Impact Unknown

**Notes** Weevils introduced from warmer regions

(Santa Cruz de la Sierra) where weed not problematic, to temperate regions (Tarija) where weed is serious problem

in summer. Impact unknown.

Research Organization FAO

References 1044

## **ROSACEAE**

**WEED** Family Rosaceae Species Rosa multiflora Thunb. Origin Asia Common Name multiflora rose **AGENT** Species Phyllocoptes fructiphilus Keifer Classification (Acari: Eriophyidae)

#### REDISTRIBUTION

**Country** United States of America

Year post 1968

Established Yes

General Impact Variable

Notes The mite transmits a virus that causes rose rosette disease (RRD), though the disease is spread by grafting as well. Both the mite and disease have spread widely on their own and by artificial means. The disease takes ~ 2-6 years to kill Rosa multiflora. Large infected plants can still successfully produce seed, perpetuating the weed population. Mites can only effectively transmit the disease when feeding on rapidly growing plants, which only occurs in the spring or after abundant rainfall. Dispersing mites do not infect many plants that are greater than ~100 m from heavily infested plants, so geographic spread of RRD is relatively slow except within densely populated patches. (continued at top of next column)

#### ROSACEAE

Rosa multiflora; Phyllocoptes fructiphilus (continued)

United States of America (continued)

Notes (continued) Public concern over risk of damage to

commercial, ornamental, and native roses has prevented efforts to further distribute the disease or mite, though both are continuing to spread on their

own.

Limiting Factors Plant stage

Other Species Attacked Also infects native, ornamental, and

commercial roses.

**Research Organization** State (47,44,46,41)

References 31, 518, 547, 1448, 1698, 1806, 1897,

1995

## **SOLANACEAE**

| WEED                |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Family              | Solanaceae   |
| Species             | Solanum elaeagnifolium Cav.                                |
| Origin              | North America, South America                               |
| Common Name         | silverleaf nightshade, satansbos                           |
| AGENT               |  |
| Species             | Ditylenchus phyllobius (Thorne)                            |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Nothanguina phyllobia Thorne,<br>Orrina phyllobia (Thorne) |
| Classification      | (Tylenchida: Anguinidae)                                   |
| References          | 544, 581   |

#### **REDISTRIBUTION**

**Country** United States of America

Year 1974
Established Yes
General Impact Heavy

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Notes Inoculation led to rapid spread of nematodes which resulted in reduced plant biomass and density. Nematode activity depends on moist conditions. This weed species and its agent are

native to the USA.

Limiting Factors Habitat; Land use (moist conditions

needed)

Research Organization USDA (6)

**References** 544, 1363, 1405, 1577

## **VERBENACEAE**

| WEED                        |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Family                      | Verbenaceae   |
| Species                     | Lantana camara L. sens. lat.  |
| Past Names/Synonyms         | Lantana camara subsp. aculeata<br>Moldenke, Lantana camara var.<br>aculeata (L.) Moldenke, Lantana<br>aculeata L., Lantana camara aculeata  |
| Notes                       | Comprises a complex of horticultural/<br>weedy hybrids and closely related<br>species within the section Camara.  |
| Origin                      | Original parent species likely native to tropical Americas  |
| Common Name                 | lantana, kauboica, tataramoa, bands,<br>guphul, nagaairi, phullaki, putus,<br>tantbi, vieille fille, chiponiwe (Shona),<br>tick berry, bahug-bahug, sapinit, pha-<br>ka-krong, talamoa, prickly lantana |
| AGENT                       |   |
| Species Past Names/Synonyms | ,   |
| Classification              | · P · V · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   |

## **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Aceria lantanae (continued)

## **REDISTRIBUTION**

Country United States of America

Year pre 1976

Established Yes

General Impact Unknown

**Notes** Intentionally utilized in the 1970s,

though native to FL so populations already widespread in south. Heavy infestations observed after an exceptionally wet season in 1998, resulted in large stands of lantana being devoid of mature flowers. Results of intentional redistributions in 1970s

unknown.

Research Organization FDA

**References** 66, 474, 973, 1698

# TABLE 3. PREVIOUSLY USED OR POTENTIAL AGENTS FOUND IN EXOTIC RANGES WHERE THEIR DELIBERATE RELEASE IS NOT RECORDED

## Identification/Release Information

Entries are listed alphabetically according to the country where the agent was recorded as established, accompanied by the year the agent was first recorded, when known. In some instances, organisms initially introduced accidentally or illegally into a country were subsequently approved for redistribution within that country by the appropriate authorities. In these instances, the first year of intentional redistribution is also given. The original source of each species is typically not known and is listed as such. However, in some cases, the pathway of accidental introduction is known for certain. For these cases, the source of the accidental/adventive population is given, preceded by "Ex." When the population did not originate directly from the agent's native range, the countries or regions from where it originated are given, preceded by "via". For example, a species that originated in Argentina and was intentionally introduced into India prior to the agent naturally crossing the border from India into Nepal would be stated as: Nepal Ex. Argentina via India.

## **Current Status**

Establishment of each species is given when known, but is typically "Yes" for all entries on this list. The current abundance and impact of established agents are then stated using key choices pre-determined for the ease of quick data summary. Agent abundance is represented by seven categories: Rare, Limited, Moderate, High, Variable, Too early post release, and Unknown. Agent impact is represented by eight categories: None, Slight, Medium, Heavy, Variable, Too early post release, and Unknown. In order to place the agent impact into a geographical context, the scale of impact is also provided. The four categories for scale of impact include: Localized, Regional, Widespread throughout range, and Unknown. Because the choices selected for abundance, impact, and scale of impact are subjective estimates by the editors, an additional notes section is provided which includes a brief summary of the status for each release system. Abbreviations used in the notes section to denote sub-regions of a country are provided along with their corresponding regions at the front of this catalogue immediately following the Table of Contents. If the biocontrol agent has been observed in the field attacking plant species other than those targeted for control, this information is included. Likewise, factors believed to limit the efficacy of any particular release are listed when known.

## **ANACARDIACEAE**

| WEED           |  |
|----------------|--|
| Family         | Anacardiaceae  |
| Species        | Schinus terebinthifolius Raddi   |
| Origin         | South America  |
| Common Name    | christmas berry, Brazilian pepper tree,<br>Brazilian holly, wilelaiki, Florida holly |
| AGENT          |  |
| Species        | Megastigmus transvaalensis (Hussey)  |
| Classification | (Hymenoptera: Torymidae)   |

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Hawaii USA

Year First Recorded 1971

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Overall damage to seeds moderate;

fluctuates between 10% and 80%,

depending on time of year.

References 93, 793, 796, 1617, 1964

## **ANACARDIACEAE**

Schinus terebinthifolius; Megastigmus transvaalensis (continued)

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1961

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed pre 2011

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Redistributed within FL. Wasp damage

prevents seed germination. In FL, damage to drupes ranges from 22-76%; attack varies by season and location.

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the exotic Schinus

molle L. in CA.

Research Organization State (3), USDA (4)

**References** 372, 374, 702, 1617, 1964

## **APIACEAE**

| WEED           |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Family         | Apiaceae                            |
| Species        | Conium maculatum L.                 |
| Origin         | Eurasia                             |
| Common Name    | poison hemlock, hemlock             |
| AGENT          |                                     |
| Species        | Agonopterix alstroemeriana (Clerck) |
| Classification | (Lepidoptera: Oecophoridae)         |

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found New Zealand

Year First Recorded 1986

**Source** Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1993

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Variable

Notes Redistributed throughout both North

and South Islands. Feeding on flowers

reduces seed production. Widespread and commonly causing complete

defoliation in some areas, though impact

only limited at other sites.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 720, 761, 818, 1064

## **APIACEAE**

Conium maculatum; Agonopterix alstroemeriana (continued)

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1973

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed post 1984

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Slight

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Commercially available for purchase

so redistributions have occurred in numerous states in numerous years. In Pacific Northwest can reduce seed production and cause severe defoliation. Changes in stand density

not documented.

**Research Organization** State (4,9,14,15)

**References** 107, 229, 332, 334, 896, 1105, 1502,

1524

## **APOCYNACEAE**

| WEED        |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Family      | Apocynaceae                       |
| Species     | Cryptostegia grandiflora R. Br.   |
| Origin      | Madagascar                        |
| Common Name | rubber vine                       |
| AGENT       |                                   |
| Species     | Maravalia cryptostegiae (Cummins) |
|             | Ono                               |

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found Papua New Guinea

Year First Recorded 2011

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Contrai impact Children

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Found infecting ornamental *Cryptostegia* 

grandiflora growing in Port Moresby.

References 1403

## **ARACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Araceae

Species Pistia stratiotes L.

Origin tropical Americas, Asia, Malesia,

Australia (NT)

Common Name water lettuce, Nile cabbage, chok,

jawg

**AGENT** 

Species Neohydronomus affinis Hustache

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Cote d'Ivoire

Year First Recorded 1997

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

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Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Deliberately released in 1998, though

found to already be present in some regions likely as a result of natural spread from Ghana. Populations subsequently not differentiated. Less than two years post release, *Neohydronomus affinis* had controlled the weed at the six major infestations

that were inspected.

Research Organization IITA

**References** 939, 1347

## **ARACEAE**

Pistia stratiotes; Neohydronomus affinis (continued)

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found Zambia Year First Recorded 1991

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes Abundance High **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Intentionally released in 1991, at which

time weevil found to be already present. Both populations subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Providing excellent control in the region of release.

**References** 1314, 1587

## **ASPARAGACEAE**

| WEED    |   |
|---------|---|
| Origin  | Asparagaceae Asparagus asparagoides (L.) Druce southern Africa bridal creeper, smilax |
| AGENT   | bildar Greeper, Sillilax  |
| Species | Puccinia myrsiphylli (Thüm.) Wint. (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)                     |

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found New Zealand

Year First Recorded 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes After accidental introduction, spread naturally throughout majority of weed's

range. Damage typically severe, causing up to 100% premature defoliation.

Research Organization MWLR

**References** 721, 722, 761, 1927

| WEED                        |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Family                      | Asteraceae  |
| Species                     | Ageratina adenophora (Spreng.) R. M. King & H. Rob.                                 |
| Past Names/Synonyms         | Eupatorium adenophorum Spreng.,<br>Eupatorium glandulosum Michx.                    |
| Origin                      | Mexico  |
| Common Name                 | crofton weed, Mexican devil weed,<br>Maui pamakani, pamakani, banmara               |
|                             |   |
| AGENT                       |   |
| AGENT                       | Passalora ageratinae Crous & A.R.<br>Wood   |
|                             | Wood  |
| Species                     | Wood  |
| Species Past Names/Synonyms | Wood<br>Phaeoramularia sp.  |
| Species Past Names/Synonyms | Wood Phaeoramularia sp. Cercospora eupatorii Peck, Phaeoramularia eupatorii-odorati |

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Australia
Year First Recorded 1954

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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## **ASTERACEAE**

Ageratina adenophora; Passalora ageratinae (continued)

**Country Found** Australia (continued)

**Notes** First detected in 1954, though probably

carried by *Procecidochares utilis* adult flies when they were introduced in 1952 from Mexico via Hawaii. Likely to have spread beyond NSW, though no specimens have officially been collected. Has led to successful control of *Ageratina adenophora*, which is now far less invasive and regarded as only a

minor weed.

**References** 513, 1216, 1223, 1307, 1989

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Hawaii USA

Year First Recorded 1945

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Undocumented in Hawaii until 1956 on

MA when Australians traced the origin of their fungus as likely arriving via Hawaiian collections of *Procecidochares utilis*. Abundance and impact on MA

unknown.

**References** 325, 362, 513, 1307

## **ASTERACEAE**

Ageratina adenophora; Passalora ageratinae (continued)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found India
Year First Recorded 1963

Source Ex. Unknown via Hawaii USA via

Australia via New Zealand

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1307

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Nepal **Year First Recorded** 1984

Source Ex. Unknown via Hawaii USA via

Australia via New Zealand via India

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1307

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** New Zealand

Year First Recorded 1958

Source Ex. Unknown via Hawaii USA via

Australia

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

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## **ASTERACEAE**

Ageratina adenophora; Passalora ageratinae (continued)

**Country Found** New Zealand (continued)

Notes Probably carried by Procecidochares

utilis adult flies when they were introduced from Mexico via Hawaii via Australia in 1958, though not officially recorded as present until 1962.

Established throughout range of weed. No formal impact evaluation occurred so unknown if subsequent decrease in weed due entirely to impact from fungus

and fly, or changes in land management.

Research Organization DSIR

**References** 761, 807, 1307

INTRODUCTION

Country Found People's Republic of China

Year First Recorded 1984

Source Ex. Unknown via Hawaii USA via

Australia via New Zealand via India via

Nepal

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Causes reductions in the photosynthetic

rate, transpiration rate and chlorophyll content, thus reducing plant height and number of leaves and flowers. However,

overall impact to weed populations

unknown.

**References** 1307, 2062

Ageratina adenophora (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Procecidochares utilis Stone

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Nepal **Year First Recorded** 1973

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

via New Zealand via India

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Causes some reduction in vigor, growth,

and density of the plant; however, heavy parasitism has reduced agent efficacy.

**References** 763, 965, 1307, 1935

**ASTERACEAE** 

Ageratina adenophora; Procecidochares utilis (continued)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found People's Republic of China

Year First Recorded 1984

**Source** Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

via New Zealand via India via Nepal

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1985

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Spread naturally via Nepal, but

subsequently tested for host specificity, mass produced, and redistributed intentionally. Established readily and spread rapidly. Despite infestation rates up to 75%, overall impact minimal. Populations have since decreased due

to native parasitoids.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization KIEC

**References** 763, 920, 1307, 1935, 2062, 2063

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

## **WEED**

Family Asteraceae

Species Ageratina riparia (Regel) R. M. King &

H. Rob.

Past Names/Synonyms Eupatorium riparium Regel

Origin Mexico

Common Name mistflower, Hamakua pamakani,

creeping crofton weed

**AGENT** 

Entyloma ageratinae Barreto & Evans Species

**Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms** Cercosporella ageratina,

Cercosporella sp.

Classification (Exobasidiomycetes: Entylomatales)

## INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Australia Year First Recorded 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed Y

Year Redistributed 2011

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Variable

Notes Prior to accidental introduction, had been candidate for introduction and study. Under optimal weather conditions conducive for epidemic development has been recorded to reduce mistflower density to less than 5% of former abundance, seeing a return of other

plant species. Not as effective in pastures with high light availability.

Habitat: Climate Limiting Factors

**CSIRO** Research Organization

References 413, 1261, 1268, 1623, 1625

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family Asteraceae

Species Ambrosia artemisiifolia L.

Origin North America

Common Name common ragweed, ragweed, annual

ragweed

## **AGENT**

Species Ophraella communa LeSage Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Japan Year First Recorded 1996

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Prefers Ambrosia artemisiifolia

which it can completely defoliate. Will attack/reproduce on A. trifida when A. artemisiifolia defoliated, and adults will feed slightly on Xanthium strumarium for survival in absence of preferred Ambrosia spp. Effects of complete defoliation to A. artemisiifolia

populations unknown.

**Other Species Attacked** Prefers Ambrosia artemisiifolia L. but

> will attack/reproduce on the exotic A. trifida L. and adults will feed slightly on the exotic Xanthium strumarium L. Introduced Helianthus spp. attacked

rarely.

**References** 483, 1271, 1938, 2042, 2043

Ambrosia artemisiifolia; Ophraella communa (continued)

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found People's Republic of China

Year First Recorded 2001

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed Y
Year Redistributed 2007
Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Significantly damages weed throughout

agent's range, especially moist/humid regions. In combination with *Epiblema strenuana*, control of weed population

often complete.

Limiting Factors Climate
Research Organization CAAS-BCI

**References** 624, 696, 697, 2063, 2064, 2065

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found South Korea

Year First Recorded 2000

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Currently everywhere in Korea; not

intentionally redistributed as doing very

well without human intervention.

**References** 697, 1316, 1708, 1709, 2043

### **ASTERACEAE**

Ambrosia artemisiifolia (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Ponometia candefacta (Hübner)

Past Names/Synonyms Tarachidia candefacta (Hübner)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

## INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Bulgaria **Year First Recorded** 2011

Source Ex. Canada, USA (CA) via Russia via

Ukraine

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

**Established** Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization AUPPI, AAFC, ZIAS, State (5)

References 628, 640, 1014, 1015, 1020, 1168, 1568,

1774

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Romania

Year First Recorded 2011

Source Ex. Canada, USA (CA) via Russia via

Ukraine

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization AUPPI, AAFC, ZIAS, State (5)

References 628, 640, 1014, 1015, 1020, 1168, 1568,

1774

## **ASTERACEAE**

Ambrosia artemisiifolia; Ponometia candefacta (continued)

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found Ukraine
Year First Recorded 1999

Source Ex. Canada, USA (CA) via Russia

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes

**Abundance** Rare **General Impact** None

Research Organization AUPPI, AAFC, ZIAS, State (5)

**References** 628, 640, 1014, 1015, 1020, 1168, 1520,

1568

## **AGENT**

Species Pustula tragopogonis (Pers.) Thines

Past Names/Synonyms Albugo tragopogonis (Pers.) Gray Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Pustula obtusata (Link) Rost,

Albugo tragopogi (Pers.) S. F. Gray

Classification (Incertae sedis: Albuginales)

**References** 538, 987, 1714, 1792

### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Russia
Year First Recorded 1965

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Early reports described 90% reduction

in plant weight and 95-100% reduction in seed production following field applications. More recently damage levels of 12% to 17% have been reported when used as a bioherbicide.

References 624, 750, 1017, 1568, 1923

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Ambrosia trifida L.
Origin North America

Common Name giant ragweed

**AGENT** 

Species Ophraella communa LeSage

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Japan **Year First Recorded** 1998

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Prefers Ambrosia artemisiifolia but will

attack/reproduce on *A. trifida* when *A. artemisiifolia* completely defoliated.
Adults will feed only slightly on *Xanthium strumarium* for survival in absence of

preferred Ambrosia spp.

Other Species Attacked Prefers Ambrosia artemisiifolia L. but

will attack/reproduce on the exotic *A. trifida* L. and adults will feed slightly on the exotic *Xanthium strumarium* L. Introduced *Helianthus* spp. attacked

rarely.

**References** 483, 1271, 1938, 2043

Ambrosia trifida; Ophraella communa (continued)

### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** South Korea

Year First Recorded 2000

Source Fx. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes **Abundance** High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Currently everywhere in Korea; not

intentionally redistributed as doing very well without human intervention.

**References** 697, 1316, 1708, 1709, 2043

## **AGENT**

Species Puccinia xanthii Schwein, f.sp.

ambrosiae-trifidae S.W.T. Batra

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** People's Republic of China

Year First Recorded 2002

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Initially only occurred in restricted

localities. A subsequent outbreak caused withering of foliage and

significant reduction of weed populations

due to premature death. At high

concentrations, serious dieback occurs.

**References** 624, 1118

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Campuloclinium macrocephalum

(Less.) DC.

Origin South America

Common Name pompom weed

**AGENT** 

Species Puccinia eupatorii Dietel

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Republic of South Africa

Year First Recorded 2006

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 2008

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Too early post release

Notes Under investigation as potential agent

when discovered already established. Has since spread widely. A study initiated to measure field impact of the rust included deliberate augmentation to boost abundance and ensure equitable levels of infection at each of the study sites. Though now widely dispersed, still

too early to determine overall impact.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 471, 992, 1198, 1200, 2006

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |                                       |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Family         | Asteraceae                            |
| Species        | Carduus tenuiflorus Curtis            |
| Origin         | western Europe, northern Africa       |
| Common Name    | winged thistle, slenderflower thistle |
|                |                                       |
| AGENT          |                                       |
| Species        | Puccinia carduorum Jacky              |
| Classification | (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)        |

## INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 1951

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

**Established** Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes This strain specific to Carduus

tenuiflorus though its overall impact on

this species unknown.

**Research Organization** State (14)

**References** 183, 620, 621, 1506, 1943

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| Species<br>Origin | Asteraceae  Centaurea cyanus L.  Eurasia  cornflower, bachelor's button |
|-------------------|---|
|                   | Urophora quadrifasciata (Meigen) (Diptera: Tephritidae)                 |

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 1979

Source Ex. Russia via Canada

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Found infesting Centaurea spp., spread

naturally to *C. cyanus*. Attacks more than 30% of capitula in WA. Reduced seed production at this rate not likely to impact overall population as higher attack rates by *Urophora* spp. on more preferred *Centaurea* hosts insufficient to reduce stand densities. Impact minimal

in OR.

Research Organization State (9,15)

**References** 332, 334, 335, 1502, 1509, 1735, 1736

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| Origin        | Asteraceae  Centaurea diffusa Lam.  Eurasia  diffuse knapweed       |
|---------------|---|
| AGENT Species | Puccinia jaceae var. diffusae Savile (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales) |

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Canada **Year First Recorded** 1988

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Widespread in BC; dispersed 1400

km in 7 years. More abundant in moist conditions and only virulent on seedlings on which it decreases root and leaf

biomass.

**References** 117, 2051

## **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea diffusa; Puccinia jaceae (continued)

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1996

Source Ex. Unknown via Canada

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Erratically infects from 1-62% of plants.

Although most infected plants remain vigorous, some plants become severely infected and debilitated. Overall impact

on population minor.

**References** 332, 929, 2018

## **ASTERACEAE** Centaurea diffusa (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species

Urophora quadrifasciata (Meigen)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1979

Source Fx. Russia via Canada

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed post 1979

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Spread naturally from releases made in Canada. Officially approved for

redistribution in the USA in 1989. Well established throughout most Centaurea diffusa and C. stoebe sens. lat.-infested areas of USA, particularly the Northwest. More widely distributed than Urophora affinis but less abundant. Together they contribute to seed reduction of more than 50% at some sites. Seed reduction may retard rate at which weed spreads,

but has not appreciably lowered stand density because sufficient seeds remain. Not considered as important or effective

as Larinus spp. on this weed, and frequently inferior competitor to Larinus

spp. and Metzneria.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition

**Research Organization** State (6,7,9,14,15), USDA (10) **References** 39, 332, 335, 929, 1501, 1509, 1512,

1578, 1635, 1735, 2018

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                          |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Family                        | Asteraceae  |
| Species                       | Centaurea jacea L. nothosubsp. pratensis (W.D.J. Koch) Čelak.   |
| Past Names/Synonyms           | Centaurea ×moncktonii C. E. Britton,<br>Centaurea jacea x nigra   |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | Centaurea pratensis auct. N. Amer.  |
| Notes                         | Meadow knapweed represents an array of intermediates derived by hybridization and backcrossing among the various cytotypes of the <i>Centaurea jacea</i> complex. |
| Origin                        | Europe  |
| Common Name                   | meadow knapweed, Protean<br>knapweed, Bemis grass   |
| References                    | 974   |
| AGENT Species                 | Urophora quadrifasciata (Meigen)  |

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

Year First Recorded 1979

Source Ex. Russia via Canada

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1983

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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Centaurea jacea; Urophora quadrifasciata (continued)

**Country Found** United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Spread naturally from releases made in Canada. Officially approved for redistribution in the USA in 1989. Well established at one site in CA where impact on seed production only minor and less than Larinus spp. Infests up to 40% seed heads in OR where impact is insignificant. More effective and widespread in WA. Differentiation between brown and meadow knapweed often difficult in WA and other parts of Pacific Northwest. Additional attention required to confirm identities of past reported infestations.

**Research Organization** State (9,15)

38, 39, 332, 334, 335, 1502, 1509, References

1578, 2020, 2033

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Centaurea jacea L. subsp. jacea

Past Names/Synonyms Centaurea jacea L.

> Origin Europe

Common Name brown knapweed

**AGENT** 

Urophora quadrifasciata (Meigen) Species

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

INTRODUCTION

United States of America **Country Found** 

Year First Recorded 1979

Source Ex. Russia via Canada

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1983

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Spread naturally from releases made in Canada. Officially approved for redistribution in the USA in 1989. Widespread in OR where larvae feed on seeds but do not harm plant. Reduced seed production at this rate not likely to impact overall population as higher attack rates by *Urophora* spp. on more preferred Centaurea hosts insufficient to reduce stand densities. Abundance limited in WA. Differentiation between brown and meadow knapweed often difficult in WA and other parts of Pacific Northwest. Additional attention required to confirm identities of past reported

Research Organization State (15)

**References** 38, 332, 335, 1509, 1736

infestations.

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

## **WEED** Family Asteraceae Species Centaurea solstitialis L. Origin Eurasia, Mediterranean Common Name yellow starthistle **AGENT** Chaetorellia succinea (Costa) Species Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 1991

Source Ex. Greece

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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## **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea solstitialis; Chaetorellia succinea (continued)

**Country Found** United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Unintended introduction via contaminated seed heads thought to contain Chaetorellia australis. Redistributed unknowingly along with C. australis. Often considered a more voracious seed predator than Eustenopus villosus. Larval feeding typically destroys up to 80% of seeds within attacked seed heads and decreases pollinator visitation. E. villosus oviposition deters C. succinea oviposition. In conjunction with E. villosus. can reduce seed

production by >70% overall. Only at low initial plant densities can this impact the population growth; at many study sites plants compensate for decreased seedling density by growing larger and producing more seeds. Consumes higher proportion of seeds when plants uninfected with Puccinia jacea var.

solstitialis.

**Limiting Factors** 

Interspecific competition

Other Species Attacked

Found causing minimal damage to an uncommon variety of safflower in CA. Also attacks the exotic Centaurea melitensis L. and C. sulfurea Willd. Not

approved for redistribution.

Research Organization USDA (7), State (6,9,14,15)

**References** 76, 78, 79, 124, 616, 1369, 1514, 1515,

1765, 1767

**ASTERACEAE** (continued)

### **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea solstitialis (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Urophora quadrifasciata (Meigen)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1991

Source Ex. Russia via Canada

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Rare

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** First identified on other *Centaurea* spp., spread naturally to C. solstitialis. May attack C. solstitialis elsewhere in its range, but only documented doing so in SW Oregon where it infests less than

1% of plants.

Research Organization State (15)

**References** 332, 334, 335, 335, 1509

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Centaurea spp.

Notes Spans several species including

Centaurea jacea L. subsp. jacea, Centaurea jacea L. subsp. nigra (L.) Bonnier & Layens, and Centaurea jacea L. nothosubsp. pratensis

(W.D.J. Koch) Čelak.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name black knapweed, brown knapweed,

meadow knapweed

**AGENT** 

Species Urophora jaceana L.

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Year First Recorded 1937

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1987

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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## **ASTERACEAE**

Centaurea spp.; Urophora jaceana (continued)

**Country Found** Canada (continued)

**Notes** Adventively established in Maritimes on Centaurea jacea and C. jacea subsp. nigra, most likely from Europe. Intentionally redistributed to BC on what was believed to be C. jacea subsp. jacea but has since been identified as C. jacea nothosubsp. pratensis. Initially established in BC for one year following release but not seen subsequently. In NS, 75% seed heads attacked. Similar to other *Urophora* spp., galls stunt plant growth and decrease seed production. In other knapweed systems in Canada, high fly populations led to no apparent decline in plant density even though flies reduced knapweed seed production substantially. Parasitism helps regulate populations of this agent.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 153, 205, 727, 739, 742, 1299,

1645

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Centaurea stoebe L. sens. lat.

Past Names/Synonyms Centaurea stoebe L. subsp.

micranthos (Gulger) Hayek, Centaurea maculosa Lam.

**Notes** The two cytotypes of *Centaurea* 

stoebe L. sens. lat. are recognized as different species: C. stoebe L. is the appropriate name for the diploid form present throughout Europe while the appropriate nomenclature for the tetraploid form invasive in North America remains to be resolved. The editors of this catalogue will refer to this species as Centaurea stoebe

sens. lat. until the resolution is made.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name spotted knapweed

References 1296

**AGENT** 

Species Urophora quadrifasciata (Meigen)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

1979 Year First Recorded

Source Ex. Russia via Canada

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed post 1979

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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Centaurea stoebe; Urophora quadrifasciata (continued)

## **Country Found** United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Spread naturally from releases made in Canada. Officially approved for redistribution in the USA in 1989. Well established throughout most Centaurea diffusa and C. stoebe sens. lat.-infested areas of USA, particularly the Northwest. More widely distributed than Urophora affinis but less abundant. Together they contribute to seed reduction of more than 50% at some sites. Seed reduction may retard rate at which weed spreads, but has not appreciably lowered stand density because sufficient seeds remain. At other sites, direct effect of Urophora galls on seed production negligible. Not considered as important or effective as Larinus spp. on this weed, and frequently inferior competitor to Larinus spp. and Metzneria.

# Research Organization

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition

State (6,7,9,14,15), USDA (7,10,14) **References** 39, 332, 335, 1005, 1501, 1509, 1512, 1578, 1635, 1728, 1732, 1735, 1736,

1992, 2001, 2025

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Centaurea virgata Lam. subsp. Species

squarrosa (Boiss.) Gugler

Past Names/Synonyms Centaurea squarrosa Willd.

> Eurasia, Asia Minor Origin

Common Name squarrose knapweed

**AGENT** 

**Species** Urophora quadrifasciata (Meigen)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

INTRODUCTION

United States of America **Country Found** 

Year First Recorded 1979

Source Ex. Russia via Canada

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1989

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

**General Impact** Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Spread naturally from releases made Notes

> in Canada. Officially approved for redistribution in the USA in 1989. Though widely distributed, populations not as high as Urophora affinis. Only somewhat effective causing seed reductions in CA. Seed reduction may retard rate at which weed spreads, but has not appreciably lowered stand density of other more highly attacked knapweed spp. because sufficient seeds

remain.

Research Organization State (9,14,15,21), USDA (10) References 332, 335, 1509, 1572, 1580, 1736,

1912, 2016, 2017, 2031, 2033

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

WEED

Family Asteraceae

Species Chondrilla juncea L.

Notes There are three forms of this

weed in Australia: narrow-leaf (A) which was initially most common, intermediate-leaf (B), broad-leaf (C). Seven genotypes of this weed are recognized in North America; five in the Pacific Northwest and two on the

East Coast.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name skeleton weed, rush skeletonweed

AGENT

Species Aceria chondrillae (Canestrini)

Past Names/Synonyms Eriophyes chondrillae (Canestrini)

Classification (Acari: Eriophyidae)

References 32, 1698

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Year First Recorded 1993

Source Ex. Italy via USA

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1993

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Chondrilla juncea; Aceria chondrillae (continued)

**Country Found** Canada (continued)

**Notes** Spread naturally to Canada following

releases made in USA in 1977 and redistributed intentionally within BC though it was not a deliberately petitioned and introduced agent. Though established at multiple locations in BC, weed populations are persisting. Mite abundance is low and overall

abundance is limited.

Research Organization BCME

**References** 117, 437, 735, 1698

AGENT

Species Puccinia chondrillina Bubák & Syd.

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Year First Recorded 1992

Source Ex. Italy via USA

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

**Established** Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Can stunt and reduce density of young

plants. More effective in high moisture areas and in regions where infected overwintering rosettes are not killed by harsh temperatures. Though widespread in BC, weed populations are persisting.

Limiting Factors Climate
References 117, 437

Climate

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family Asteraceae

Species Chromolaena odorata (L.) R. M. King

& H. Rob.

Past Names/Synonyms Eupatorium odoratum (L.)

Notes Two biotypes of Chromolaena odorata have been identified. The form in southern Africa (SA) differs substantially both morphologically and in its higher cold tolerance from the more widespread invasive form found in Asia and West and Central Africa (A/WA). While the widespread A/WA biotype can be found throughout the tropical Americas and the Caribbean, recent molecular studies provide strong support for a Cuban or Jamaican origin for the SA biotype.

Origin Caribbean, tropical and subtropical

Americas

**Common Name** chromolaena, Siam weed, triffid weed,

paraffienbos, kirinyu, kumpai jepang, rumput gol kar, sam-solokh, sap sua, ya-su'a-mop, Akyeampong weed, hagonoy, agonoi, huluhagonoi, pokok Tjerman, Awolowo weed, cò hoi

#### **AGENT**

Species Acalitus adoratus Keifer Classification (Acari: Eriophyidae)

Notes Likely accidentally introduced to Malaysia along with the intentionally released Apion brunneonigrum from Trinidad, from where it spread throughout Southeast Asia and the

Pacific. References 1221

## **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata; Acalitus adoratus (continued)

### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Bangladesh

Year First Recorded 2009

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

**References** 1213, 2054

#### INTRODUCTION

Federated States of Micronesia **Country Found** 

1988 Year First Recorded

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

References 1213, 1221, 1306, 1309, 2054

Chromolaena odorata; Acalitus adoratus (continued)

### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Guam **Year First Recorded** 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

**References** 1213, 1309, 2054

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** India **Year First Recorded** 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

**References** 1213, 1309, 2054

### **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata; Acalitus adoratus (continued)

### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Indonesia **Year First Recorded** 1991

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

**References** 1213, 1221, 2054

### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Laos Year First Recorded 2009

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

**References** 1213, 1221, 2054

Chromolaena odorata; Acalitus adoratus (continued)

### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Malaysia
Year First Recorded 1970s

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

References 1213, 1221, 2054

### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Myanmar **Year First Recorded** 2009

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though rapidly established and dispersed throughout Southeast Asia

and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

**References** 1213, 2054

### **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata; Acalitus adoratus (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Northern Mariana Islands

Year First Recorded 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

References 418, 1213, 1304, 1309, 2054

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Palau **Year First Recorded** 1998

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

**References** 1213, 1304, 1306, 1309, 2054

## **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata; Acalitus adoratus (continued)

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found Papua New Guinea

Year First Recorded 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

**References** 419, 1213, 1309, 2054

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found People's Republic of China

Year First Recorded 1991

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

**References** 1213, 1221, 2054

## **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata; Acalitus adoratus (continued)

### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Philippines

Year First Recorded 1987

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

**References** 1213, 1221, 2054

### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Singapore

Year First Recorded 2009

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

**References** 418, 1213, 2054

Chromolaena odorata; Acalitus adoratus (continued)

### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Taiwan **Year First Recorded** 1992

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

References 1048, 1213, 2054

### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Thailand **Year First Recorded** 1984

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes

Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though rapidly established and dispersed throughout Southeast Asia

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

References 1213, 1221, 1309, 1332, 2054

### **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata; Acalitus adoratus (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Timor Leste

Year First Recorded 2003

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes

Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

**References** 1213, 2054

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Vietnam **Year First Recorded** 2009

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Though rapidly established and

dispersed throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific, efficacy in reducing vigor and growth of the plant limited.

**References** 1213, 2054

## **ASTERACEAE**

Chromolaena odorata (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Pareuchaetes pseudoinsulata Rego

Barros

Classification (Lepidoptera: Erebidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Brunei

Year First Recorded 1985

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 288, 1939, 2054

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found Philippines** 

Year First Recorded 1985

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1995

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Spread naturally throughout Philippines

by 1994 but also redistributed

intentionally by 1995. Populations

typically low. Causes massive

defoliation during outbreaks, however outbreaks infrequent and sporadic and possibly limited by parasitism. Inflicts most damage in conjunction with

Cecidochares connexa.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

**References** 1210, 1211, 1216, 1305, 1309, 1819,

1939, 2054

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Cirsium arvense (L.) Scop.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name Canada thistle, creeping thistle,

Californian thistle, field thistle

**AGENT** 

Species Aceria anthocoptes (Nalepa)

Classification (Acari: Eriophyidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 1998

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Can cause significant thinning and

deformation of leaves under laboratory conditions, but has not been properly evaluated under field conditions where observational evidence suggests it has

minimal impact.

Other Species Attacked Has been collected from numerous

Cirsium spp. native to North America.

**References** 361, 1372, 1698

Cirsium arvense (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** Cassida rubiginosa O.F. Müller

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Canada **Year First Recorded** 1901

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Causes local defoliation and, in

presence of competing vegetation, can decrease thistle biomass. High larval parasitism. Though can cause stress to individual plants, overall impact minimal.

**Limiting Factors** Predation: Parasitism

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the exotic Carduus

acanthoides L., C. nutans L., and Cirsium vulgare L. though overall

impact minimal.

Research Organization AAFC

References 49, 361, 432, 1186, 1467, 1628, 1841,

1937

**ASTERACEAE** 

Cirsium arvense; Cassida rubiginosa (continued)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1900s

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1973

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** In some areas, can significantly reduce

biomass and survival of *Cirsium arvense*, with effects of feeding stronger than those of plant competition. In other regions overall impact appears minimal, likely hindered by predation

and parasitism.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Predation

Other Species Attacked Feeds on a wide array of plant species

within the Cardueae, many of which are native or of economic importance in North America. Not approved and not recommended for redistribution. Also feeds on *Carduus acanthoides* L., *C. nutans* L., and *Cirsium vulgare* L. though overall impact minimal.

Research Organization USDA (1), State (1)

**References** 38, 49, 334, 361, 473, 1008, 1105, 1182,

1937, 2002

## ASTERACEAE

Cirsium arvense (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Cleonis pigra (Scopoli)

Past Names/Synonyms Cleonus piger (Scopoli)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Year First Recorded 1933

**Source** Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Root mining by this insect may kill

plants, but regeneration typically

observed. Overall impact limited.

Other Species Attacked Also attacks other exotic Cirsium,

Carduus, Cynara, Onopordum, Arctium,

and Silybum spp.

**References** 1138, 1186, 1467, 1628

## **ASTERACEAE**

Cirsium arvense; Cleonis pigra (continued)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1919

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact None

**Notes** Not frequent or destructive enough to

exert a regulating impact.

Other Species Attacked Also attacks numerous other species in

the Cardueae (including globe artichoke

and Cirsium vulgare (Savi) Ten.)

**References** 34, 361, 1182

Cirsium arvense (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Larinus carlinae (Olivier)

Past Names/Synonyms Larinus planus (Fabricius)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

References 694

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1989

Year First Recorded 1988

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though an inadvertent introduction, spread rapidly and then intentionally redistributed to four other Canadian provinces. Abundance and survival hindered by harsh overwintering conditions and parasitism. A second population was later intentionally

introduced.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Climate

Other Species Attacked Also attacks native thistle spp.

**References** 117, 361, 432, 1138, 1186

## **ASTERACEAE**

Cirsium arvense; Larinus carlinae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 1968

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1991

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Redistributed repeatedly though never

officially approved for redistribution. Cirsium arvense thrives even where agent is in high density. In some areas, native thistles attacked to much greater

extent than C. arvense.

Other Species Attacked Attacks numerous native Cirsium spp.;

not recommended and not approved for

redistribution.

**Research Organization** State (9,15)

332, 334, 361, 473, 1116, 1182, 1502, References

1506, 1960

## ASTERACEAE Cirsium arvense (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Puccinia punctiformis (F. Strauss)

Röhl.

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

Notes Puccinia punctiformis is present in at

least three other countries (Australia,

Canada and the USA) though not listed. It has not been utilized intentionally for biological control in any country, but is a species of interest in New Zealand, hence its

inclusion in this country only.

References 761

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found New Zealand

Year First Recorded 1881

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Appears restricted to *Cirsium arvensis* 

on which it stunts growth and

reproduction. Widely established but usually only some plants in a patch will be diseased; occasionally more

widespread outbreaks occur.

**References** 361, 1062, 1064

## **ASTERACEAE**

Cirsium arvense (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Terellia ruficauda (Fabricius)

Past Names/Synonyms Orellia ruficauda (Fabricius)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Canada **Year First Recorded** 1873

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

**Established** Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Destroys some seed but less effective

against weed than other seed feeding

agents. Populations limited by

parasitism and disease. Overall impact

insufficient to control weed.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Disease

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking exotic Cirsium

palustre (L.) Scop. though impact

assumed to be negligible.

**References** 117, 361, 580, 1180, 1186, 1628

Cirsium arvense; Terellia ruficauda (continued)

## INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

1873 Year First Recorded

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Usually infrequent. Seed reduction

not significant and does not impact

population.

References 361, 1075, 1182, 1556

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family Asteraceae

Species Elephantopus mollis Kunth

**Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms** *Elephantopus scaber* L.

**Notes** In the 4th edition of this catalogue,

Elephantopus scaber L. was listed as a synonym for *Elephantopus* mollis Kunth. Though some release records indicate releases were made on both species in various regions, it is unclear if two species were truly present, or if both names were used for the same species. More recent references indicate the species are indeed separate and that the weed targeted for biological control is *E*. mollis. Consequently, the editors of this version of the catalogue refer to E. mollis alone, and list E. scaber as a name that has been incorrectly applied to E. mollis.

Origin Central America, Caribbean

Common Name elephant's foot, tobacco weed, lata

hina, tobacco weed, tavoko ni veikau

References 817, 846

**AGENT** 

**Species** Tetraeuaresta obscuriventris (Loew)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

## **ASTERACEAE**

Elephantopus mollis; Tetraeuaresta obscuriventris (continued)

## INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Niue Year First Recorded 1985

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Recorded on Niue though there is no

record of this weed on Niue.

References 1940

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found Tonga Year First Recorded 1958

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes Abundance Limited **General Impact** None

**Notes** The weed is still abundant and

widespread, with little biocontrol activity

observed.

**References** 288, 289, 962, 1940

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found Vanuatu Year First Recorded 1984

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes Abundance Unknown General Impact None

**Notes** No significant impact on weed

throughout established islands.

**References** 288, 289, 1940

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family Asteraceae

Species Jacobaea vulgaris Gaertn.

Past Names/Synonyms Senecio jacobaea L.

Origin Eurasia, northern Africa

Common Name ragwort, tansy ragwort

**References** 434, 891, 1064, 1450, 1777

#### **AGENT**

**Species** Longitarsus flavicornis (Stephens)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

## INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Canada Year First Recorded 1971

Source Ex. England

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Unknown Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Initially reported as established only on Notes

> Vancouver Island in mixed populations with Longitarsus jacobaeae where it reportedly had limited impact on the weed. Molecular analyses of recently collected material revealed only L. jacobaeae; L. flavicornis may have died out. Additional evaluation needed to

confirm presence.

**Limiting Factors** Climate Research Organization AAFC

References 432, 434, 437

Jacobaea vulgaris (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Longitarsus ganglbaueri Heikertinger

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Canada **Year First Recorded** 1978

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

**Established** Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on native Senecio spp.

Research Organization AAFC

References 434, 437, 822, 1088

**AGENT** 

Species Longitarsus gracilis Kutschera

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Year First Recorded 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Year Redistributed

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

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**ASTERACEAE** 

Jacobaea vulgaris; Longitarsus gracilis (continued)

Country Found Canada (continued)

Notes Identified in NS; most likely inadvertently

introduced in mixed shipments of Longitarsus jacobaeae from Europe. What was believed to be a population of L. jacobaeae was redistributed from NS to BC in 2005. Subsequent monitoring of the BC release site yielded only

L. gracilis.

Research Organization AAFC

References 434, 437

**AGENT** 

Species Longitarsus succineus (Foudras)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Year First Recorded 1988

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization AAFC

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**References** 434, 437, 1088

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED Family    | Asteraceae   |  |
|----------------|--|--|
| Species        | Parthenium hysterophorus L.  |  |
| Origin         | North America, Central America,<br>South America                               |  |
| Common Name    | parthenium weed, parthenium, congress grass                                    |  |
| AGENT          |  |  |
| Species        | s Puccinia abrupta Dietel & Holw. var.<br>partheniicola (H.S. Jacks.) Parmelee |  |
| Classification | (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)   |  |

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Ethiopia **Year First Recorded** 1997

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Occurs commonly in cool and humid

areas at mid to high altitudes where rainfall varies from 400 to 700 mm. Significantly reduces plant height, number of leaves, number of branches, and total biomass. Reduces seed

production up to 40%.

**Limiting Factors** Climate **References** 499, 1781

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Parthenium hysterophorus; Puccinia abrupta (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found India
Year First Recorded 1994

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Strain does not appear to be either

widespread or aggressive.

**References** 499, 555, 1032, 1034

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Kenya **Year First Recorded** 1977

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

**Established** Yes **Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Found only at higher elevations in

Central; abundant in Nairobi. Strain does not appear to be aggressive.

**Limiting Factors** Elevation

**References** 499, 1431, 1781, 2005, 2008

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Parthenium hysterophorus; Puccinia abrupta (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Mauritius **Year First Recorded** 1967

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Strain does not appear to be either

widespread or aggressive.

**References** 499, 1433, 2008

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Nepal **Year First Recorded** 2011

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight
Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Observed in limited locations during dry

summer but disappearing during rainy season when population and growth of *Parthenium hysterophorus* is highest. Abundance and impact thus limited.

**References** 1664, 1667

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Parthenium hysterophorus; Puccinia abrupta (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found People's Republic of China

Year First Recorded 2002

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

**Established** Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 499

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Republic of South Africa

Year First Recorded 1995

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Possibly present in South Africa for

many years prior to 1995. Better suited to cooler, high altitude areas in South Africa than warmer, low altitude areas where the weed is more problematic. Overall not abundant. Impact not

measured.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

**References** 499, 1738, 1739, 2006, 2006, 2008

## **ASTERACEAE**

Parthenium hysterophorus (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Zygogramma bicolorata Pallister

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Nepal **Year First Recorded** 2009

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Too early post release

General Impact Too early post release

**Notes** Some feeding damage observed from

east to west along the Terai Plain and inner valleys; also found in a few valleys in hills such as Kathmandu. Recently introduced so still spreading and increasing in abundance. Though additional time needed before overall impact can be assessed, efficacy likely to be limited by shorter period of defoliating activity of the beetle, prolific seed production by parthenium year round, and environmental pollution.

Limiting Factors Pollution

Other Species Attacked Also found feeding on the exotic

Xanthium strumarium L.

**References** 1665, 1666, 1667

## **ASTERACEAE**

Parthenium hysterophorus; Zygogramma bicolorata (continued)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Pakistan
Year First Recorded 2007

Source Ex. Mexico via India

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes
Abundance Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Larval feeding observed to cause

defoliation, though overall impact to

weed populations unknown.

References 499, 903

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Family              | Asteraceae   |
| Species             | Pilosella officinarum Vaill.                           |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Hieracium pilosella L.                                 |
| Origin              | Eurasia  |
| Common Name         | mouse-ear hawkweed                                     |
| AGENT               |  |
| Species             | Puccinia hieracii var. piloselloidarum (Probst) Jørst. |
| Classification      | (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)                         |

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found New Zealand

Year First Recorded 1995

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y Year Redistributed 1995 Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Variable

Notes Redistributed throughout both North

and South Islands. Pilosella officinarum populations vary in their susceptibility to the rust; many resistant to this strain. Susceptible patches have growth suppressed by 10-20%. Two additional strains were later deliberately introduced

from Ireland to aid in control.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

References 761, 1064, 1270, 1702

### **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Rhaponticum repens (L.) Hidalgo Species

Past Names/Synonyms Centaurea repens L.,

Acroptilon repens (L.) DC.

Origin Central Asia

Common Name Russian knapweed

References 792

**AGENT** 

Species Puccinia acroptili P. Syd. & Syd. Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada Year First Recorded 1970

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1985

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Variable

**Notes** At all sites, some plants appear

resistant with no negative impact while others adjacent have heavy infection and collapse. In combination with Subanguina picridis galls, severely stunts plants and can cause death.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 1290

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |                           |  |  |
|----------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Family         | Asteraceae                |  |  |
| Species        | Sonchus arvensis L.       |  |  |
| Origin         | Eurasia                   |  |  |
| Common Name    | e perennial sow-thistle   |  |  |
| AGENT          |                           |  |  |
| Species        | Cystiphora sonchi (Bremi) |  |  |
| Classification | (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)  |  |  |

### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 2012

Source Ex. Austria via Canada

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Galls were found on only a second

investigated site, and with two plants

infested.

**References** 1196, 1473

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                          |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Family                        | Asteraceae   |  |  |
| Species                       | <i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i> (L.) Sch. Bip.  |  |  |
| Past Names/Synonyms           | Tripleurospermum maritimum (L.)<br>W. D. J. Koch subsp. inodorum (L.)<br>Appleq., Matricaria perforata Mérat |  |  |
| Notes                         | Diploid and tetraploid forms occur in both Europe and North America.   |  |  |
| Origin                        | Eurasia  |  |  |
| Common Name                   | s scentless chamomile  |  |  |
| References                    | 60, 1195   |  |  |
| 110101011000                  | 00, 1100   |  |  |
| AGENT                         |  |  |  |
| Species                       | Omphalapion hookerorum (Kirby)   |  |  |
| Past Names/Synonyms           | Apion hookeri Kirby  |  |  |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | s Omphalapion hookeri (Kirby)  |  |  |
| Classification                | (Coleoptera: Brentidae)  |  |  |
|                               | ()   |  |  |

## INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Canada **Year First Recorded** 1990

Source Ex. Unknown

**References** 1195, 1286, 1934

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1992

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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## ASTERACEAE; Tripleurospermum inodorum **Omphalapion hookerorum** (continued)

**Country Found** Canada (continued)

**Notes** Additional releases of this population were intermixed in populations of those intentionally introduced from Germany and subsequently not distinguished. Up to 78% seed heads attacked by Omphalapion hookerorum and up to 32% by Rhopalomyia tripleurospermi. Estimated seed production reduced up to 19% by combination of both species. Up to 17 O. hookerorum adults found per seed head (mean 3.9); dispersing up to 2.8 km/yr.

Research Organization ARC, AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 1139, 1185, 1188, 1195, 1197, 1482

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Asteraceae

Species Xanthium spinosum L.

Origin South America Common Name Bathurst burr

**AGENT** 

Species Colletotrichum orbiculare (Berk.) Arx

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Colletotrichum xanthii Halst.

**Classification** (Sordariomycetes: Incertae sedis)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Australia

Year First Recorded 1948

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed Y

Year Redistributed 1948

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable General Impact Variable

Notes

Observed killing large numbers of seedlings and plants, and greatly reducing bur production in northern NSW. Favored by wet summer and autumn. Dispersal and efficacy hindered by hot, dry conditions. Redistributed then patented for use and commercial partner produced prototype. Commercial development ceased due to inconsistent results in field. Further investment

on improved formulation abandoned because of potentially high production costs and limited market for product.

Climate **Limiting Factors** Research Organization NSW State References 206, 1262, 1989

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Xanthium spinosum (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Euaresta bullans (Wiedemann)

Past Names/Synonyms Camaromyia bullans (Wiedemann)

Classification (Diptera: Tephritidae)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Australia

Year First Recorded 1928

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Generally ineffective but may destroy

local weed stands.

**References** 1262, 1989

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Republic of South Africa

Year First Recorded 1971

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Infests up to 20% of burs.

References 668

## **ASTERACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family Asteraceae

Species Xanthium strumarium L.

Past Names/Synonyms Xanthium pungens Wallroth, Xanthium

occidentale Bertol., Xanthium italicum
Moretti, Yanthium canadense Mill

Moretti, Xanthium canadense Mill.

**Notes** A dozen or more taxa (treated as species, subspecies, varieties, and/or forms) are often referred to as *Xanthium strumarium* sens.

to as Xanthium strumarium sens. lat. in Europe and America and are lumped as well by the editors of this catalogue/database. Four of these species are recognized in Australia within the Noogoora burr complex

(Xanthium occidentale Bertol., X. italicum Moretti, X. orientale L., and X. cavanillesii Schouw). All Australian

entries under this complex pertain to releases made against what

Australian biological control workers referred to as *X. occidentale*. The *Euaresta aequalis* Loew entry in Fiii pertains to observations on *X.* 

strumarium L. and X. canadensis
Mill. The Ophraella communa
LeSage entry in Japan pertains to

observations on *X. strumarium* L., *X. canadensis* Mill., and *X. italicum* 

Moretti.

Origin North America, South America,

Central America

Common Name noogoora burr, cocklebur

#### **ASTERACEAE**

Xanthium strumarium (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Ophraella communa LeSage Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Japan Year First Recorded 1998

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Prefers Ambrosia artemisiifolia but will attack/reproduce on A. trifida when A. artemisiifolia completely defoliated. Adults will feed only slightly on Xanthium strumarium for survival in absence of

preferred Ambrosia spp.

Other Species Attacked Prefers Ambrosia artemisiifolia L. but will attack/reproduce on the exotic A.

trifida L. and adults will feed slightly on the exotic Xanthium strumarium L. Introduced Helianthus spp. attacked

rarely.

References 483, 1271, 1938, 2042, 2043

**ASTERACEAE** 

Xanthium strumarium (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Puccinia xanthii Schweinitz **Classification** (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Australia

1974 Year First Recorded

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed pre 1986

Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Variable

Rapidly established throughout range

of weed in Australia following natural spread and intentional redistribution. Progressive reduction in seed bank has resulted in excellent control in wetter areas, so that the weed is no longer a problem in most of eastern Australia. No control in the drier far north of NT.

Climate **Limiting Factors** 

References 940, 1263, 1880, 1881

## **AZOLLACEAE**

Family Azollaceae
Species Azolla filiculoides Lam.
Origin North America, Central America, South America
Common Name Azolla, water fern, red water fern, fairy fern

AGENT
Species Stenopelmus rufinasus Gyllenhal Degorsia champenoisi Bedel
(Classification (Coleoptera: Erirhinidae)

## INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Belgium **Year First Recorded** 1921

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

**Established** Yes **Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Highly effective at one pond in West

Flanders.

**References** 48, 391, 1660, 1723, 1867

### **AZOLLACEAE**

Azolla filiculoides; Stenopelmus rufinasus (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** England **Year First Recorded** 1921

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed post 2002

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Because of its long occupancy, it is now

considered to be ordinarily resident, with no licensing restrictions. Weevils deliberately mass-produced and released throughout country post 2002. Has proven very efficient at controlling

populations of weed in England.

Limiting Factors Climate Research Organization IIBC

**References** 64, 619, 797, 901, 1526, 1647

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** France **Year First Recorded** 1901

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Unknown **References** 901, 1723

#### **AZOLLACEAE**

Azolla filiculoides; Stenopelmus rufinasus (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Germany

Year First Recorded 1927

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 391, 1723

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Hungary

Year First Recorded 1997

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 1517, 1723

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Italy

Year First Recorded 2004

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Less effective in the colder regions of

Europe than South Africa, where the weevil was intentionally and successfully

used to control Azolla.

**References** 391, 1660, 1723

#### **AZOLLACEAE**

Azolla filiculoides; Stenopelmus rufinasus (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Mozambique

Year First Recorded 2003

Source Ex. USA (FL) via Republic of South

Africa

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** The weed no longer poses a threat to

aquatic ecosystems in southern Africa.

References 804

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Netherlands

Year First Recorded 1921

Source Fx. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 391, 559, 1723, 1884

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found Northern Ireland

Year First Recorded 2007

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Limiting Factors** Climate

References 64, 1647

#### **AZOLLACEAE**

Azolla filiculoides; Stenopelmus rufinasus (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Portugal **Year First Recorded** 2011

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 225

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Republic of Ireland

Year First Recorded 2007

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Populations now widespread throughout

the country. As Azolla populations increase, weevil populations explode but subsequently decrease after weed population successfully controlled. Weed now restricted to remnant populations with small weevil populations ever

present.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization UCD

**References** 63, 64, 1647

#### **AZOLLACEAE**

Azolla filiculoides; Stenopelmus rufinasus (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Slovakia

Year First Recorded 2011

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1723

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Spain

Year First Recorded 2002

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Increasing its range on the Iberian

Peninsula. To date not redistributed intentionally for control of water fern in Spain, but likely reduces invasive potential of this weed throughout Europe.

**References** 225, 391, 545, 619

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Ukraine

Year First Recorded 2011

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1723

## **BORAGINACEAE**

| Boraginaceae                |
|-----------------------------|
| Cynoglossum officinale L.   |
| Eurasia                     |
| houndstongue                |
|                             |
| Mogulones crucifer (Pallas) |
| Mogulones cruciger Herbst   |
| (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) |
|                             |

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 2008

Source Ex. Hungary, Serbia via Canada

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Denied release in USA due to concerns of nontarget feeding but intentionally released in Canada in 1997. Insects have since crossed border naturally. Though overall populations still low, very high near border and increasing steadily south. Where weevil populations high, Cynoglossum officinale infestations completely destroyed. Spillover attack documented on numerous species. (continued at top of next column)

### **BORAGINACEAE**

**Cynoglossum officinale; Mogulones crucifer** (continued)

**Country Found** United States of America (continued)

Other Species Attacked Found attacking the native Hackelia ciliata (Douglas ex Lehm.) I.M. Johnst., Lithospermum ruderale Douglas ex

Lehm., and Amsinckia spp. and the exotic Buglossoides arvensis (L.) I. M. Johnst., though attack appeared to be minor and temporary spillover.

**References** 440, 473, 1999, 2000

## **BORAGINACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family Boraginaceae

**Species** Echium candicans L. f.

Origin Macaronesia

Common Name pride of Madeira

AGENT

Species Dialectica scalariella (Zeller)
Classification (Lepidoptera: Gracillariidae)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found New Zealand

Year First Recorded 1997

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate **General Impact** Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Mines disfigure attacked plants, though

overall impact to weed populations

unknown.

Other Species Attacked The mines disfigure attacked plants

including several native species. Also feeds on other introduced Boraginaceae in New Zealand, including *Echium pininana* Webb & Berthel. and *E. vulgare* L., *Anchusa* spp., *Borago* spp., *Myosotis* spp. and *Symphytum* spp.

**References** 761, 818, 1062

## **CACTACEAE**

| WEED                          |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Family                        | Cactaceae  |
| Species                       | Cactoideae spp.  |
| Origin<br>Common Name         | Includes several species in the Cactoideae such as <i>Pilosocereus royenii</i> (L.) Byles & G. D. Rowley, <i>Leptocereus quadricostatus</i> (Bello) Britton & Rose, <i>Melocactus intortus</i> (Mill.) Urb., <i>Cereus hexagonus</i> (L.) Mill., and <i>Stenocereus fimbriatus</i> (Lam.) Lourteig. Caribbean columnar cacti |
| AGENT                         |  |
| Species                       | Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y Trelles)  |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de   |

Willink

Classification (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae)

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## **CACTACEAE** Cactoideae spp. (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y Trelles)

Notes The cactus mealybug first utilized

for biological control of weedy cacti species was collected from cacti in Argentina and identified as Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer v Trelles). A later review redescribed this species as Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de Willink, though the type specimen was collected from Alternanthera pungens Kunth (Amaranthaceae) and the host range was described to also include species in the Portulacaceae. Recent taxonomic work has clarified that the species attacking cacti is H. festerianus, while H. pungens is a distinct species attacking plants in the Amaranthaceae, Portulacaceae, and additional species, but not the Cactaceae. Hypogeococcus pungens has not been intentionally utilized anywhere in the world as a biological control agent. It is mentioned in

this catalogue only as an incorrect synonym for *H. festerianus*, the true cactus mealybug biological control

agent.

### CACTACEAE

Cactoideae spp.; Hypogeococcus festerianus (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Puerto Rico

Year First Recorded 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Causing extensive damage to numerous

columnar cacti species throughout the country, including severe attack to Pilosocereus royenii, Leptocereus quadricostatus, Melocactus intortus, and Cereus hexagonus and minor damage

to Stenocereus fimbriatus.

Other Species Attacked Found severely attacking the native

> Pilosocereus royenii (L.) Byles & G. D. Rowley, Leptocereus quadricostatus (Bello) Britton & Rose, Melocactus intortus (Mill.) Urb., and Cereus

> hexagonus (L.) Mill. and causing minor damage on Stenocereus fimbriatus

(Lam.) Lourteig.

**References** 1113, 1637, 2078

## **CACTACEAE** (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family Cactaceae Species Cereus spp. Origin South America Common Name columnar cacti

#### **AGENT**

Species Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y

Trelles)

**Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms** Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de

Willink

Classification (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae)

Notes The cactus mealybug first utilized for biological control of weedy cacti species was collected from cacti in Argentina and identified as Hypogeococcus festerianus (Lizer y Trelles). A later review redescribed this species as Hypogeococcus pungens Granara de Willink, though the type specimen was collected from Alternanthera pungens Kunth (Amaranthaceae) and the host range was described to also include species in the Portulacaceae. Recent taxonomic work has clarified that the species attacking cacti is H. festerianus, while H. pungens is a distinct species attacking plants in the Amaranthaceae, Portulacaceae, and additional species, but not the Cactaceae. Hypogeococcus pungens has not been intentionally utilized anywhere in the world as a biological control agent. It is mentioned in this catalogue only as an incorrect synonym for *H. festerianus*, the true cactus mealybug biological control agent.

#### CACTACEAE

Cereus spp.; Hypogeococcus festerianus (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Italy Year First Recorded 2004

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes Abundance Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Infesting *Cereus* spp. (largely

intentionally cultivated) though scale populations had decreased by 2009

surveys.

**References** 819, 1176

## **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                          |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Family                        | Cactaceae  |  |  |  |
| Species                       | Cylindropuntia fulgida (Engelm.) F.M.<br>Knuth var. fulgida  |  |  |  |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | Cylindropuntia rosea (DC.) Backeb.   |  |  |  |
| Notes                         | In South Africa, <i>Cylindropuntia fulgida</i> (Engelm.) F.M. Knuth var. <i>fulgida</i> was known for many years incorrectly as <i>C. rosea</i> (DC.) Backeb., which is similar and closely related. |  |  |  |
| Origin                        | n Mexico, southern USA   |  |  |  |
| Common Name                   | chain-fruit cholla   |  |  |  |
| AGENT                         |  |  |  |  |
| Species                       | Dactylopius tomentosus (Lamark)  |  |  |  |
| Classification                | (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)   |  |  |  |
| Notes                         | Different biotypes of <i>Dactylopius</i> tomentosus have been identified based on the source species from which they were collected.   |  |  |  |
| References                    | 1167   |  |  |  |
|                               |  |  |  |  |

## CACTACEAE; Cylindropuntia fulgida var. fulgida Dactylopius tomentosus (continued)

### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Zimbabwe **Year First Recorded** 2009

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed post 2009

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Cholla biotype. Likely spread from

weed populations in country.

South Africa where it was intentionally released. Actively redistributed throughout Zimbabwe post 2009 on *Cylindropuntia fulgida* var. *fulgida*. Extremely effective in killing infested plants. All cactus plants infested in southernmost regions of Zimbabwe. Because formal evaluation lacking, unknown if insect has spread to all

References 418, 993

## **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |  |
|----------------|--|
| Family         | Cactaceae  |
| Species        | Cylindropuntia fulgida (Engelm.) F.M.<br>Knuth var. mamillata (A. Schott ex<br>Engelm.) Backeb.                                      |
| Origin         | Mexico, southern USA   |
| Common Name    | boxing glove cactus (applied only to the crested morphotype, <i>forma monstrosa</i> ), coral cactus                                  |
| AGENT          |  |
| Species        | Dactylopius tomentosus (Lamark)  |
| Classification | (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)   |
| Notes          | Different biotypes of <i>Dactylopius</i> tomentosus have been identified based on the source species from which they were collected. |
| References     | 1167   |

## CACTACEAE; Cylindropuntia fulgida var. mamillata Dactylopius tomentosus (continued)

### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Zimbabwe

Year First Recorded 2011

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Cholla biotype. Likely spread from South

Africa were it was intentionally released.

Actively redistributed throughout Zimbabwe post 2009 on *Cylindropuntia fulgida* var. *fulgida*; spread naturally to *Cyl. fulgida* var. *mamillata* by 2011. Extremely effective in killing infested plants. All cactus plants infested in southernmost regions of Zimbabwe. Because formal evaluation lacking, unknown if insect has spread to all

weed populations in country.

References 418, 993

### **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                  |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Family                | Cactaceae   |
| Species               | Opuntia ficus-indica (L.) Mill.   |
| Past Names/Synonyms   | Opuntia cordobensis Spegazzini,<br>Opuntia megacantha Salm-Dyck   |
| Origin<br>Common Name | Previous literature referred to this release as occurring on <i>Opuntia cordobensis</i> Spegazzini which has since been synonymized with <i>O. ficus-indica</i> (L.) Mill. While some authors consider <i>O. ficus-indica</i> to be a spineless cultivar derived from <i>O. megacantha</i> , many other authors consider <i>O. megacantha</i> to also be a cultivated taxon or a name applied to multiple ruderal reversions to spininess from the escaped, cultivated <i>O. ficus-indica</i> and they treat <i>O. megacantha</i> as a later synonym. The editors of this catalogue are in the latter group.  Mexico Indian fig, mission prickly pear, grootdoringturksvy |
| AGENT                 | Ocatable stir as to many (Dam)  |
| Species               | Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg)  |

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

#### CACTACEAE

Opuntia ficus-indica; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Cuba **Year First Recorded** 1980

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the native

Consolea moniliformis (L.) A. Berger, O. auberi Pfeiffer, O. dejecta Salm-Dyck, and O. cubensis Britton & Rose and the cultivated and naturalized Nopalea

cochenillifera (L.) Salm-Dyck.

References 2079

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Puerto Rico

Year First Recorded 1966

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Other Species Attacked Also recorded on Opuntia antillana

Britton & Rose, *O. repens* Bello, the young growth of *Consolea rubescens* (Salm-Dyck ex. A.P. DC.) and *C*.

moniliformis (L.) A. Berger, all native to the Caribbean, as well as the cultivated and naturalized *Nopalea cochenillifera* 

(L.) Salm-Dyck.

**References** 610, 2079

#### CACTACEAE

Opuntia ficus-indica; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found U.S. Virgin Islands

Year First Recorded 1963

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Other Species Attacked Also recorded on Opuntia antillana

Britton & Rose, *O. repens* Bello, *Consolea rubescens* (Salm-Dyck ex. A.P. DC.) and *C. moniliformis* (L.) A. Berger, all native to the Caribbean.

**References** 610, 2079

## **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED                          |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Family                        | Cactaceae  |  |  |
| Species                       | Opuntia monacantha (Willd.) Haw.                                   |  |  |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | Opuntia vulgaris Mill.,  |  |  |
|                               | Opuntia monocantha (Willd.) Haw.                                   |  |  |
| Origin                        | Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay                               |  |  |
| Common Name                   | prickly pear, drooping prickly pear, smooth tree pear, suurturksvy |  |  |
| References                    | 35, 845, 1091, 1930  |  |  |
| AGENT                         |  |  |  |
| Species                       | Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg)                                       |  |  |
| Classification                | (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)   |  |  |

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Cuba **Year First Recorded** 1980

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Causing significant but unquantified

damage to this species.

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the native

Consolea moniliformis (L.) A. Berger, O. auberi Pfeiffer, O. dejecta Salm-Dyck, and O. cubensis Britton & Rose and the cultivated and naturalized Nopalea

cochenillifera (L.) Salm-Dyck.

References 2079

### **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |  |
|----------------|--|
| Family         | Cactaceae  |
| Species        | Opuntia spp.   |
| Notes          | A few releases now attributed to this group were listed under <i>Opuntia vulgaris</i> in previous versions of this catalogue (a species now referred to as <i>Opuntia monacantha</i> ). However, all references cited then and now do not differentiate which <i>Opuntia</i> species it was that received this release. Consequently, the entries have been changed to <i>Opuntia</i> spp. |
| Origin         | North and South America adjacent to Caribbean Islands, Caribbean Islands   |
| Common Name    | prickly pear, raketa, Malagasy cactus  |
| References     | 446, 668   |
| AGENT          |  |
|                | Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg)   |
| Classification | (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)   |

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Dominican Republic

Year First Recorded post 1963

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

Notes Small cactus species heavily attacked and under threat of endangerment while old growth on larger cacti less suitable and frequently escapes attack. (continued at top of next column)

#### **CACTACEAE**

Opuntia spp.; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

Country Found Dominican Republic (continued)

Other Species Attacked Found commonly attacking the native

Opuntia taylori Britton & Rose, O. antillana Britton & Rose, O. stricta (Haw.) Haw., Cylindropuntia caribaea (Britton & Rose) F.M. Knuth, the exotic O. ficus-indica (L.) Mill., and the cultivated and naturalized Nopalea cochenillifera (L.) Salm-Dyck. Attack to the exotic but cultivated Opuntia pilifera F. A. C. Weber and Opuntia leucotricha

DC. is extensive.

**References** 1455, 2079

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Haiti

Year First Recorded post 1963

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Though moth is widespread, surveys not

recently conducted in Haiti so impact unknown. Impact most likely similar to the adjacent Dominican Republic where small cactus species heavily attacked and under threat of endangerment while old growth on larger cacti less suitable

and frequently escapes attack.

**References** 1455, 2071, 2079

CACTACEAE

Opuntia spp.; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Mexico 2006 Year First Recorded

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N Established No.

**Notes** Intercepted from a USA flight originating in Cancún pre-1992, indicating the agent could have been established somewhere in Mexico by then, though this was not confirmed during subsequent surveys. Confirmed established on Isla Mujeres in 2006 and Isla Contoy in 2007. Confirmed populations eradicated following intensive monitoring, trapping and eradication programs. Monitoring

programs ongoing.

**References** 793, 1333, 1334, 1455, 1594, 2077

INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1989

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes **Abundance** High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

(continued at top of next column)

CACTACEAE

Opuntia spp.; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America (continued)

Notes Damage to attacked plants extensive,

with many frequently disappearing completely shortly after attack. Numerous concerns of spread to southwestern USA and neighboring Mexico where multiple Opuntia species endemic and/or of commercial

importance. Surveillance and eradication programs terminated in

2011.

Other Species Attacked Attacks all six of the native Opuntia spp.

in Florida

Research Organization FDA, State (3)

**References** 106, 503, 703, 793, 795, 1455, 1594,

2077

#### **CACTACEAE**

Opuntia spp. (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell)

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

Notes Different biotypes of Dactylopius opuntiae exist which are suited to

certain Opuntia species and not to

others.

References 833

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Kenya

Year First Recorded 1958

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Ficus biotype. Abundant and effective; near one community in Rift Valley has largely wiped out most plants. [Reported in previous edition of this catalogue as an accidental introduction probably from the USA via South Africa via Tanzania in 1958 when Dactylopius ceylonicus was intentionally introduced. References cited at the time do not confirm the introduction, so the source of this information remains unknown. An alternative reference (Goeden 1978) indicates the species was introduced intentionally. Because current researchers are unsure of the avenue of introduction, it is possible the species was introduced via both channels. (continued at top of next column)

#### CACTACEAE

Opuntia spp.; Dactylopius opuntiae (continued)

**Country Found** Kenya (continued)

Notes (continued) Consequently two entries are given for

> this species, and the editors of this new version of the catalogue assume the different source populations (if more than one) have since intermixed and are

no longer differentiated.]

446, 635, 944, 970, 2005 References

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Zambia

Year First Recorded 2012

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Ficus biotype. Only moderately

abundant at observed site where environment is too wet to be optimal.

**Limiting Factors** Climate References 2005

## CACTACEAE Opuntia spp. (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Dactylopius sp.

Classification (Hemiptera: Dactylopiidae)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found La Réunion

Year First Recorded early 1900s

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Successfully controlled Opuntia spp.

References 668

## **CACTACEAE** (continued)

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Family Cactaceae

Species Opuntia stricta (Haw.) Haw.

Past Names/Synonyms Opuntia dillenii (Ker Gawler) Haw.,

Opuntia stricta (Haw.) Haw. var. dillenii (Ker Gawl.) L. D. Benson, Opuntia inermis DC., Opuntia stricta

(Haw.) Haw. var. stricta

**Notes** This species is sometimes split in

various ways by different taxonomists and is currently under debate. The editors of this version of the catalogue currently support the idea it is all one highly variable *Opuntia stricta* (Haw.)

Haw.

Origin North and South America adjacent to

Caribbean Islands, Caribbean Islands

Common Name spiny pest pear, common prickly

pear, prickly pear, sweet prickly pear, Australian pest pear, prickly pear

Australian pest pear, pr

**References** 135, 845, 846, 1459

**AGENT** 

**Species** Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Bahamas

Year First Recorded 1983

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

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Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 503, 1455, 1720, 2071

#### **CACTACEAE**

**Opuntia stricta; Cactoblastis cactorum** (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Cuba **Year First Recorded** 1980

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Dramatically reduced vast infestations of

this species; also found on many other

cactus species.

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the native

Consolea moniliformis (L.) A. Berger, O. auberi Pfeiffer, O. dejecta Salm-Dyck, and O. cubensis Britton & Rose and the cultivated and naturalized Nopalea cochenillifera (L.) Salm-Dyck.

**References** 2077, 2079

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Guadeloupe

Year First Recorded 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Found attacking 100% of plants and 70% of cladodes during 2005 survey.

Target plant considered native to

Guadeloupe.

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the native O. tuna

(L.) Mill.

References 2079

#### **CACTACEAE**

**Opuntia stricta; Cactoblastis cactorum** (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Jamaica **Year First Recorded** 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Found attacking *Opuntia stricta* (native)

in 2005 survey, along with attack to numerous other native/endemic species.

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the endemic

Opuntia jamaicensis Britton & Harris, the native O. tuna (L.) Mill., possibly the endemic O. sanguinea Proctor, heavily attacking the young growth of the native Consolea spinosissima (Mill.) Lem., as well as the cultivated and naturalized Nopalea cochenillifera (L.) Salm-Dyck.

References 35, 2079

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Puerto Rico

Year First Recorded 1966

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Target weed considered native.

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#### CACTACEAE

**Opuntia stricta; Cactoblastis cactorum** (continued)

Country Found Puerto Rico (continued)

Other Species Attacked Also recorded on Opuntia antillana

Britton & Rose, *O. repens* Bello, the young growth of *Consolea rubescens* (Salm-Dyck ex. A.P. DC.) and *C. moniliformis* (L.) A. Berger, all native to the Caribbean, as well as the cultivated and naturalized *Nopalea cochenillifera* 

(L.) Salm-Dyck.

**References** 35, 610, 2079

### INTRODUCTION

Country Found U.S. Virgin Islands

Year First Recorded 1963

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

**Established** Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Target considered native.

Other Species Attacked Also recorded on Opuntia antillana

Britton & Rose, *O. repens* Bello, *Consolea rubescens* (Salm-Dyck ex. A.P. DC.) and *C. moniliformis* (L.) A. Berger, all native to the Caribbean.

**References** 35, 610, 2079

## **CACTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED Family Species Origin Common Name | Cactaceae  Opuntia triacantha (Willd.) Sweet  Puerto Rico, Lesser Antilles suckers |
|--|--|
|  | Cactoblastis cactorum (Berg)<br>(Lepidoptera: Pyralidae)                           |

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Cuba **Year First Recorded** 1980

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Causing significant but unquantified

damage to this species.

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the native

Consolea moniliformis (L.) A. Berger, O. auberi Pfeiffer, O. dejecta Salm-Dyck, and O. cubensis Britton & Rose and the cultivated and naturalized Nopalea

cochenillifera (L.) Salm-Dyck.

**References** 2077, 2079

#### **CACTACEAE**

Opuntia triacantha; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Guadeloupe

Year First Recorded 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Found attacking 100% of plants and

40% of cladodes during 2005 survey.
Target plant considered native to

Guadeloupe.

Other Species Attacked Also found attacking the native O. tuna

(L.) Mill.

References 35, 2079

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Puerto Rico

Year First Recorded 1966

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Target weed considered native.

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#### CACTACEAE

Opuntia triacantha; Cactoblastis cactorum (continued)

**Country Found** Puerto Rico (continued)

Other Species Attacked Also recorded on Opuntia antillana

Britton & Rose, *O. repens* Bello, the young growth of *Consolea rubescens* (Salm-Dyck ex. A.P. DC.) and *C. moniliformis* (L.) A. Berger, all native to the Caribbean, as well as the cultivated and naturalized *Nopalea cochenillifera* 

(L.) Salm-Dyck.

**References** 35, 610, 2079

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** U.S. Virgin Islands

Year First Recorded 1963

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Target considered native.

Other Species Attacked Also recorded on Opuntia antillana

Britton & Rose, *O. repens* Bello, *Consolea rubescens* (Salm-Dyck ex. A.P. DC.) and *C. moniliformis* (L.) A. Berger, all native to the Caribbean.

**References** 35, 99, 610, 2079

## **CYPERACEAE**

#### **WEED**

Family Cyperaceae

Species Cyperus rotundus L.

Origin cosmopolitan

Common Name nut grass, purple nutsedge, vucesa,

soronakabani, oni ani, pakopako

**AGENT** 

Species Bactra venosana (Zeller)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found New Caledonia

Year First Recorded 1987

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** No record of introduction and current

status unknown.

References 1940

## **EUPHORBIACEAE**

#### **WEED**

Family Euphorbiaceae

Species Euphorbia esula L.

**Notes** A controversial and morphologically

variable species considered to represent a complex of forms, species

and hybrids.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name leafy spurge

**References** 149, 622

#### **AGENT**

Species Spurgia capitigena (Bremi)

Past Names/Synonyms Bayeria capitigena Bremi

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

Notes Previously included with Spurgia esulae Gagné under Bayeria capitigena Bremi. The agent was transferred to Spurgia and separated into two distinct species in 1990 by the entomologist R.J. Gagné.

More recent studies with these species revealed no evidence for two fly species, or two fly species separated by host plant. However, a revision of this group has not been published, so the two names created by Gagné remained valid at the time

of publication of this version of the

catalogue.

#### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Euphorbia esula; Spurgia capitigena (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1986

Source Ex. Italy

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Believed to have been a contaminant

of one population of *Spurgia* esulae collected in Italy and released in ND in 1986. Intentionally released in ND beginning in 2001. Believed to have proliferated following release, though current abundance and impact not formally evaluated. Impact most likely slight to none, similar to *Spurgia* spp. on *Euphorbia* spp. elsewhere in North

America.

Research Organization USDA (7,10,12,14), State

(7,11,13,15,28), USDA-APHIS

**References** 1106, 1338, 1456, 1706

## **FABACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Fabaceae

Species Acacia mearnsii De Wild.

Origin Australia

Common Name black wattle

**AGENT** 

Species Dasineura rubiformis Kolesik

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** New Zealand

Year First Recorded 2011

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 761, 1067

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Republic of South Africa

Year First Recorded 2001

Source Ex. Australia

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 2010

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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#### **FABACEAE**

Acacia mearnsii; Dasineura rubiformis (continued)

**Country Found** Republic of South Africa (continued) Notes Established during 2001 field hostspecificity testing, though not identified as such until 2006. Official approval for release subsequently obtained in 2010 with a proviso there is consultation and agreement with representatives of

the wattle industry when releases are proposed in the vicinity of the important wattle growing areas of KZN and in MP. Unlike Dasineura dielsi, dispersal of D. rubiformis has only been gradual, prior to redistributions. Though still limited in distribution, impact is extensive locally,

where pod production at original site of establishment has virtually ceased.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 869, 870, 871, 992

## FABACEAE (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Fabaceae

Species Cytisus scoparius (L.) Link

Past Names/Synonyms Cytisus scoparius (L.) Link subsp.

scoparius, Sarothamnus scoparius (L.) Wimm. ex W. D. J. Koch

Origin Europe

Common Name Scotch broom, broom

**AGENT** 

Species Aceria genistae (Nalepa)

Classification (Acari: Eriophyidae)

Notes

Research indicates Aceria genistae includes a number of distinct strains,

each of which is specific to one

species of plant.

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Year First Recorded 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Identified recently in coastal

communities where impact is minor

thus far.

**References** 38, 282, 1698

#### **FABACEAE**

Cytisus scoparius; Aceria genistae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N Established Yes **Abundance** Variable

**General Impact** Variable

**Notes** Abundant in WA where impact medium

as reduces flowering and plant biomass, although this has not been officially quantified. Widespread in OR but of localized abundance with slight impact. Very limited in CA where impact negligible. Predatory mites found associated with galls, though impact of these predators unknown. Currently undergoing host specificity testing in WA with the intent of future intentional

redistribution if approved.

**Limiting Factors** Possibly Predation

Other Species Attacked Also attacks ornamental varieties of

Cytisus scoparius (L.) Link and hybrids

derived from C. scoparius.

**References** 38, 334, 335, 1698

#### **FABACEAE**

Cytisus scoparius (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Agonopterix nervosa (Haworth)

Depressaria nervosa Haw., Past Names/Synonyms

Depressaria costosa Haw.

Classification (Lepidoptera: Oecophoridae)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1920s

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Widespread in OR and WA, attacking

up to 40% of new terminal shoots and potentially reducing seed production, though is heavily parasitized. Present in CA and NV but uncommon. Most effective in sunny locations below 800m. Not as effective on this species as on

Ulex europaeus.

Parasitism **Limiting Factors** 

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the exotic Cytisus striatus

(Hill) Rothm.

Research Organization USDA (7), State (9,15)

**References** 42, 332, 333, 334, 535, 820

## **FABACEAE**

Cytisus scoparius (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Arytainilla spartiophila (Förster)

Past Names/Synonyms Arytaina spartiophila (Förster)

Classification (Hemiptera: Psyllidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1935

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Most common and abundant of *Cytisus* 

scoparius agents. In OR, high densities observed may weaken plants under stress from competition and make them vulnerable to opportunistic pathogens.

Impact elsewhere unknown.

**Research Organization** State (14,15)

**References** 332, 334, 340, 1462, 1842, 1928

**FABACEAE** 

Cytisus scoparius (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Bruchidius villosus (Fabricius)

Past Names/Synonyms Bruchidius ater Marsh.

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Year First Recorded 2001

Source Ex. Unknown via USA (WA) via USA

(NC)

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 2006

Established Yes

**Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** More active and common than another

adventive beetle, Exapion fuscirostre.

Research Organization BCME

**References** 117, 337, 339, 437

INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1918

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1998

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

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#### **FABACEAE**

Cytisus scoparius; Bruchidius villosus (continued)

**Country Found** United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Abundant in NC where seed reduction measured at more than 80% at two sites. Intentionally redistributed to Pacific Northwest. Widespread in OR and WA where abundance is increasing but variable; 10-90% pods attacked and 20-80% seeds destroyed within attacked pods. More study needed, but suspected that densities and attack rates not yet high enough to decrease plant populations. Parasitism typically low but may limit populations in some

regions.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism Research Organization State (9,15)

**References** 39, 141, 141, 339, 340, 1555, 1752

**AGENT** 

Species Exapion fuscirostre (Fabricius)

Past Names/Synonyms Apion fuscirostre Fabricius Classification (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada Year First Recorded 2007

Source Ex. Italy via USA (WA)

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y Year Redistributed 2007 Established Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Less active and common than another

adventive beetle. Bruchidius villosus.

Research Organization BCME **References** 117, 340, 437 **FABACEAE** 

Cytisus scoparius (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Leucoptera spartifoliella (Hübner)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Lyonetiidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** New Zealand

Year First Recorded 1950

Source Fx. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y Year Redistributed 1987 Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Variable

Notes Large outbreaks in recent years cause

> significant damage by reducing new growth, killing branches and sometimes complete plants at some sites. Damage

only slight in other areas.

Research Organization DSIR/MWLR

> References 720, 761, 1064, 1616, 1772

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 1960

> Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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### **FABACEAE**

Cytisus scoparius; Leucoptera spartifoliella (continued)

**Country Found** United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Intentionally introduced in 1960 but found to have already been present. Both populations subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Widespread in CA and OR but present at limited sites in WA. High population numbers can deform plants and cause stem dieback but plant density not affected and overall impact is negligible. Heavily parasitized and does not do well

in hot, dry sites.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Habitat **Research Organization** USDA (7), State (9,15)

**References** 39, 42, 332, 335, 339, 340, 593, 1928

## FABACEAE (continued)

| Origin | Fabaceae  Galega officinalis L.  western Asia, southern Europe goat's rue |
|--------|---|
|        | Uromyces galegae (Opiz) Sacc.<br>(Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)           |

### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Argentina Year First Recorded 1982

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Hyperparasite observed in rust pustules

may impair efficacy.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism **References** 84, 979, 1356

### FABACEAE (continued)

| WEED           |  |
|----------------|--|
| Family         | Fabaceae   |
| Species        | <i>Genista monspessulana</i> (L.) L. A. S. Johnson |
| Origin         | northern Africa, Mediterranean                     |
| Common Name    | French broom, cape broom                           |
| AGENT          |  |
| Species        | Arytinnis hakani (Loginova)                        |
| Classification | (Hemiptera: Psyllidae)                             |

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Australia Year First Recorded 2004

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y Year Redistributed 2009 Established Yes Abundance High General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Found established after being tested in quarantine (after the only shipment of this insect ever made from France to Australia). Subsequently redistributed intentionally. Abundance and impact increasing with redistribution efforts. Effective and kills stands of the weed wherever released. No other control efforts required. Young plants still recruiting from seed bank. Needs proper evaluation, damage levels visually high. Populations can crash during hot summers.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization CSIRO, SA State

**References** 782, 883, 1656, 1657, 1795

### **FABACEAE**

Genista monspessulana (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Bruchidius villosus (Fabricius) Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 2001

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Unintentionally introduced populations

(pre 1918) found on Cytisus scoparius in NC were tested for specificity following USDA-APHIS TAG protocols and then deliberately transferred from NC to OR, WA and ID in the Pacific Northwest onto C. scoparius in 1998. Subsequently found attacking Genista monspessulana in low numbers in OR by 2001. Impact

on G. monspessulana not yet evaluated.

**References** 334, 339, 340

## **FABACEAE** (continued)

Family Fabaceae
Species Leucaena leucocephala (Lam.) de Wit
Origin Mexico, Central America
Common Name leucaena, lead tree

AGENT
Species Acanthoscelides macrophthalmus (Schaeffer)
Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Australia
Year First Recorded 1996

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance Variable

General Impact Variable

Notes 95% or more of seed may be infested

but impacts patchy and seasonal. Unlikely to have negative influence on

leucaena demography.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on other members of the

Mimoseae tribe.

**References** 1545, 1833, 1931

FABACEAE; Leucaena leucocephala Acanthoscelides macrophthalmus (continued)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found India
Year First Recorded 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

**Established** Yes

Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on other members of the

Mimoseae tribe.

References 1833

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Japan **Year First Recorded** 2000

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on other members of the

Mimoseae tribe.

References 1833

## FABACEAE; Leucaena leucocephala Acanthoscelides macrophthalmus (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** People's Republic of China

Year First Recorded 2004

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on other members of the

Mimoseae tribe.

References 1833

#### INTRODUCTION

Republic of Cyprus Country Found

Year First Recorded 2008

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Recent surveys indicate the distribution

of this agent in the Republic of Cyprus has not increased since its initial discovery. Abundance and impact

remain unknown.

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on other members of the

Mimoseae tribe.

References 1833, 1886, 1887

## FABACEAE; Leucaena leucocephala Acanthoscelides macrophthalmus (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** République Togolaise

1998 Year First Recorded

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 532, 1646

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Senegal

Year First Recorded 1996

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Seed attack rates up to 67%.

Populations limited by parasitism.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

**References** 468, 1388, 1833

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Taiwan

Year First Recorded 1995

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

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## FABACEAE; Leucaena leucocephala Acanthoscelides macrophthalmus (continued)

**Country Found** Taiwan (continued)

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the exotic Falcataria

*moluccana* (Miq.) Barneby & J. W. Grimes and other members of the

Mimoseae tribe.

References 1833

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Thailand **Year First Recorded** 1998

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on other members of the

Mimoseae tribe.

References 1833

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Vietnam

Year First Recorded 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on other members of the

Mimoseae tribe.

**References** 976, 1833

## FABACEAE (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Fabaceae

Species Mimosa pigra L.

Past Names/Synonyms Mimosa pigra L. var. pigra

Origin tropical Americas

Common Name giant sensitive plant, mimosa, giant

mimosa

**AGENT** 

Species Acanthoscelides puniceus Johnson

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Indonesia

Year First Recorded 1992

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 774, 1328, 1329

Mimosa pigra; Acanthoscelides puniceus (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Laos Year First Recorded 1991

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia via Thailand

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Spread naturally from Thailand, where it

was intentionally introduced, across the Mekong River to Laos. Overall status

unknown.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 774, 1326, 1328, 1329

### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Malaysia
Year First Recorded 1989

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia via Thailand

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance Moderate
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Increasingly spreading from release sites and Thailand border where separate group has crossed naturally. Populations no longer differentiated. Overall attack rates minimal (less than 12% damage to pods) and have limited

impact on weed population.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 765, 774, 1326, 1327, 1329

#### **FABACEAE**

Mimosa pigra; Acanthoscelides puniceus (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Myanmar **Year First Recorded** 1987

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia via Thailand

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Unknown
Unknown
Unknown

Notes Spread naturally from Thailand

where it was intentionally introduced.
Also intentionally introduced with
both populations subsequently not
differentiated. Overall status unknown.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 774, 1326, 1327, 1329

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Singapore **Year First Recorded** 1992

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Detected outside Changhi Airport.

Research Organization NBCRC

References 774, 1328, 1329

## FABACEAE

Mimosa pigra (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Acanthoscelides quadridentatus

(Schaeffer)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Indonesia

Year First Recorded 1992

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 774, 1328, 1329

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Laos

Year First Recorded 1991

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia via Thailand

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Spread naturally from Thailand, where it

was intentionally introduced, across the Mekong River to Laos. Overall status

unknown.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 774, 1326, 1328, 1329

**FABACEAE** 

Mimosa pigra; Acanthoscelides quadridentatus (continued)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Malaysia

Year First Recorded 1989

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia via Thailand

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

**Established** Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Increasingly spreading from release

sites and Thailand border where it crossed naturally; however attack rates minimal (less than 12% damage to

pods) and have limited impact on weed

population.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 765, 774, 1326, 1327, 1329

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Myanmar

Year First Recorded 1987

Source Ex. Mexico via Australia via Thailand

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Spread naturally from Thailand

where it was intentionally introduced.
Also intentionally introduced with
both populations subsequently not
differentiated. Overall status unknown.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 774, 1326, 1327, 1329

Mimosa pigra; Acanthoscelides quadridentatus (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Singapore
Year First Recorded 1992

**Source** Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes

Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Detected outside Changhi Airport.

Research Organization NBCRC

**References** 774, 1328, 1329

### FABACEAE (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Fabaceae

Species Prosopis juliflora (Sw.) DC.

Origin Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru,

Venezuela

Common Name Mexican thorn

AGENT

Species Heteropsylla reducta Caldwell &

Martorell

Classification (Hemiptera: Psyllidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Ascension Island

Year First Recorded 1997

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Along with Rhinocloa sp., contributing

to large scale stunting and moderate

dieback of attacked trees.

**References** 97, 582, 584

Prosopis juliflora (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Rhinocloa sp.

Classification (Hemiptera: Miridae)

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Country Found Ascension Island

Year First Recorded 1997

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Along with (but more effective than)

Heteropsylla reducta, contributing to large scale stunting, reduction of seed production, and moderate dieback of

attacked trees.

**References** 97, 582, 584, 585

## FABACEAE (continued)

#### **WEED**

Family Fabaceae

Species Prosopis spp.

Notes Comprises a complex of taxa occurring in mixed stands and often hybridizing freely. In Australia, these include Prosopis glandulosa Torrey (including both varieties, glandulosa and torreyana), Prosopis pallida (Humboldt & Bonpland ex Willd.) Kunth, and *Prosopis velutina* Wooton. A fourth species, Prosopis juliflora (Sw.) DC., has been documented at a few sites in Australia but may no longer be present there. Species invasive in South Africa are Prosopis velutina Wooton, Prosopis glandulosa Torrey (including both varieties, glandulosa and torreyana), Prosopis juliflora (Sw.) DC., and Prosopis hybrids. Egypt species include Prosopis juliflora (Sw.) DC. and Prosopis glandulosa Torr. Species in Namibia include Prosopis chilensis (Molina) Stuntz, Prosopis glandulosa Torr. var. torreyana (L. D. Benson) M. C. Johnst., and Prosopis velutina Wooton. In Yemen, the nonnative species include Prosopis chilensis (Molina) Stuntz, Prosopis glandulosa Torrey var. glandulosa, and Prosopis juliflora (Sw.) DC.

Origin Americas

Common Name mesquite, prosopis, algaroba

**TABLE** 3

Prosopis spp. (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Algarobius prosopis (Le Conte)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Botswana **Year First Recorded** 2012

Source Fx. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Though common and abundant

throughout range of *Prosopis* in southern parts of country, impact

unknown.

References 823

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Egypt
Year First Recorded 2001

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes The sample size and scope of a survey

were too small and limited to determine

overall abundance and impact.

**References** 467, 1879

**FABACEAE** 

Prosopis spp.; Algarobius prosopis (continued)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Namibia
Year First Recorded 1988

Source Ex. USA (AZ) via Republic of South

Africa

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1988

**Established** Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes

Pods with Algarobius prosopis were left in bags at strategic points in South Africa for farmers to take to their farms 1988-1989. Some Namibian farmers collected bags for their properties, though this was done unofficially. Livestock and game ingest most seeds soon after pods fall to the ground and before larvae are able to fully colonize pods. When plants are fenced from grazing animals, larvae can attack over 90% of seed pods. Even at high attack rates, sufficient seeds escape herbivory

to maintain weed populations.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 113, 445, 2070, 2072

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Oman

Year First Recorded 1985

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 54, 1879

#### **FABACEAE**

Prosopis spp.; Algarobius prosopis (continued)

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Country Found Saudi Arabia

Year First Recorded 1980

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 54, 1879

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United Arab Emirates

Year First Recorded 1983

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Widely distributed and abundant,

though impact on Prosopis populations

unknown.

**References** 54, 466, 1869, 1879

#### **FABACEAE**

Prosopis spp.; Algarobius prosopis (continued)

## INTRODUCTION

Country Found Yemen

Year First Recorded 1987

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Widely distributed and abundant.

Inflicting extensive damage to exotic mesquite, but has not been recorded on its native congener, *Prosopis cinerea*, growing in close proximity. Overall

impact to exotic *Prosopis* populations

unknown.

**References** 26, 54, 1869, 1879

Prosopis spp. (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Neltumius arizonensis (Schaeffer)

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Botswana

Year First Recorded 2012

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

**Established** Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

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**Notes** Though common and abundant

throughout range of *Prosopis* in southern

parts of country, impact unknown.

References 823

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Namibia
Year First Recorded 2002

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though widely distributed, far less

common than *Algarobius prosopis*. Inferior competitor to *A. prosopis*. Seed damage by *Neltumius arizonensis* alone and in combination with *A. prosopis* insufficient to

control mesquite populations.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition

Research Organization ARC-PPRI References 113, 445, 2070 FABACEAE (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Fabaceae

Species Senna surattensis (Burm. f.) H. S.

Irwin & Barneby

Past Names/Synonyms Cassia surattensis Burm. f.

Origin tropical Asia, tropical Australia

Common Name kolomona

**AGENT** 

**Species** Acremonium sp.

Past Names/Synonyms Cephalosporium sp.

Classification (Sordariomycetes: Hypocreales)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Hawaii USA

Year First Recorded 1967

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1968

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially widespread throughout KA and

killed target weeds within one year of original purposeful inoculation. Host dieback led to decreased availability of

pathogen.

**References** 1826, 1829

### FABACEAE (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Fabaceae

Species Sesbania punicea (Cav.) Benth.

Origin South America Common Name red sesbania

**AGENT** 

Species Trichapion lativentre (Béguin-

Billecocq)

**Classification** (Coleoptera: Brentidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Republic of South Africa

Year First Recorded 1980

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1985

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

**General Impact** Heavy

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Had been brought into quarantine and was undergoing host testing when already established populations discovered. Quarantine insectary colony destroyed and field populations subsequently redistributed. Can reduce seed set by >98%, markedly reducing Sesbania punicea immature density throughout South Africa. Unsuccessful control agent when used alone, but in combination with Rhyssomatus marginatus and Neodiplogrammus quadrivittatus, successfully controls Sesbania punicea throughout South

Africa.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 824, 826, 827, 829, 830, 992, 1257

### FABACEAE (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Fabaceae

Species Ulex europaeus L. Origin western Europe

Common Name gorse, furze

**AGENT** 

Species Aceria genistae (Nalepa)

Classification (Acari: Eriophyidae)

**Notes** Research indicates *Aceria genistae* 

includes a number of distinct strains, each of which is specific to one

species of plant.

INTRODUCTION

Country Found New Zealand

Year First Recorded 1985

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Although widespread, growth

deformities it causes have little overall impact. A different strain of this species was intentionally released in 2007 but is

specific to Cytisus scoparius.

**References** 720, 1064, 1144, 1698

**Ulex europaeus** (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Agonopterix nervosa (Haworth)

Past Names/Synonyms Depressaria nervosa Haw.,

Depressaria costosa Haw.

Classification (Lepidoptera: Oecophoridae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Year First Recorded 1915-1920

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Other Species Attacked Also feeds on the exotic Cytisus

scoparius (L.) Link

**References** 42, 437, 820, 1634

**FABACEAE** 

Ulex europaeus; Agonopterix nervosa (continued)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1920s

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Widespread in OR and WA, attacking

up to 40% of new terminal shoots and potentially reducing seed production, though is heavily parasitized. Present in CA and NV but uncommon. Most effective in sunny locations below 800m. More effective on this species than on

Cytisus scoparius.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the exotic Cytisus striatus

(Hill) Rothm.

Research Organization USDA (7)

**References** 42, 332, 333, 334, 535, 820

### **HALORAGACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Haloragaceae

Species Myriophyllum aquaticum (Vell.) Verdc.

Origin South America
Common Name parrot's feather

**AGENT** 

Species Lysathia sp.

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Zimbabwe

Year First Recorded 2012

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Found suppressing the weed at two

lakes in Mashonaland West.

**References** 276, 297, 418

**HALORAGACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Haloragaceae

Species Myriophyllum spicatum L.

Origin Europe, northern Africa, Asia

Common Name Eurasian watermilfoil

**AGENT** 

Species Acentria ephemerella (Denis &

Schiffermüller)

Past Names/Synonyms Acentria nivea (Olivier)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Year First Recorded 1927

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

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**Notes** Though widely distributed in

northeastern North America, abundance varies. High populations successfully

control weed in some lakes by

preventing formation of weed canopy

growth. Effects on native macrophyte

communities unknown.

**References** 923, 1412

#### **HALORAGACEAE**

Myriophyllum spicatum; Acentria ephemerella (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 1949

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1999

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Though widely distributed in

northeastern North America, abundance varies. High populations successfully control the weed in some lakes by preventing formation of weed canopy growth. Impact could be due to combination of this species and Euhrychiopsis lecontei, as damage caused by the two often difficult to differentiate. Augmentative releases in NY did not increase total moth numbers nor cause a pond-wide decline in the weed during the year of release. Fish predation may hinder augmentation

efforts.

Limiting Factors Predation

Other Species Attacked Feeds on other aquatic species,

including many native, but prefers

Myriophyllum spicatum.

Research Organization USDA (3), State (29,30)

**References** 198, 201, 359, 923, 1233, 1412

## **HYDROCHARITACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Hydrocharitaceae

**Species** Hydrilla verticillata (L. f.) Royle

**Notes** Two biotypes (dioecious and

monoecious) are present in the continental USA.

**Origin** Africa, Asia, Australia, portions of

Europe

Common Name hydrilla, Florida elodea

**AGENT** 

Species Cricotopus lebetis Sublette

Classification (Diptera: Chironomidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1992

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Rare

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Damages the plant's apical meristems.

which causes stunting and prevents hydrilla from growing to the surface.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization State (3,35)

**References** 367, 368, 370, 371, 543

### **HYDROCHARITACEAE** Hydrilla verticillata (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Parapoynx diminutalis Snellen Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 1975

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Studied as potential biocontrol agent before its broad host range precluded its release. Subsequently arrived in USA accidentally. Larval feeding on leaves and stems can heavily damage hydrilla populations locally. However, this agent only occurs sporadically so overall impact typically low. Populations limited

by cold weather.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Other Species Attacked Feeds on numerous nontarget species.

Research Organization USDA (3), USDA (4) **References** 77, 194, 459, 590, 1292

## **HYPERICACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Hypericaceae

Species Hypericum androsaemum L.

Origin Asia Minor, Europe, northern Africa

Common Name tutsan

**AGENT** 

Melampsora hypericorum (DC.) Species

J. Schröt.

**Classification** (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Australia Year First Recorded 1991

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed post 1991

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

**General Impact** Variable

Notes Infection occurs readily on some weed

populations but not others, likely due to

genetic variation in rust and weed.

Limiting Factors Specificity

References 228

#### **HYPERICACEAE**

Hypericum androsaemum; Melampsora hypericorum (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** New Zealand

Year First Recorded 1952

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes **Abundance** High General Impact Variable

**Notes** Infection discolors and may defoliate plants. Though common and widespread throughout New Zealand, more effective on South Island than on North Island where infection rarely severe enough to

have significant impact.

References 75, 761, 1054, 1058

### **HYPERICACEAE** (continued)

| Origin | Hypericaceae  Hypericum perforatum L.  Asia, Europe, northern Africa St John's wort, St Johnswort, klamath weed, goatweed, San Juan herb |
|--------|--|
| · ·    | Chrysolina hyperici (Forster)<br>(Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)   |

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Hawaii USA

Year First Recorded 1965

**Source** Ex. England via Australia via USA (CA)

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Introduced accidentally with Chrysolina

quadrigemina. Damage only minor.

Other Species Attacked Also found feeding (though minor) on

the introduced Hypericum degeneri Fosberg, which has since been

synonymized with H. parvulum Greene

Research Organization HDOA

**References** 402, 404, 612, 635, 1149, 1579

## **HYPERICACEAE**

Hypericum perforatum (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Chrysolina quadrigemina (Suffrian)
Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Argentina **Year First Recorded** 2004

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Mater Colonized

Notes Only present at few infestations and in

low numbers, though populations likely

increasing.

**References** 1356, 1834

## **MYRTACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Myrtaceae

Species Leptospermum laevigatum (Gaertn.)

F. Muell.

Origin Australia

Common Name Australian myrtle

**AGENT** 

Species Dasineura strobila Dorchin

Classification (Diptera: Cecidomyiidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Republic of South Africa

Year First Recorded 1980s

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Intentionally introduced and

redistributed, though was then found to be already established. Both populations subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Initially developed very dense populations until it acquired several species of local predatory mites and parasitic wasps that caused a marked decline in population levels. In combination with *Aristaea thalassias*, at some sites may contribute to a reduction in the growth and stature of *Leptospermum laevigatum* seedlings,

but overall suppression of the weed is

negligible.

**Limiting Factors** Predation

**References** 517, 654, 657, 992

## **MYRTACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |   |
|----------------|---|
| Family         | Myrtaceae                                       |
| Species        | Leptospermum scoparium J. R. Forst. & G. Forst. |
| Origin         | Australasia                                     |
| Common Name    | manuka  |
| AGENT          |   |
| Species        | Eriococcus leptospermi (Maskell)                |
| Classification | (Hemiptera: Eriococcidae)                       |

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found New Zealand

Year First Recorded 1948

Source Ex. Australia

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** More prevalent but less damaging than

Eriococcus orariensis. Associated with sooty mold fungus (Capnodium walteri Sacc.) that does not kill the weed. Target

plant native to New Zealand.

**References** 1866, 1947

#### **MYRTACEAE**

**Leptospermum scoparium** (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Eriococcus orariensis Hoy Classification (Hemiptera: Eriococcidae)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found New Zealand

Year First Recorded 1937

Source Ex. Australia

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1946

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Redistributed throughout both North

and South Islands. Initially widespread and caused severe damage but then declined likely due to infection by a fungus *Myriangium thwaitesii*. Now far less prevalent but still more damaging to *Leptospermum scoparium* than the related *Eriococcus leptospermi*. Associated with sooty mold fungus (*Capnodium walteri* Sacc.) that does not kill *L. scoparium*. Target plant native to

New Zealand.

**Limiting Factors** Disease

**References** 761, 1866, 1947

## MYRTACEAE (continued)

| WEED           |   |
|----------------|---|
| Family         | Myrtaceae                                     |
| Species        | Melaleuca quinquenervia (Cav.)<br>S. T. Blake |
| Origin         | Australia, New Caledonia, New Guinea          |
| Common Name    | melaleuca, broad-leaved paperbark             |
| AGENT          |   |
| ·              | Boreioglycaspis melaleucae Moore              |
| Classification | (Hemiptera: Psyllidae)                        |

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Puerto Rico

Year First Recorded 2006

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Medium
Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Populations widely distributed

throughout main island. Causes greatest damage nearest San Juan Airport and

Rio Piedros, decreasing outwards.

**References** 1529, 1532

#### **MYRTACEAE**

Melaleuca quinquenervia (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Oxyops vitiosa Pascoe

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Bahamas **Year First Recorded** 2007

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** 60% of trees experienced 25-50%

damage at one site, but damage less than 10% in trees attacked at 5 other

sites.

**References** 1529, 1533

#### **MYRTACEAE**

Melaleuca quinquenervia (continued)

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Species Puccinia psidii G. Winter

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1997

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** In combination with *Boreioglycaspis* 

melaleucae and Oxyops vitiosa, causes severe damage to mature melaleuca trees through reduced plant height, branching and biomass of surviving coppices as well as increased seedling

mortality.

Other Species Attacked Survives on numerous other native and

exotic host species.

References 245, 1549, 1550, 1551

## **PLANTAGINACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Plantaginaceae

Species Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica

(L.) Mill.

Past Names/Synonyms Linaria genistifolia (L.) Mill. subsp.

dalmatica (L.) Maire & Petitm., Linaria

dalmatica (L.) Mill.

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Linaria genistifolia (L.) Mill.

Notes

Dalmatian and yellow toadflax can both be highly variable in North America, which is compounded by their ability to hybridize. The taxonomic status of this group of species and their hybrids remains uncertain. The editors of the current catalogue follow the interpretation that *Linaria genistifolia* (L.) Mill. is distinct from *L. dalmatica* (L.) Mill. and that *L. dalmatica* consists of two subspecies, of which only one (*L. dalmatica* subsp. *dalmatica*) is invasive and weedy in

North America.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name Dalmatian toadflax, broad-leaved

toadflax

References 1534, 1687, 1820

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Brachypterolus pulicarius (L.)

Classification (Coleoptera: Kateridae)

**Notes** It was initially believed different

biotypes of Brachypterolus pulicarius had evolved sufficiently to be suited differently to Linaria vulgaris and L. dalmatica. Studies have since found no evidence to suggest that genetic variability between the host races has advanced to the point of speciation. B. pulicarius prefers and performs better on L. vulgaris; the use of

L. dalmatica is incidental.

References 861

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Year First Recorded 1953

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1989

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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## PLANTAGINACEAE; Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica Brachypterolus pulicarius (continued)

**Country Found** Canada (continued)

Notes Redistributed within BC on both Linaria

dalmatica and L. vulgaris prior to determining it was already widespread in the province. Though widespread in Canada, prefers Linaria vulgaris. Found sporadically on L. dalmatica but appears to be too rare to have major impact on seed production. Competition between Rhinusa antirrhini and Brachypterolus pulicarius prevents additive impact in

many locations.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 438, 441, 724, 731, 737, 1137,

1689, 1697, 1922

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 1919

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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## PLANTAGINACEAE; Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica Brachypterolus pulicarius (continued)

**Country Found** United States of America (continued) **Notes** Initially found as an unintentional introduction on *Linaria vulgaris* in NY in 1919, from where it spread throughout the USA where it has been reported on both L. vulgaris and L. dalmatica. A population found feeding exclusively on L. dalmatica in Canada was subsequently redistributed to L. dalmatica and L. vulgaris in the USA. The two populations are not genetically different and are likely moving between the two Linaria species on their own so are indistinguishable for establishment. abundance and efficacy. Though widespread in USA, prefers Linaria vulgaris. Even beetles collected from L. dalmatica preferred L. vulgaris in trials. Found in only limited amounts on L. dalmatica throughout USA, except portions of ID OR WA where much more abundant. At high densities, stunts height and causes increased branching. Overall impact to flowering and seed production minimal at most sites.

#### References

39, 332, 335, 861, 1105, 1127, 1364, 1365, 1689, 1697, 1991

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Rhinusa antirrhini (Paykull)

Past Names/Synonyms Gymnetron antirrhini (Paykull) Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms

Gymnaetron antirrhini (Paykull)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

> Notes It is believed two "strains" of this species exist in Canada, with the intentionally introduced population preferring Linaria dalmatica over L. vulgaris, attacking even the broad-leaved form of L. dalmatica. Conversely, the adventive population prefers L. vulgaris over L. dalmatica.

> > One may in fact be an unnamed sibling species.

**References** 213, 214, 1689

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Year First Recorded 1917

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1957

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica; Rhinusa antirrhini (continued)

**Country Found** Canada (continued)

Notes Though widespread in Canada, this

strain prefers *Linaria vulgaris*. Found sporadically on narrow-leaved form of *L. dalmatica*, which is least common of the two forms, but appears to be too rare to have a major impact on seed production. Competition between *Rhinusa antirrhini* and *Brachypterolus pulicarius* prevents additive impact in many locations. Parasitism may also limit impact. Additional strain introduced intentionally on *L. dalmatica* in 1993.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity; Parasitism; Interspecific

competition

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 432, 438, 737, 784, 1689, 1697

INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1957

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1986

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

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Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica; Rhinusa antirrhini (continued)

**Country Found** United States of America

**Notes** This unintentional introduction referred

to as the vulgaris biotype was found on *Linaria vulgaris* in 1909 and *L. dalmatica* (narrow-leaved form) by 1957. Intentionally redistributed from *L. vulgaris* to *L. dalmatica* at some locations. Only recorded accepting narrow-leaved form of *L. dalmatica*. Though attack rates on this form can be high locally, it is the least common and problematic form of *L. dalmatica*. Overall impact minimal. An additional strain (dalmatica biotype) was intentionally released against *L. dalmatica* in 1996.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity **Research Organization** State (13)

**References** 332, 335, 1105, 1364, 1689, 1697, 1991

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Rhinusa neta (Germar)

Past Names/Synonyms Gymnetron netum (Germar)
Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Gymnaetron netum (Germar)
Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**References** 213, 214, 441

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada
Year First Recorded 1957

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Though widespread in western

Canada on *Linaria vulgaris*, found only sporadically on *L. dalmatica*. Appears to be too rare to have major impact on

seed production.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 432, 438, 441, 1689, 1697

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria dalmatica subsp. dalmatica; Rhinusa neta (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1937

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Larval feeding destroys high proportion

of seeds in attacked capsules. Occurs only in scattered populations in northeastern and northwestern USA, and prefers *Linaria vulgaris* over *L. dalmatica*. Only recorded accepting narrow-leaved form of *L. dalmatica*.

Limiting Factors Specificity

**References** 1364, 1697, 1991

### PLANTAGINACEAE (continued)

#### **WEED**

**Family** Plantaginaceae Species Linaria vulgaris Mill.

Notes Yellow and Dalmatian toadflax can

both be highly variable in North America, which is compounded by their ability to hybridize. The taxonomic status of this group of species and their hybrids remains

uncertain.

Origin Eurasia

**Common Name** yellow toadflax, common toadflax,

butter-and-eggs

#### **AGENT**

Species Brachypterolus pulicarius (L.)

Classification (Coleoptera: Kateridae)

Notes It was initially believed different

biotypes of Brachypterolus pulicarius had evolved sufficiently to be suited differently to Linaria vulgaris and L. dalmatica. Studies have since found no evidence to suggest that genetic variability between the host races has advanced to the point of speciation. B. pulicarius prefers and performs better on L. vulgaris; the use of L. dalmatica is incidental.

References 861

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria vulgaris; Brachypterolus pulicarius (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Canada 1953 Year First Recorded

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1989 Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Redistributed within BC on both

Linaria dalmatica and L. vulgaris prior to determining it was already widespread in the province. Delays flowering and seed production but has not truly changed scope or prevalence of problems associated with Linaria vulgaris. Competition between Rhinusa antirrhini and Brachypterolus pulicarius prevents additive impact in many

locations.

**Limiting Factors** Interspecific competition

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 439, 724, 731, 737, 1137, 1181,

1190, 1689

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria vulgaris; Brachypterolus pulicarius (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 1919

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Initially found as an unintentional introduction on Linaria vulgaris in NY in 1919, from where it spread throughout the USA where it has been reported on both L. vulgaris and L. dalmatica. A population found feeding exclusively on L. dalmatica in Canada was subsequently redistributed to L. dalmatica and L. vulgaris in the USA. The two populations are not genetically different and are likely moving between the two Linaria species on their own so are indistinguishable for establishmnet, abundance and efficacy. Widespread and abundant, preferring Linaria vulgaris over L. dalmatica. Can delay flowering and reduce seed production of L. vulgaris by 80% to 90% at some locations. However, overall impact

#### References

39, 332, 861, 1105, 1127, 1364, 1365,

1689, 1697, 1991

minimal.

### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria vulgaris (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Rhinusa antirrhini (Paykull)

Past Names/Synonyms

Gymnetron antirrhini (Paykull)

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Gymnaetron antirrhini (Paykull)

Classification

(Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

Notes

It is believed two "strains" of this

species exist in Canada, with the intentionally introduced population preferring Linaria dalmatica over L. vulgaris, attacking even the broad-leaved form of L. dalmatica. Conversely, the adventive population prefers L. vulgaris over L. dalmatica. One may in fact be an unnamed

sibling species.

**References** 213, 214, 1689

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Year First Recorded 1917

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1957

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria vulgaris; Rhinusa antirrhini (continued)

**Country Found** Canada (continued)

**Notes** This accidental strain spread naturally

and artificially to all provinces but AB, MB, SK. Decreases seed production. Though widespread on *Linaria vulgaris*, satisfactory control has yet to be

achieved. Competition between *Rhinusa* antirrhini and *Brachypterolus pulicarius* prevents additive impact in many locations. Parasitism may also limit

impact.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition; Parasitism

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 439, 724, 735, 1138, 1181,

1190, 1689, 1697

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1909

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Larval feeding destroys some seeds

in attacked capsules. Seed reduction between 85% and 90% reported in WA, though typically much lower in other areas. Attack rates from 30% to 40% in OR had minimal impact on plant density.

Overall impact limited.

Limiting Factors Interspecific competition; Parasitism

**Research Organization** State (7,9,13,15)

**References** 192, 332, 334, 335, 1364, 1365, 1512,

1689, 1697, 1991

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria vulgaris (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Rhinusa neta (Germar)

Past Names/Synonyms Gymnetron netum (Germar)
Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Gymnaetron netum (Germar)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

**References** 213, 214, 441

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada

Year First Recorded 1957

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though widespread in western Canada

on *Linaria vulgaris*, satisfactory control

has yet to be achieved.

Research Organization AAFC

**References** 117, 432, 437, 439, 1689, 1697, 1922

#### **PLANTAGINACEAE**

Linaria vulgaris; Rhinusa neta (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 1937

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N Established Yes

> **Abundance** Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Larval feeding destroys high proportion

of seeds in attacked capsules. Occurs only in scattered populations in northeastern and northwestern USA, and prefers Linaria vulgaris over

L. dalmatica.

**References** 1697, 1991

## **POACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Poaceae

Species Arundo donax L.

Origin Mediterranean Europe, Asia Common Name giant reed, carrizo cane

**AGENT** 

**Species** Tetramesa romana Walker Classification (Hymenoptera: Eurytomidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 2007

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Restricted to southern CA and

> southwestern TX. Populations slowly dispersing from two likely accidental release locations in TX. Attack rates in CA often high though variables measured indicate impact not

substantial. Additional studies required.

**References** 525, 651, 653, 1543

### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Pontederiaceae

Species Eichhornia crassipes (Mart.) Solms

Origin South America

Common Name water hyacinth, waterhyacinth,

Majavani, keladi bunting, phak top chawaa, sawah, ècèng, etjeng padi, luc bình, beda bin, ye padauk

**AGENT** 

Species Alternaria eichhorniae Nag Raj &

Ponnappa

Classification (Dothideomycetes: Pleosporales)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Egypt

Year First Recorded 1984

Source Ex. Unknown Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

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#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Alternaria eichhorniae (continued)

**Country Found** Egypt (continued)

Notes

Extensive research in glasshouse and controlled field settings indicate the pathogen can be highly virulent to attacked leaves, providing up to 100% of control. It is a poor disperser on its own and requires an extended dew period in the field, which limits its efficacy. However applications of the pathogen in oil emulsions overcame the dew requirements and were highly effective. Additional host specificity testing indicated the possibility of nontarget attack to numerous species. This

pathogen has not been successfully

developed into a commercial

bioherbicide.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization MUE

**References** 389, 937, 1044, 1642, 1643

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Republic of South Africa

Year First Recorded 1985

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1989

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Though may be widespread in an area

and may cause the death of entire leaves, appears to affect mainly older leaves with little effect on the size and

density of the plants.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 273, 278, 1284

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Classification

Species Cercospora piaropi Tharp Past Names/Synonyms Cercospora rodmanii Conway

(Dothideomycetes: Capnodiales)

Notes Historically two species of Cercospora were recognized in discussions regarding fungal biological control of Eichhornia crassipes (Mart.) Solms: C. piaropi Tharp and C. rodmanii Conway. Recent studies suggest the pathogens may be the same, and C. rodmanii should be recognized as a later synonym for the currently accepted C. piaropi. Though disagreements and difficulties remain in this taxonomic group, the editors of this catalogue support the idea that the Cercospora pathogens utilized for biological of *E. crassipes* are the same. Cercospora piaropi is among the most widespread and commonly found pathogens of *E. crassipes* worldwide. Consequently, only those countries where this species has been utilized/distributed intentionally are

**References** 987, 1284, 1789

listed in this catalogue.

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Cercospora piaropi (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Republic of South Africa

Year First Recorded 1986

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1989

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Found to be present in 1986, though

not introduced intentionally. A second population was intentionally introduced (under the name Cercospora rodmanii Conway) in 1987. Both populations can no longer be differentiated in South Africa and have been redistributed. Severe infections can lead to death of attacked leaves. Although it occurs

extensively, there has been no significant decline in weed populations.

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 273, 278, 1280, 1284, 1789, 2006

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Neochetina bruchi Hustache
Classification (Coleoptera: Erirhinidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Cote d'Ivoire

Year First Recorded 1997

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin via Ghana

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Spread to the Cote d'Ivoire side of

shared lagoon system by 1997 following release on the Ghana side in 1994. Introduced intentionally from Benin in 1998. Weevils have had visible impact

on water hyacinth populations.

**References** 21, 448, 450, 939, 946, 2060

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina bruchi (continued)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Nigeria **Year First Recorded** 1994

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

**Established** Yes

Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** This population found in southern

Nigeria in 1994 from populations naturally spreading from Benin. Status unknown. Different population intentionally released in northwestern

Nigeria beginning in 1995.

**References** 12, 388, 946

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Neochetina eichhorniae Warner

Classification (Coleoptera: Erirhinidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Cote d'Ivoire

Year First Recorded 1997

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin via Ghana

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Spread to the Cote d'Ivoire side of

shared lagoon system by 1997 following release on the Ghana side in 1994. Introduced intentionally from Benin in 1998. Weevils have had visible impact

on water hyacinth populations.

**References** 21, 448, 450, 939, 946, 2060

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Cuba

Year First Recorded 1976

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Though present in nearly all reservoirs

throughout the country, overall impact

unknown.

**References** 576, 670, 1044

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Malaysia Year First Recorded

early 1980s

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Thailand

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance I imited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Individuals of this unintentional

population migrating from Thailand subsequently established in same regions as intentionally introduced group and populations are no longer differentiated. Though widespread throughout range, established only in low numbers; insufficient to control

weed.

Research Organization MARDI, PLANTI, DOAM

**References** 55, 56, 57, 71, 1326, 1327, 2040

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Mexico Year First Recorded 1967

Source Fx. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes **Abundance** High

**General Impact** Variable

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#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

Country Found Mexico (continued)

**Notes** Approved and intentionally released,

though was already present

inadvertently since 1967. Intentional and inadvertent populations subsequently not differentiated in the literature.

Neochetina spp. in combination provide excellent control in some water bodies, but have limited impact in others unless additional agents/control methods.

additional agents/control methods

utilized.

**References** 699, 1161, 1163, 1164, 1368

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Mozambique

Year First Recorded post 1985

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Spread from South Africa following

releases along Crocodile River in 1985.
A different population intentionally

introduced into the Cahora Bassa in 1972 from unknown origins. Overall status of either population unknown.

**References** 798, 1494

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Niger Republic

Year First Recorded post 1993

**Source** Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

Deliberately Redistributed  $\,\,$  N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Spread from releases on Niger River

in Nigeria in 1993 700 km upstream to capital Niamey where the weevils have had visual impact on water hyacinth. Also intentionally introduced in 2011 from Benin though status of that

population unknown.

**References** 17, 279, 946

**INTRODUCTION** 

Country Found Nigeria

Year First Recorded 1994

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via Australia

via Benin

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

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#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

Country Found Nigeria (continued)

**Notes** This population found in southern Nigeria in 1994 from populations naturally spreading from Benin. Different population intentionally released in northwestern Nigeria beginning in 1993 and southwestern Nigeria in 1996. Intentional and naturally spread populations subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Dispersed and established rapidly; within 2 years, recovered from sites as far as 200 km from closest release point along River Niger. By 2001, water hyacinth infestations visibly reduced compared to 1995 observations. In southwestern states, Neochetina eichhorniae widespread but not effectively controlling the weed. Formal evaluation lacking throughout Nigeria.

**References** 21, 946, 1499, 1510

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Neochetina eichhorniae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Republic of South Africa

Year First Recorded 1996

Source Ex. Argentina via USA (FL) via

Zimbabwe

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Variable

**Notes** The first introductions had low

establishment and efficacy. The second intentional introduction and this accidental third introduction increased success, though were no longer differentiated in the literature. Neochetina eichhorniae is now the most widespread and abundant of Eichhornia crassipes agents in South Africa. Control success variable by site; very successful in some areas while ineffective in others. Flooding, low winter temperatures, and high water nutrient levels limit weevil

populations.

Limiting Factors Flooding; Habitat; Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

References 208, 297, 801, 946, 1340

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Niphograpta albiguttalis (Warren)

Past Names/Synonyms Sameodes albiguttalis (Warren)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Crambidae)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Cuba

Year First Recorded 1995

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 242, 1044

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Mexico

Year First Recorded 1993

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 236, 242, 1162

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Niphograpta albiguttalis (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Nigeria

Year First Recorded 2008

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Likely a natural spread from neighboring

Benin where this agent was intentionally released but believed to have failed establishment (additional monitoring in Benin thus warranted). To date, Nigeria

populations low but spreading.

References 1383

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Puerto Rico

Year First Recorded 1995

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 242

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Orthogalumna terebrantis Wallwork

Classification (Acari: Galumnidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Cuba Year First Recorded 1977

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Abundant and causes bronzing of

hvacinth in water bodies near Havana.

though overall impact unknown.

**References** 102, 576, 670

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Jamaica

Year First Recorded 1969

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 102

**PONTEDERIACEAE** 

Eichhornia crassipes; Orthogalumna terebrantis (continued)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Malawi

1991 Year First Recorded

Source Ex. South America via USA (FL) via

Zambia

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1996

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Accompanied weed from Zambezi

River where it was released in Zambia in 1970s. Occurs extensively and redistributed regularly. Has significant impact on water hyacinth throughout Shire, along with Neochetina spp., though the weed remains a problem.

Research Organization MFD

> References 103, 242, 882, 1496, 1788

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Mozambique

post 1971 Year First Recorded

Source Ex. South America via USA (FL) via

Zambia

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Accompanied weed from Zambezi River

where it was released in Zambia in

1970s.

References 1494

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Orthogalumna terebrantis (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Republic of South Africa

Year First Recorded 1989

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1990

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Imported into quarantine where died

out under insectary conditions and nothing released. Adventive population discovered from unknown sources and redistributed thereafter. Patchy distribution, though abundant where present. Damage can be high locally at some sites, but overall appears not very

damaging. Population spread appears limited by cold winter temperatures.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 273, 275, 297, 801, 992

#### **PONTEDERIACEAE**

Eichhornia crassipes; Orthogalumna terebrantis (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1968

Source Ex. South America

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Widespread and sporadic but provides

no substantial control. In combination with the fungus *Acremonium zonatum* can have locally severe but temporary impact. In combination with *Neochetina eichhorniae* can significantly reduce size and density of waterhyacinth in natural

situations locally.

Research Organization USDA (4)

**References** 242, 345, 452

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Zimbabwe

Year First Recorded 1996

Source Ex. South America via USA (FL) via

7ambia

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 2012

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Spread naturally from Zambia, recently

redistributed. Though well established in some locations, overall impact minimal.

**References** 103, 259, 345, 418, 1159

#### **ROSACEAE**

**WEED** Family Rosaceae Species Rosa multiflora Thunb. Origin Asia Common Name multiflora rose **AGENT** Name Rose Rosette Disease Classification Virus **Notes** The etiology of this disease has not been determined. Due to conflicting reports on whether it is native to the USA or not, the editors of this catalogue are erring on the side of caution and supporting the idea the disease is not native.

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1941

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed post 1968

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Variable

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#### **ROSACEAE**

Rosa multiflora; Rose Rosette Disease (continued)

**Country Found** United States of America (continued)

**Notes** Transmitted by *Phyllocoptes fructiphilus* and by grafting/mechanical movement. Both the mite and disease have spread widely on their own and by artificial means. Mites can only effectively transmit the disease when feeding on rapidly growing plants, which only occurs in the spring or after abundant rainfall. Dispersing mites do not infect many plants that are greater than ~100 m from heavily infested plants. so geographic spread of the disease is relatively slow except within densely populated patches. The disease takes ~ 2-6 years to kill Rosa multiflora. Large infected plants can still successfully produce seed that can remain viable for 40+ years. Even if new plants become infected with the disease, they will reseed before they can be killed. Therefore the disease is not an effective biocontrol agent for this weed problem. Public concern over risk of damage to commercial, ornamental and native roses has prevented efforts to further distribute the disease or mite, though both are continuing to spread on their own.

Other Species Attacked

Also infects native, ornamental and

commercial roses.

**Research Organization** State (47,44,46,41)

References 31, 518, 546, 547, 1448, 1806, 1897,

1995

# **ROSACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |   |
|----------------|---|
| Family         | Rosaceae  |
| Species        | Rubus armeniacus Focke  |
| Notes          | Rubus armeniacus is part of the Rubus fruticosus aggregate. Though the most common form in North America presently keys to R. armeniacus, there is evidence that several species in the R. fruticosus agg. are present in North America; these are currently being defined and clarified. |
| Origin         | Armenia   |
| Common Name    | Himalaya blackberry, Armenian blackberry  |
| AGENT          |   |
| Species        | Phragmidium violaceum (Schultz) G. Winter   |
| Classification | (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)  |

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Canada Year First Recorded 2007

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N Established Yes **Abundance** Limited General Impact Slight Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

> **Notes** Damage to date consists of small patches with foliar infections along with even smaller patches of winter defoliation. Does not yet extend through entire distribution of its host in Canada. (continued at top of next column)

# **ROSACEAE**

Rubus armeniacus; Phragmidium violaceum (continued)

**Country Found** Canada (continued)

**Limiting Factors** Climate

Other Species Attacked Also infects the invasive *Rubus* 

laciniatus Willd.

**References** 217, 1133, 1407

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Causes partial to complete defoliation and reduces tip rooting, thus decreasing canopy cover and giving competing vegetation increased opportunity for establishment. Disease severity greatest in coastal areas were extended periods of fog common. High humidity and moderate temperatures required for optimal spread and to prevent entering early dormancy. Efficacy may be impaired by parasitic fungus. This information combined with climate data indicate severe blackberry rust

importance in most years.

**Limiting Factors** Climate: Parasitism

**Other Species Attacked** Also infects the invasive Rubus

> laciniatus Willd. as well as one cultivated variety of the same species. Genotypes and crosses of R. insularis F. Aresch.

epidemics will be sporadic and of minor

were also highly susceptible.

**References** 334, 1133, 1266, 1407, 1488

# **ROSACEAE** (continued)

| WEED           |   |
|----------------|---|
| Family         | Rosaceae  |
| Species        | Rubus fruticosus L. agg.  |
| Notes          | Group of closely related species whose frequent interspecific hybridization and high phenotypic plasticity make taxonomic designations difficult. For convenience these are dealt with herein under the name <i>Rubus fruticosus</i> aggregate. |
| Origin         | Asia, Europe  |
| Common Name    | European blackberry, blackberry   |
| AGENT          |   |
| Species        | Phragmidium violaceum (Schultz) G. Winter   |
| Classification | (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)  |

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Australia **Year First Recorded** 1984

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

Notes Illegal or accidental introduction; spread naturally throughout southern Australia. Attacks all species of European blackberry in VIC except some Rubus ulmifolius hybrids, R. erythrops (=R. rosaceus) or R. cissburiensis. Disease intensity varies by Rubus species, location and time, rarely exceeding 40% of leaves on infected stems. (continued at top of next column)

#### ROSACEAE

Rubus fruticosus; Phragmidium violaceum (continued)

**Country Found** Australia (continued)

Notes (continued) Only under ideal conditions (sufficient

rainfall and humidity and mild maximum temperatures) is there significant reduction in daughter plant production

and total biomass.

Limiting Factors Climate

Research Organization VIC State

**References** 188, 189, 558, 648, 886, 1158, 1261,

1264

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found New Zealand

Year First Recorded 1990

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Impact patchy because various species

under aggregate name Rubus fruticosus

range from highly susceptible to

resistant to this strain. Does not do well in areas with low rainfall (< 750 mm per year), in shade, or on plants under stress from other factors (e.g. high or

low temperatures).

Limiting Factors Climate; Habitat

Other Species Attacked Minor spillover damage only observed

once on the native Rubus cissoides A.

Cunn.

**References** 1064, 1069, 1264, 1888, 1926

# ROSACEAE

Rubus fruticosus (continued)

**AGENT** 

**Species** *Priophorus morio* (Lepeletier)

**Classification** (Hymenoptera: Tenthredinidae)

**INTRODUCTION** 

Country Found Australia

Year First Recorded 1959

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Other Species Attacked Attacks numerous species of Rubus

(including raspberry, blackberry, youngberry, loganberry) as well as Sorbus spp. Consequently the

deliberate use of this species as a biological control agent should be done

with caution.

**References** 218, 1336

#### ROSACEAE

Rubus fruticosus; Priophorus morio (continued)

**INTRODUCTION** 

**Country Found** New Zealand

Year First Recorded 1936

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Other Species Attacked Attacks numerous species of Rubus

(including raspberry, blackberry, youngberry, loganberry) as well as Sorbus spp. Consequently its deliberate use as a biological control agent should

be done with caution.

**References** 218, 1336

**TABLE** 3

# ROSACEAE (continued)

| WEED        |   |
|-------------|---|
| Family      | Rosaceae                                  |
| Species     | Rubus ulmifolius Schott                   |
| Origin      | Europe, northern Africa                   |
| Common Name | zarzamora, blackberry                     |
| AGENT       |   |
| Species     | Phragmidium violaceum (Schultz) G. Winter |
| 0 !f        | (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)            |

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Argentina
Year First Recorded 2008

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 212, 548, 1356

# **SALVINIACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Salviniaceae

Species Salvinia minima Baker

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Salvinia rotundifolia Willd.

Origin Mexico, Central America, South

America

Common Name common salvinia, water fern, salvinia

**AGENT** 

Species Cyrtobagous salviniae Calder &

Sands

Past Names/Synonyms Cyrtobagous singularis Hustache pars

Classification (Coleoptera: Erirhinidae)

Notes When first collected from salvinia in

southeastern Brazil it was thought to be a biotype of *Cyrtobagous singularis* adapted to *Salvinia* 

singularis adapted to Salvinia molesta. Detailed comparative studies following releases in Australia helped researchers determined that it was a new, undescribed species, later to be named Cyrtobagous salviniae.

Two ecotypes of this species are known: the larger Brazilian ecotype was intentionally released in Australia and from there to numerous other countries, including Florida USA.

The second, smaller ecotype was adventively introduced to Florida.

# SALVINIACEAE

Salvinia minima; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

1960 Year First Recorded

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 2005

Established Yes

**Abundance** High

**General Impact** Heavy Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Intentionally redistributed on *Salvinia* 

minima as well as S. molesta. In stable S. minima populations, populations can grow sufficiently large to suppress plant growth. This can improve water quality and increase nutrient cycling in invaded drainages. Smaller FL ecotype more effective than Brazilian ecotype during

trials. Predation by red imported fire ants may decrease weevil populations below

threshold needed to provide control.

**Limiting Factors** Predation Research Organization USDA (3)

**References** 216, 899, 989, 1436, 1790, 1798, 1800,

1803. 1804

# **SALVINIACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Salviniaceae

Species Salvinia molesta D.S. Mitch.

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Salvinia auriculata Aubl.

Origin Brazil

Common Name salvinia, water fern, Kariba weed,

African payal, giant salvinia

**AGENT** 

Species Cyrtobagous salviniae Calder &

Sands

Past Names/Synonyms Cyrtobagous singularis Hustache

pars, Cyrtobagous sp.

Classification (Coleoptera: Erirhinidae)

Notes When first collected from salvinia in

southeastern Brazil it was thought to be a biotype of Cyrtobagous singularis adapted to Salvinia

molesta. Detailed comparative studies following releases in Australia helped researchers determined that it was a new, undescribed species, later to be named Cyrtobagous salviniae. Two ecotypes of this species are known: the larger Brazilian ecotype was intentionally released in Australia and from there to numerous other countries, including Florida USA. The second, smaller ecotype was adventively introduced to Florida.

**TABLE** 3

# **SALVINIACEAE**

Salvinia molesta; Cyrtobagous salviniae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Source Ex. Unknown

Peliberately Redistributed Y
Year Redistributed 1999
Established No

**Notes** This FL ecotype inadvertently introduced

onto Salvinia minima by 1960 and redistributed to S. molesta. Initial redistributions failed due to low agent fitness following shipment and to destruction of release sites. A second population from Brazil intentionally introduced onto S. molesta in 2001. Accidental FL ecotype subsequently found to be more effective than Brazilian ecotype during trials; future releases of this species recommended to be of FL

ecotype.

Limiting Factors Land use Research Organization USDA (3,4)

References 1800, 1801, 1802, 1804

# SALVINIACEAE Salvinia molesta (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Cyrtobagous salviniae Calder &

Sands

Classification (Coleoptera: Erirhinidae)

**Notes** Two ecotypes of this species are

known: the larger Brazilian ecotype was intentionally released in Australia and from there to numerous other countries, including Florida USA. The second, smaller ecotype was adventively introduced to Florida.

### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Zimbabwe

Year First Recorded 1991

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Heavy

Toury

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

otes Observed on Lake Kariba in 1991, but

a population imported from Botswana intentionally introduced to other parts of Lake in 1992. Both populations subsequently not differentiated in the literature. Brought about up to 99% control in different river systems within 2 years. *Salvinia molesta* no longer considered problematic in Zimbabwe.

**References** 255, 258, 262, 418, 800

# SALVINIACEAE Salvinia molesta (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Cyrtobagous singularis Hustache

Classification (Coleoptera: Erirhinidae)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Zimbabwe
Year First Recorded 1984

Source Ex. Trinidad via Zambia

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Spread naturally from releases made

on the Zambian side of Lake Kariba. Although the weed has declined in some areas, evidence suggests other factors were responsible and this agent has not contributed significantly to control.

**References** 101, 312, 948, 1160, 1174

# **SALVINIACEAE**

Salvinia molesta (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Paulinia acuminata (De Geer)

Classification (Orthoptera: Pauliniidae)

# INTRODUCTION

Country Found Mozambique

Year First Recorded 1984

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Carried down Zambezi River from

Lake Kariba on border of Zambia and Zimbabwe where this agent was intentionally released. Populations possibly contain progeny of Uruguay introduction, though most likely they arose from Trinidad population.

Considered ineffective in Mozambique.

References 103, 938

# **SCROPHULARIACEAE**

| WEED                          |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Family                        | Scrophulariaceae             |
| Species                       | Verbascum thapsus L.         |
| Origin                        | Eurasia                      |
| Common Name                   | common mullein               |
| AGENT                         |                              |
| Species                       | Rhinusa tetra (Fabricius)    |
| Past Names/Synonyms           | Gymnetron tetrum (Fabricius) |
| Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms | Gymnaetron teter (Fabricius) |
| Classification                | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)  |
| References                    | 213, 214                     |
|                               |                              |

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found United States of America

Year First Recorded 1919

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1995

Established Yes

**Abundance** Variable

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Well established in WA where it causes

extensive seed destruction. Also widespread in OR but impact unknown. Present in CA but having negligible

impact. Populations limited in MT.

Other Species Attacked Also attacks the exotic Verbascum

blattaria L.

**Research Organization** State (9,13,14,15)

References 192, 332, 333, 334, 473, 1105, 1497,

1502, 1636

# **TAMARICACEAE**

**WEED** 

Family Tamaricaceae **Species** Tamarix spp.

Notes Spans several species including

(among other less frequent species) Tamarix parviflora DC., Tamarix canariensis Willd., Tamarix gallica L., Tamarix chinensis Lour., Tamarix ramosissima Ledeb., and their

hybrids. T. chinensis, T. ramosissima, and their hybrids are by far the most common species invading the

southwestern USA.

Origin Eurasia, northern Africa

Common Name saltcedar, tamarisk

**AGENT** 

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

Species Diorhabda sublineata (Lucas)

Past Names/Synonyms Diorhabda elongata (Brullé) pars

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# **TAMARICACEAE**

Tamarix spp. (continued)

Species

Species Diorhabda sublineata (Lucas)

**Notes** Tamarisk leaf beetles were initially believed to be multiple species or subspecies that were later synonymized and differentiated only according to ecotype. These have recently been reassigned to five species, four of which have been introduced to the USA for tamarisk biological control. The different species of tamarisk leaf beetles are suited to different habitats/locations in the USA. Ecotype distinctions are retained here for the ease of combining information from different references. In 2009, a lawsuit was filed against USDA APHIS due to the possible negative impacts this biocontrol program could have on the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher by destroying some of the adventive tamarisk it utilizes where its natural habitat has been encroached. Redistributions of the tamarisk leaf beetles have been discontinued until

**References** 1644, 1822

this is resolved.

**TAMARICACEAE** 

Tamarix spp.; Diorhabda sublineata (continued)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Mexico
Year First Recorded 2009

Source Ex. Tunisia via USA (TX)

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

**Notes** Tunisian ecotype. Not intentionally

released in Mexico, but spread naturally to Mexican side of Rio Grande after USA released insects on USA side. Releases occurred only following meetings where Mexican scientists and officials agreed not to oppose releases in west Texas. After crossing Rio Grande, have

established strongly deep into Mexico. **Limiting Factors** Predation

**References** 89, 90, 461, 465

TABLE 3

| WEED                |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Family              | Verbenaceae   |
| Species             | Lantana camara L. sens. lat.  |
| Past Names/Synonyms | Lantana camara subsp. aculeata<br>Moldenke, Lantana camara var.<br>aculeata (L.) Moldenke, Lantana<br>aculeata L., Lantana camara aculeata  |
| Notes               | Comprises a complex of horticultural/<br>weedy hybrids and closely related<br>species within the section Camara   |
| Origin              | Original parent species likely native to tropical Americas  |
| Common Name         | lantana, kauboica, tataramoa, bands,<br>guphul, nagaairi, phullaki, putus,<br>tantbi, vieille fille, chiponiwe (Shona),<br>tick berry, bahug-bahug, sapinit, pha-<br>ka-krong, talamoa, prickly lantana |
| AGENT               |   |
| Species             | Calycomyza lantanae (Frick)   |
| Classification      | (Diptera: Agromyzidae)  |

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Cambodia
Year First Recorded 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Deliberately Redistributed} & N \end{tabular}$ 

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Unknown **References** 431, 1641

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Calycomyza lantanae (continued)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Ethiopia

Year First Recorded 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1198

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Federated States of Micronesia

Year First Recorded 1995

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**References** 431, 451, 1302, 1308

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Guam

Year First Recorded 1992

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 429, 431, 1302, 1308

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Calycomyza lantanae (continued)

# INTRODUCTION

Country Found Indonesia
Year First Recorded post 1977

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 429, 431, 1397

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Kenya

Year First Recorded 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Observed around Nairobi but likely more

widespread than that.

References 418, 418

#### VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara; Calycomyza lantanae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Madagascar

Year First Recorded 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Symptoms recognized on lantana plants

by 2009, though the agent was only confirmed established in 2010. Current

overall status unknown.

**References** 1738, 1846

# INTRODUCTION

Country Found Malaysia

Year First Recorded post 1977

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Causes severe defoliation, leading to

partial control.

**References** 429, 431, 1397

Lantana camara; Calycomyza lantanae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Palau Year First Recorded 2009

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 451, 1302

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Papua New Guinea

Year First Recorded post 1977

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Causes only minor damage. References 418, 418, 429, 431, 1397

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Philippines

Year First Recorded 1983

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Though moderately common, effect on

lantana populations unknown.

**References** 291, 429, 515

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Calycomyza lantanae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Singapore

Year First Recorded post 1977

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 429, 1397

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Solomon Islands

Year First Recorded 1997

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Causes only minor damage.

References 418, 429

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Calycomyza lantanae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Swaziland
Year First Recorded 1998

Source Ex. Trinidad via Australia via Republic

of South Africa; Ex. USA (FL, TX) via

Republic of South Africa

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Two populations were released from

different sources into South Africa and subsequently not differentiated in the literature or the field. The species subsequently spread naturally to neighboring Swaziland where low numbers observed, causing only minor

damage.

**References** 280, 418, 429, 1340

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Taiwan **Year First Recorded** 2006

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Numbers are limited and causes only

minor damage.

References 418, 431

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Calycomyza lantanae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Tanzania
Year First Recorded 1997

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 429, 2074

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Thailand
Year First Recorded mid 1980s
Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes
Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though widespread, impact has only

been minor.

Research Organization NBCRC

References 418, 426, 429, 1327, 1329

Lantana camara; Calycomyza lantanae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Timor Leste

Year First Recorded 2006

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Only causes minor damage.

References 418, 431

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Uganda

Year First Recorded 1997

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 429, 2074

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Vanuatu

Year First Recorded 2012

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Causes only minor damage.

References 204, 418

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Calycomyza lantanae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Vietnam

Year First Recorded 2002

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Numbers are limited and causes only

minor damage.

**References** 418, 429, 431

# INTRODUCTION

Country Found Zimbabwe

Year First Recorded 2012

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though widely distributed, numbers low

and damage appears minor.

References 418

# VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Cremastobombycia lantanella Busck

Classification (Lepidoptera: Gracillariidae)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Republic of South Africa

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Notes

The widespread, indigenous, African

Aristaea onychota (Meyrick) has been incorrectly referred to as the exotic Cremastobombycia lantanella Busck numerous times in the biocontrol

literature. Because it has not been redistributed intentionally throughout the Republic of South Africa, A. onychota does not warrant mention in this

catalogue under the current ruling for including native organisms. However, this entry is intentionally included herein to help clarify the taxonomic confusion

of C. lantanella in Africa.

References 1848

# VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Crocidosema lantana Busck

Past Names/Synonyms Epinotia lantana (Busck)

Classification (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Guam

Year First Recorded 1988

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

**Established** Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes With Lantanophaga pusillidactyla

causes 70-80% decline in fruit

production.

**References** 429, 481, 482

**INTRODUCTION** 

Country Found India

Year First Recorded 1986

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact None

**Notes** Attacks high percentage of fruits, but

ineffective.

**References** 1034, 1312, 1542

Lantana camara; Crocidosema lantana (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Northern Mariana Islands

Year First Recorded post 1949

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

**Established** Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Contributing to control and in

conjunction with Lantanophaga

pusillidactyla is the most effective agent

in the region.

**References** 429, 481, 482

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Palau **Year First Recorded** 1988

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes In conjunction with Lantanophaga

 $\label{eq:pusillidactyla} \textit{pusillidactyla} \ \text{is the most effective}$ 

lantana agent in region.

**References** 429, 481, 482

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Crocidosema lantana (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Republic of South Africa

Year First Recorded 1961

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

**Established** Yes **Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Intentionally introduced in 1984, though

now believed this species already present accidentally prior to 1961. Both populations not differentiated in the literature. Though widely distributed throughout South Africa, populations typically low, due at least in part to parasitism. Contributes to the damage of lantana flowers throughout its range, although insufficient to reduce the

plant's weed status.

References 62, 65, 66, 429, 992

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Vanuatu **Year First Recorded** 2012

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Only observed in low numbers; unlikely

to be very damaging. Additional surveys

warranted.

References 204, 418

Lantana camara; Crocidosema lantana (continued)

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Zimbabwe

Year First Recorded 2012

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though widely distributed, numbers low

and damage appears minor.

References 418

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara (continued)

### **AGENT**

Species Hypena laceratalis Walker

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Hypena strigata (Fabricius), Hypena

jussalis Walker, Hypena strigalis

Classification (Lepidoptera: Erebidae)

#### **INTRODUCTION**

**Country Found** Cape Verde Islands

Year First Recorded 2003

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 429, 431, 1869, 1940

### INTRODUCTION

Country Found New Caledonia

Year First Recorded 1979

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though widespread, causes only minor

damage.

**References** 418, 429, 698, 1940

Lantana camara; Hypena laceratalis (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Northern Mariana Islands

Year First Recorded 1988

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact None

**Notes** Overall impact insignificant.

References 429, 481, 482, 1940

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Papua New Guinea

Year First Recorded 2003

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Causes only minor damage.

**References** 418, 429, 431, 1940

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Philippines

Year First Recorded 2003

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Causes only minor damage.

**References** 418, 429, 1940

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Hypena laceratalis (continued)

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Taiwan

Year First Recorded 2006

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Unknown
Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Suspected present, but not formally

confirmed.

References 418

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Vanuatu

Year First Recorded 2012

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Populations limited and localized,

causing minimal damage.

References 418

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (Walker)

Past Names/Synonyms Platyptilia pusillidactyla Walker

Classification (Lepidoptera: Pterophoridae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Australia

Year First Recorded 1936

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely distributed throughout range of

weed. Populations fluctuate seasonally, peaking in summer and autumn in warm, moist areas but waning over winter and in temperate areas. Causes

only minor damage.

References 414, 422, 429

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Guam

Year First Recorded 1988

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes With Crocidosema lantana causes

70-80% decline in fruit production.

Research Organization UOG

**References** 429, 481, 482, 1300, 1317

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (continued)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Hong Kong

Year First Recorded 1900

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Intentionally introduced, though

the agent was already established inadvertently. Populations subsequently

not differentiated. Current overall status

unknown.

**References** 429, 635, 1940

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** India

Year First Recorded 1919

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Densities too low to provide any

significant control, likely a result of

natural enemies.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism; Predation

Other Species Attacked Also breeds in the native Lantana indica

Roxb. and the exotic Lippia geminata

H. B. & K.

**References** 1034, 1312, 1542, 1546

Lantana camara; Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Israel
Year First Recorded 2004

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

**Established** Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 96

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Italy

Year First Recorded 2007

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 96

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Morocco

Year First Recorded 2004

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 96

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Myanmar

Year First Recorded 1920

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Though populations widespread

when first documented in Myanmar, abundance and impact already greatly hindered by parasitoids and predators.

Limiting Factors Parasitism; Predation

Other Species Attacked Also breeds in the native Lantana indica

Roxb. and the exotic *Lippia geminata* H.

B. & K.

References 418, 429, 431, 1546

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found New Zealand

Year First Recorded 1982

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes While both adults and larvae feed on

flowers, thought to have limited impact

in New Zealand.

**References** 526, 761, 1055, 1072

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Northern Mariana Islands

Year First Recorded 1988

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Contributes to partial or seasonal

control.

**References** 429, 481, 482, 1302, 1940

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Country Found Papua New Guinea

Year First Recorded 2003

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Causes only minor damage.

References 429

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found People's Republic of China

Year First Recorded 2011

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Having only minor impact.

**References** 418, 1221

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Portugal

Year First Recorded 2004

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

**Established** Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 96

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Republic of South Africa

Year First Recorded 1904

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes

Present adventively since at least 1904. Abundance varies from rare to frequent, but is typically low throughout South Africa. Damage restricted to only a section of entire flower head, allowing undamaged flowers on the infested cluster to mature and set fruit. Consequently impact is negligible. Populations limited by parasitism in some places. A different population

was intentionally introduced in 1984 but

failed to establish.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

Other Species Attacked Also attacks native Lippia spp.

**References** 62, 66, 429, 992, 1340

Lantana camara; Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Spain Year First Recorded 2000

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 96, 985

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Sri Lanka

Year First Recorded 1920

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 418, 1546, 2044

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Taiwan

Year First Recorded 2006

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Having only minor impact.

References 418, 431

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Thailand

Year First Recorded 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Having only minor impact.

References 418

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Timor Leste

Year First Recorded 2006

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Only causes minor damage.

References 418, 431

Lantana camara; Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (continued)

# INTRODUCTION

Country Found Zambia
Year First Recorded 1982

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Impact typically negligible.

References 1117

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Zimbabwe

Year First Recorded 2012

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Though widely distributed, numbers low

and damage appears minor.

References 418

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara (continued)

### **AGENT**

Species Neogalea sunia (Guenée)
Classification (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)

# INTRODUCTION

Country Found New Caledonia

Year First Recorded 1977

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Rare

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Single specimen collected. Causes only

minor damage.

References 429, 698

TABLE 3

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Octotoma scabripennis Guérin-

Méneville

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Swaziland Year First Recorded 2005

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Australia

via Republic of South Africa

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Plant damage rare to occasional;

establishment and abundance limited.

**References** 280, 1132

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Ophiomyia camarae Spencer

Classification (Diptera: Agromyzidae)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Argentina

Year First Recorded 1976

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1865

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Ethiopia

Year First Recorded 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Limited

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Impact has not been formally evaluated

but is likely minimal due to the sparse abundance observed and to its recent

introduction.

**References** 1847, 1849

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia camarae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Kenya
Year First Recorded 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 2005

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Madagascar

Year First Recorded 2009

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 1846, 1849

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Mozambique

Year First Recorded 2009

**Source** Ex. USA (FL) via Republic of South

Africa

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Has flourished in the hot and humid, low

altitude, coastal regions.

**References** 1669, 1846, 1848, 1849

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia camarae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Swaziland

Year First Recorded 2005

Source Ex. USA (FL) via Republic of South Africa

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Established widely throughout range

though abundance and damage typically

just moderate.

**References** 1132, 1669, 1846

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Tanzania

Year First Recorded 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1849

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Zimbabwe

Year First Recorded 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though widely distributed, damage

appears minor.

**References** 418, 1738, 1846

Lantana camara (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Ophiomyia lantanae (Froggatt)
Past Names/Synonyms Agromyza lantanae Froggatt
Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Ophiomyia rhodesiensis
Classification (Diptera: Agromyzidae)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Argentina **Year First Recorded** 1976

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1865

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Ghana **Year First Recorded** 1970

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

**Established** Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Minor damage only.

**References** 312, 429, 1618

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found India
Year First Recorded 1921

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact None

Notes Deliberately released in 1921

without knowledge the agent was already established following this (likely) unintentional introduction. Both populations subsequently not distinguished in the literature. Attacks high percentage of fruits, but ineffective

as germination is not affected.

**References** 1542, 1548, 1747

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Indonesia **Year First Recorded** 1955

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

**Established** Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Established but causes only minor

damage.

**References** 418, 429, 939, 1715

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Kenya **Year First Recorded** 1958

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Following intentional release in 1958,

it was found already present in Kenya. Intentional and unintentional populations were subsequently not differentiated. Though widespread throughout country, impact is minor as fruit attack frequently does not kill the embryo in the seeds. Still present during recent surveys.

**References** 418, 429, 667, 668

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Madagascar

Year First Recorded 1968

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 668, 1846

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Malaysia
Year First Recorded 1973

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes

Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Widespread but not providing effective

control.

**References** 429, 431, 1397, 1717

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Myanmar **Year First Recorded** 1934

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Causes only minor damage.

**References** 429, 1717, 1747

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Northern Mariana Islands

Year First Recorded 1988

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Frequently infests over 50% of pods,

contributing to partial or seasonal control.

References 481, 482

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Palau **Year First Recorded** 1988

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Regional

Notes Abundant on Anagaur where it provides

partial or seasonal control.

partial of seasonal contro

**References** 429, 481, 482

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Papua New Guinea

Year First Recorded 1973

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 429, 431, 671

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Philippines

Year First Recorded 1983

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Relatively little effect upon seed viability.

References 291, 429

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Republic of South Africa

Year First Recorded 1961

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes

Intentionally introduced in 1961. Following release it was found that a species already present in the country had been wrongly identified as *Ophiomyia rhodesiensis* and was in fact *O. lantanae*. Intentional and unintentional populations were subsequently not differentiated as the unintentional population was already widespread. Now widely established and abundant, despite parasitism. Contributes to seed destruction but unlikely to impact spread of the weed, though additional study is warranted. Shows no preference for different

lantana varieties.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

**References** 65, 66, 267, 271, 280, 1399

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Samoa

Year First Recorded 1940

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

**Established** Yes

**Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1611

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Singapore
Year First Recorded 1973

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 429, 1397, 1717

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Sri Lanka

Year First Recorded 1933

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 429, 431, 1312, 1717, 1747

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Swaziland

Year First Recorded 1998

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Limited

General Impact Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

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# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

Country Found Swaziland (continued)

Notes Though this species was intentionally

introduced into South Africa in 1961, following release it was found that a species already present had been wrongly identified as *Ophiomyia rhodesiensis* and was in fact *O. lantanae*. Because the unintentional population was already widespread in the 1960s, it is likely this population in Swaziland was already inadvertently present as well and was not a result of natural spread from the 1961 intentional introduction into South Africa. In Swaziland, it is established widely throughout the range of the weed,

though abundance and damage typically

are limited to moderate.

**References** 280, 418, 429, 1132

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Taiwan

Year First Recorded 1958

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1610

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Tanzania
Year First Recorded 1960

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Impact only minor; no evidence of

checking lantana spread.

**References** 429, 1676

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Thailand **Year First Recorded** 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Damage only minor.

References 418

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Timor Leste

Year First Recorded 2006

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Only causes minor damage.

References 418, 431

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Tonga
Year First Recorded 1956

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1611

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Uganda **Year First Recorded** 1960

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Impact only minor; no evidence of

checking lantana spread.

**References** 429, 1716

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Vanuatu **Year First Recorded** 1983

Source Ex. Unknown

Course Ex. Official

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Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 289, 418, 429

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Vietnam **Year First Recorded** 1960

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

General Impact Slight

Abundance Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Causes only minor damage.

**References** 418, 429, 431, 1610

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Zambia **Year First Recorded** 1982

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Slight

**Geographical Scale of Impact** Widespread throughout range

Notes Impact typically negligible.

References 1117

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Ophiomyia lantanae (continued)

# INTRODUCTION

Country Found Zimbabwe

Year First Recorded 1971

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though widespread, of little importance

in Zimbabwe as only a small proportion of berries on any one plant are ever attacked, and fruit is set very freely.

**References** 418, 429, 668

Lantana camara (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Orthezia insignis Browne Classification (Hemiptera: Ortheziidae)

Notes Though it was used intentionally in

Hawaii, it is polyphagous and very damaging to many plant species and should not be considered for additional use as a biocontrol agent.

References 429

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Ascension Island

Year First Recorded 1980s

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance High

**General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Causes widespread and severe damage; probably adding to control by

Teleonemia scrupulosa. This agent has a wide host range, but has thus far not been found damaging native species on Ascension. It is polyphagous and very damaging to many plant species and should not be considered for additional

use as a biocontrol agent.

References 429, 431, 582, 584

#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Orthezia insignis (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Cape Verde Islands

2003 Year First Recorded

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 429, 431, 1869

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Ethiopia

Year First Recorded 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1198

#### INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** India

1915 Year First Recorded

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact None

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#### **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Orthezia insignis (continued)

**Country Found** India (continued)

**Notes** First identified in India in 1915, a second

population intentionally introduced in 1921. Both populations subsequently not differentiated in the literature. At one point agent was targeted for eradication once its polyphagous nature determined, but efforts failed and agent now firmly established in India. Does not

control weed.

Other Species Attacked Feeds on several desirable nontarget

species.

**References** 1034, 1312, 1546

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Kenva Year First Recorded 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1302

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Mauritius

Year First Recorded 1899

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Variable

General Impact Variable

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**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Orthezia insignis (continued)

**Country Found** Mauritius (continued)

**Notes** Polyphagous pest whose populations

vary depending on species and location. Causes considerable lasting damage to

lantana, especially in drier regions.

Other Species Attacked Polyphagous scale insect in Mauritius

> found on some crops such as Solanum melongena L. There are no records of Orthezia insignis damaging native plant species in Mauritius, but it would not be

surprising if this occurred occasionally.

**References** 469, 586, 1677

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Republic of South Africa

Year First Recorded 1898

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

**General Impact** Medium

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Moderately abundant in South Africa.

Sucks sap from stems of various plant species, with a preference for lantana and even certain lantana varieties. Its polyphagous nature precludes

intentional use.

**Limiting Factors** Specificity

Other Species Attacked A known polyphagous species, often

considered a pest. Found on the native Priva meyeri Jaub. & Spach and native

Lippia spp. growing near Lantana

camara L. sens. lat.

**References** 159, 429, 786, 1244, 1849

Lantana camara; Orthezia insignis (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Sri Lanka Year First Recorded 1893

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N Established Yes **Abundance** Variable **General Impact** Heavy

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Notes Affected shoots turn black and die

back, however the variable distribution of the insect in patches not considered

effective overall.

**References** 429, 431, 1034, 1312, 1546

# INTRODUCTION

Country Found St Helena Year First Recorded 1980s

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Causing widespread damage to

the weed but also to endemic Commidendrum robustum. The coccinelid Hyperaspis pantherina was released by IIBC in an attempt to save the native tree species. Orthezia insignis has been under successful biological control since 1993/94 and is unlikely to have any impact on L. camara in the

future.

**References** 429, 582, 583

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Orthezia insignis (continued)

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Swaziland Year First Recorded 2005

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes **Abundance** Limited

**General Impact** Medium Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

**Notes** Establishment limited, but damage

moderate where agents occur.

References 1132

# VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

#### **AGENT**

Species Phenacoccus parvus Morrison

Classification (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae)

**Notes** Recorded from the Caribbean, Central

America, and South America on many hosts. It has been recorded recently from Africa, throughout the South Pacific, Australia, and southern Asia. Due to the widespread distribution of this species, only the country where it has been utilized/distributed intentionally (Australia) is listed in this

catalogue.

References 1970

#### INTRODUCTION

Country Found Australia

Year First Recorded 1988

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed Y

Year Redistributed post 1988

Established Yes
Abundance Variable
General Impact Variable

**Notes** Deliberately redistributed by graziers.

During dry years populations increase and cause significant dieback of lantana plants. Populations remain low and found only in isolated areas during

normal rainfall patterns.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

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# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Phenacoccus parvus (continued)

Country Found Australia (continued)

Other Species Attacked At high population levels in Australia

has been reported attacking several economically important plants such as tomato and aubergine and is therefore not recommended for re-distribution or release in other countries. Where it occurs, it is particularly common on Solanaceae and on *Lantana camara* L.

sens. lat.

Research Organization Private

**References** 414, 418, 422, 429, 1753, 1970

Lantana camara (continued)

**AGENT** 

Species Teleonemia scrupulosa Stål

Classification (Hemiptera: Tingidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found India
Year First Recorded 1941

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji via

Australia

Deliberately Redistributed Y

Year Redistributed 1972 Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Recommendation made not to release

this insect but it escaped from the laboratory and established. Spread was assisted between 1972 and 1976 and is now widespread in all parts of the country. Can lead to defoliation but is of limited control value. Populations limited

by egg parasitoid.

Limiting Factors Parasitism

Other Species Attacked Fed upon teak in laboratory, but not

observed on this plant in the field.

Research Organization FRI

References 615, 1034, 1312, 1542, 1548, 1940

**VERBENACEAE** 

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found Indonesia

Year First Recorded 1940

Source Ex. Mexico via Hawaii USA via Fiji via

Australia

**Deliberately Redistributed** Y

Year Redistributed 1954

**Established** Yes **Abundance** High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Recommendation made not to release

this insect, but escaped from laboratory and established well in 10 years. Spread artificially assisted in 1954; now well established but of limited control value.

Other Species Attacked Fed upon teak in laboratory, but has not

significantly damaged this plant in the

field.

Research Organization DAI

**References** 429, 1548, 1940

INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Malaysia

Year First Recorded 1971

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 291, 429, 431, 1548

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Mauritius Year First Recorded 1952

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Variable

**Notes** Caused extensive damage and

prevented spread of the weed until 1964. Biocontrol program expanded when weed began to spread. Now, along with Hypena laceratalis and Salbia haemorrhoidalis, is commonly found and causes extensive damage to lantana in

drier areas and periods.

Research Organization MAM

**References** 586, 668, 856, 1677

# INTRODUCTION

Country Found Namibia Year First Recorded 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1672

# VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found Philippines** Year First Recorded 1983

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes **Abundance** Variable

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Abundance varies by region. Overall

impact unknown.

References 291, 429

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Swaziland

Year First Recorded 1998

**Source** Ex. Unknown via Republic of South

Africa

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes Abundance Limited General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Localized

Spread naturally from South Africa Notes where numerous populations

deliberately introduced from variety of sources. Unclear which population (or mixture of all) spread to Swaziland. Establishment very limited with minimal

damage attributed to this insect.

**References** 280, 418, 429, 1132

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana camara; Teleonemia scrupulosa (continued)

# INTRODUCTION

Country Found Thailand Year First Recorded 2010

**Source** Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance Limited
General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

Notes Impact only minor in the few regions

surveyed.

**References** 288, 418

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Timor Leste

Year First Recorded 2006

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes
Abundance High
General Impact Variable

Notes Damage is seasonal.

References 418, 431

# VERBENACEAE

Lantana camara (continued)

# **AGENT**

Species Uroplata girardi Pic

Classification (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Ethiopia **Year First Recorded** 2010

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 1198

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# **VERBENACEAE** (continued)

| WEED Family Species Origin Common Name           | Verbenaceae  Lantana montevidensis (Spreng.) Briq. South America creeping lantana                         |
|--|---|
| AGENT Species Past Names/Synonyms Classification | Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (Walker)<br>Platyptilia pusillidactyla Walker<br>(Lepidoptera: Pterophoridae) |

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Australia Year First Recorded 1936

**Source** Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes Abundance High

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

**Notes** Widely distributed on both weedy and horticultural forms of Lantana montevidensis throughout Australia.

Causes only minor damage.

**References** 414, 415, 422, 429

# **VERBENACEAE**

Lantana montevidensis; Lantanophaga pusillidactyla (continued)

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Italy Year First Recorded 2007

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 96

# **ZYGOPHYLLACEAE**

| WEED           |   |
|----------------|---|
| Family         | Zygophyllaceae  |
| Species        | Tribulus cistoides L.   |
| Origin         | tropical and sub-tropical Africa, Indo-<br>Australia  |
| Common Name    | false puncturevine, nohu, Jamaican<br>feverplant, Jamaican fever vine,<br>puncturevine, bur-not |
| AGENT          |   |
| Species        | Microlarinus lareynii (Jacquelin du<br>Val)   |
| Classification | (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)   |

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Mexico **Year First Recorded** 1976

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N
Established Yes
Abundance Unknown
General Impact Unknown
Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 45

# ZYGOPHYLLACEAE

Tribulus cistoides (continued)

# **AGENT**

Species *Microlarinus lypriformis* (Wollaston)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Bahamas **Year First Recorded** 1980

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 104, 105, 288

# INTRODUCTION

Country Found Colombia

Year First Recorded 1973

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

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References 1128

# **ZYGOPHYLLACEAE**

Tribulus cistoides; Microlarinus lypriformis (continued)

# INTRODUCTION

Country Found Curação

Year First Recorded 1984

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 104

# INTRODUCTION

Country Found Jamaica

Year First Recorded 1979

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 102, 104, 288

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Mexico

1973 Year First Recorded

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**References** 45, 102, 104, 288, 1128

# **ZYGOPHYLLACEAE**

Tribulus cistoides; Microlarinus lypriformis (continued)

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** Puerto Rico

Year First Recorded 1987

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance High

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 104

# INTRODUCTION

**Country Found** United States of America

Year First Recorded 1971

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

**Abundance** Moderate

General Impact Slight

Geographical Scale of Impact Widespread throughout range

Notes Though introduced intentionally against

Tribulus terrestris in other states in 1961, this population on *T. cistoides* adventive of unknown origin. Causing some damage but suffers attack from

native parasites.

**Limiting Factors** Parasitism

**References** 288, 1722

# **ZYGOPHYLLACEAE**

Tribulus cistoides; Microlarinus lypriformis (continued)

# INTRODUCTION

Country Found Venezuela

Year First Recorded 1984

Source Ex. Unknown

**Deliberately Redistributed** N

Established Yes

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

References 104

# **ZYGOPHYLLACEAE** (continued)

**WEED** 

Family Zygophyllaceae

Species Tribulus terrestris L.

Origin Mediterranean, western Asia, Africa

Common Name puncturevine, ground bur nut, bull's

head, goat head, caltrop

**AGENT** 

Species Microlarinus lareynii (Jacquelin du

Val)

Classification (Coleoptera: Curculionidae)

INTRODUCTION

Country Found La Réunion

Year First Recorded 2001

Source Ex. Unknown

Deliberately Redistributed N

Established Unknown

Abundance Unknown

General Impact Unknown

Geographical Scale of Impact Unknown

**Notes** Represented by a single specimen

collected in 2001, but establishment has not been confirmed; may just be a

short-lived introduction.

**References** 1465, 1631

# **TABLE 4. BIOHERBICIDES**

\*Please note that although some references indicate *Mycoleptodiscus terrestris* (Gerd.) Ostaz. was registered as Aqua Fyte for the control of *Myriophyllum spicatum* L. in the USA, official registration has not occured. Consequently this pathogen/weed system has been intentionally removed from this table.

# **Registration Information**

As stated in the introduction, Table 4 entries are first listed alphabetically according to the name of the biological control agent and secondarily by target weed name. Entries are then listed alphabetically according to the country in which a bioherbicide has been registered and are accompanied by the first year of registration with the appropriate authority. Also included are the name of the registered product(s), the research organization(s) involved, and registration notes, where applicable. The location and host source of isolated material is included for each entry.

# **Impact Information**

Bioherbicide impact is represented by six categories: None, Slight, Medium, Heavy, Variable, and Unknown. All impact is assumed to occur only on a localized scale following the application. Because the choices selected for impact are subjective estimates by the editors, an additional notes section is provided which includes a brief summary of each bioherbicide system.

# **Commercialization and Current Status**

The commercial status of the organism is given, along with the name of the commercialized product, the company or institution responsible and notes, if applicable. If the biocontrol agent has been observed in the field attacking plant species other than those targeted for control, this information is included. Likewise, factors believed to limit the efficacy of any particular release are listed when known.

# Alternaria destruens

| BIOHERBICIDE          |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| •                     | Alternaria destruens E.G. Simmons (Dothideomycetes: Pleosporales) |
| WEED                  |   |
| Family                | Cuscuta spp. Convolvulaceae                                       |
| Origin<br>Common Name | North America dodder  |

# **REGISTRATION/USE**

Country of Registration United States of America

Year of Registration 2005

Registered Name Smolder G, Smolder WP

Registration Notes Registered as bioherbicide formulations

Smolder G and Smolder WP.

Isolation Source Cuscuta gronovii Willd., USA (WI)

**Research Organization** State (50,3,51)

General Impact Variable

Impact Notes Initial trials indicated soil applied granular product suppresses dodder

at early stages of growth while spray formulation suppresses dodder vines that have reached top of cash crop canopy. To function effectively, requires moist environment and adequate temperature during infection period.

Subsequent field trials unsuccessful.

Commercially Available No

**Commercialization Company** 

or Institution United Agri-Products

**Commercialization Notes** Despite being registered, trials with

Smolder were unsuccessful in both MA

and WI. No longer registered.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

**References** 252, 330, 1484, 1603, 1856, 1859

# Chondrostereum purpureum

**BIOHERBICIDE** 

Species Chondrostereum purpureum (Pers.)

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Classification (Agaricomycetes: Agaricales)

**WEED** 

**Species** Acer spp., Alnus spp., Betula spp.,

Populus spp., Prunus spp.

Family Multiple Families Origin North America

Common Name birch, pin-cherry, poplar/aspen, red

maple, sugar maple, speckled alder

**REGISTRATION/USE** 

Country of Registration Canada

Year of Registration 2002

**Registered Name** Myco-Tech™ Paste, Chondrostereum

purpureum (HQ1)

Registration Notes The technical active ingredient

> Chondrostereum purpureum (HQ1) and the end-use product Myco-Tech™ Paste were granted full registration against weedy deciduous brush species in

rights-of-way.

**Isolation Source** Strain HQ1, Betula papyrifera Marshall,

Canada (QC)

Research Organization PFC

General Impact Heavy

**Impact Notes** Highly virulent on freshly cut stumps,

significantly reducing re-sprouting.

Commercially Available **Commercialization Company** 

or Institution

Myco-Forestis Corporation

Other Species Attacked Pathogen of various deciduous trees

> including species of Acer, Aesculus, Alnus, Betula, Crataegus, Fagus, Larix, Malus, Ostrya, Picea, Populus, Prunus,

Salix, and Sorbus.

References 156, 1064, 1484

# **Chondrostereum purpureum** (continued)

# **REGISTRATION/USE**

Country of Registration United States of America

Year of Registration 2005

**Registered Name** Myco-Tech™ Paste, HQ1 Concentrate

**Registration Notes** Registered as two bioherbicide

formulations under the names HQ1 Concentrate and Myco-Tech™ Paste for hardwood species growing in rights-ofway, wood lots and conifer plantations.

**Isolation Source** Strain HQ1, Betula papyrifera Marshall,

Canada (QC)

Research Organization PFC

General Impact Heavy

**Impact Notes** Highly virulent on freshly cut stumps.

significantly reducing re-sprouting.

Commercially Available Yes

**Commercialization Company** 

or Institution

Myco-Forestis Corporation

Other Species Attacked Pathogen of various deciduous trees

including species of Acer, Aesculus, Alnus, Betula, Crataegus, Fagus, Larix, Malus, Ostrya, Picea, Populus, Prunus,

Salix, and Sorbus.

**References** 156, 1064, 1484, 1855

# **Chondrostereum purpureum** (continued)

# **WEED**

Species Alnus rubra Bong., Alnus viridis

(Chaix) DC. subsp. sinuata (Regel) A.

Löve & D. Löve

Family Betulaceae

Origin North America

Common Name red alder, Sitka alder

# **REGISTRATION/USE**

Country of Registration Canada Year of Registration 2004

Registered Name Chontrol Paste, CP-PFC2139

Registration Notes Registered as bioherbicide formulations

> CP-PFC2139 and Chontrol Paste, temporarily in 2004 and fully in 2007.

**Isolation Source** Isolate PFC2139, Alnus rubra Bong.,

Canada (BC)

Research Organization PFC

**General Impact** Heavy

**Impact Notes** Highly virulent on freshly cut stumps,

inhibiting stump resprouting and typically

leading to death within two years.

Commercially Available Yes

**Commercialization Company** 

or Institution MycoLogic Inc.

**References** 94, 156, 157, 1064, 1485, 1486

# **Chondrostereum purpureum** (continued)

# **WEED**

Species Alnus spp., Populus spp.

Family Multiple Families Origin North America

Common Name alder, aspen and other hardwood

trees and shrubs

# REGISTRATION/USE

Country of Registration United States of America

Year of Registration 2004

Registered Name Chontrol Paste, CP-PFC2139

Registration Notes Registered as bioherbicide formulations

> CP-PFC 2139 and Chontrol Paste for hardwood trees and shrubs growing in

rights-of-way and forests.

Isolation Source Isolate PFC2139, Alnus rubra Bong.,

Canada (BC)

Research Organization PFC

General Impact Heavy

Impact Notes Highly virulent on freshly cut stumps,

inhibiting stump resprouting and typically

leading to death within two years.

Commercially Available Yes

**Commercialization Company** 

or Institution MycoLogic Inc.

**References** 94, 156, 157, 1064, 1485, 1854

# **Chondrostereum purpureum** (continued)

# **WEED**

Species Prunus serotina Ehrh.

Family Rosaceae Origin North America

Common Name black cherry, American bird cherry

# **REGISTRATION/USE**

Country of Registration Netherlands

Year of Registration 1997 Market Date

**Registered Name** BioChon

Registration Notes Produced and sold in The Netherlands

as BioChon from 1997-2000, but was not formally registered. When registration according to the directive 91/414 EEC was demanded, the company, Koppert B.V., withdrew the product from the market because costs related with the production of safety data required for registration would have outranged the possible commercial

turnover by far.

**Isolation Source** Unknown species, Netherlands

Research Organization WUR **General Impact** Heavy

> Impact Notes Generally resulted in death rate of 95%

> > in inoculated plants two years after

treatment.

Commercially Available No

**Commercialization Company** 

or Institution Koppert B.V.

**Commercialization Notes** Product withdrawn from market in

2000 due to low sales and regulatory

concerns.

Other Species Attacked Also effective against Populus spp.

**References** 444, 534, 1064

# Colletotrichum acutatum f. sp. hakeae

# BIOHERBICIDE

Species Colletotrichum acutatum J.H.

Simmonds f. sp. *hakeae* Lubbe, Denman, P. F. Cannon, J. Z. Groenew., Lampr. & Crous

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Colletotrichum gloeosporioides

(Penz.) Sacc., Colletotrichum gloeosporioides (Penz.) Penz. & Sacc. f. sp. aeschynomene

Classification (Sordariomycetes: Incertae sedis)

Notes Listed under Colletotrichum

gloeosporioides (Penz.) Penz. & Sacc. f. sp. aeschynomene in previous versions of the catalogue, though this appears incorrect as f. sp. aeschynomene has been isolated from an unrelated plant, Aeschynomene virginica (L.) B.S.P. in the USA. All early South African references refer to this pathogen simply as C. gloeosporioides (Penz.) Sacc. The pathogen has since been assigned to Colletotrichum acutatum J.H. Simmonds f. sp. hakeae

Lubbe, Denman, P. F. Cannon, J. Z. Groenew., Lampr. & Crous.

**References** 659, 944, 987, 1120

# **WEED**

Species Hakea sericea Schrad. & J.C. Wendl.

Family Proteaceae Origin Australia

Common Name silky hakea, needlebush

# Colletotrichum acutatum f. sp. hakeae (continued)

# **REGISTRATION/USE**

Country of Registration Republic of South Africa

Year of Registration 1990 Registered Name Hakatak®

**Registration Notes** Provisionally registered as Hakatak® in

1990.

Isolation Source Hakea sericea Schrad. & J.C. Wendl.,

Republic of South Africa

Research Organization ARC-PPRI
General Impact Variable

Impact Notes Causes branch cankers accompanied

by gum exudates from infected areas. Cankers gradually girdle the trunk and stems and kill the host plant. Highly effective in some areas, especially under moist and cloudy conditions. Interferes with larval development of

Carposina autologa.

Commercially Available No

Commercialization Company

or Institution National Chemical Products, a division

of Sentrachem

Commercialization Notes Registration allowed to lapse in 1991

due to limited market interest. Now produced on request free of charge by

ARC-PPRI.

**Limiting Factors** Climate

**References** 655, 659, 1281, 1284

# Colletotrichum gloeosporioides f. sp. aeschynomene

# **BIOHERBICIDE**

Species

Colletotrichum gloeosporioides (Penz.) Penz. & Sacc. f. sp. aeschynomene J.T. Daniel, G.E. Templeton, R.J. Sm. & W.T. Fox

Classification

(Sordariomycetes: Incertae sedis)

Notes Colletotrichum aeschynomenes B. Weir & P.R. Johnst, has been proposed as the new name for Colletotrichum gloeosporioides (Penz.) Penz. & Sacc. f. sp. aeschynomene J.T. Daniel, G.E. Tempelton, R.J. Sm. & W.T. Fox. The editors of this catalogue have retained the original name pending further confirmation of the change's acceptance and because it was the original name utilized in the registration of the bioherbicide.

References 1967

# Colletotrichum gloeosporioides. f. sp. aeschynomene (continued)

# **WEED**

**Species** Aeschynomene virginica (L.) B.S.P.

Family Fabaceae

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Aeschynomene indica L.

**Notes** The taxonomic history of Aeschynomene virginica (L.) BSP is under debate. According to one report, there is a single weedy Aeschynomene species (A. indica L.) found along the eastern seaboard in North America, while other reports suggest the occurrence of two weedy species (A. virginica and A. indica) in the Mississippi River Delta region of the US. The bioherbicide listed in this entry is highly virulent on A. virginica, but less so on A. indica. The name A. virginica applies to a species considered threatened or endangered along the eastern seaboard of the US where it is native, while populations of the same species are considered weedy and noxious when growing out of their native range in rice fields in Arkansas and surrounding states. The registration of the bioherbicide listed in this entry applies only to weedy populations of A. virginica growing within rice and soybean fields in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Missouri.

Origin North America

Common Name northern jointvetch

**References** 252, 1466, 1703, 1785, 1843, 1860

# Colletotrichum gloeosporioides. f. sp. aeschynomene (continued)

# **REGISTRATION/USE**

Country of Registration United States of America

Year of Registration 1982

> Registered Name Collego™, LockDown™

**Registration Notes** Registered in 1982 and 1992 as Collego™, and again in 2006 as LockDown™. All registrations were completed with the same exact strain/ isolate used in 1982 formulations. Formulations may differ across time.

Isolation Source Aeschynomene virginica (L.) B.S.P.,

USA (AR)

Research Organization State (2)

**General Impact** Heavy

Impact Notes Causes formation of many lesions all over Aeschynomene virginica plants, effectively girdling stems and branches. Typically leads to complete control (90% to 100% mortality) of the weed within 4 to 5 weeks in the field to which the product is properly applied. Active over a wide range of environmental conditions. Applications required annually because the fungus does not survive well in soil and or refuse despite being seedborne.

Commercially Available

**Commercialization Company** 

or Institution Encore Technologies, Inc., Agricultural

Research Initiatives, Inc.

**Commercialization Notes** Collego™ not produced or distributed since 2003. LockDown™ currently

available.

**References** 227, 251, 392, 592, 1064, 1703, 1785,

1787, 1852, 1858

# Colletotrichum gloeosporioides f. sp. cuscutae

BIOHERBICIDE

Species Colletotrichum gloeosporioides

(Penz.) Penz. & Sacc. f. sp. cuscutae

T.Y. Zhang

**Classification** (Sordariomycetes: Incertae sedis)

**WEED** 

Species Cuscuta australis R. Br.

Family Convolvulaceae

Origin Asia, Europe, Australia

Common Name dodder

**REGISTRATION/USE** 

Country of Registration People's Republic of China

Year of Registration 1966

> Registered Name Lubao No. 1, Lubao No. 1 S22®

**Registration Notes** Registered as a bioherbicide under

the name Lubao No. 1 in 1966. New strain created in 1987 under the name Lubao No. 1 S22<sup>®</sup>. Utilized against both Cuscuta australis and C. chinensis.

**Isolation Source** Glycine max (L.) Merr., People's

Republic of China (Shandong)

Research Organization CAAS-ISF General Impact Heavy

> Impact Notes Used to control weed in soybean fields.

> > Control >85% in all treated fields,

reducing yield loss 30-50%.

**Commercially Available Commercialization Company** 

or Institution

Institute of Soil and Fertilizers. Chinese

Academy of Agricultural Sciences

**Commercialization Notes** Degradation of Lubao No. 1 strain occurred in 1970s followed by decrease

in use. New formulation, Lubao No. 1 S22®, developed with higher virulence

and in use since 1987.

**References** 251, 349, 1064, 1935

# Colletotrichum gloeosporioides f. sp. cuscutae (continued)

# Species Cuscuta chinensis Lam. Family Convolvulaceae Notes Numerous herbarium collections from Asia labeled "Cuscuta chinensis" are in fact C. campestris—a North American species that has become almost cosmopolitan. Origin northern Africa, Asia, Australia

# **REGISTRATION/USE**

Country of Registration People's Republic of China

Year of Registration 1966

**Common Name** 

References 348

Registered Name Lubao No. 1, Lubao No. 1 S22®

dodder

**Registration Notes** Registered as a bioherbicide under

the name Lubao No. 1 in 1966. New strain created in 1987 under the name Lubao No. 1 S22®. Utilized against both *Cuscuta australis* and *C. chinensis*.

**Isolation Source** Glycine max (L.) Merr., People's

Republic of China (Shandong)

Research Organization CAAS-ISF

General Impact Heavy

**Impact Notes** Used to control weed in soybean fields.

Control >85% in all treated fields,

reducing yield loss 30-50%.

Commercially Available

Commercialization Company

or Institution

Institute of Soil and Fertilizers, Chinese

Academy of Agricultural Sciences

Commercialization Notes Degradation of Lubao No. 1 strain

occurred in 1970s followed by decrease in use. New formulation, Lubao No. 1 S22®, developed with higher virulence

and in use since 1987.

References 251, 349, 1064, 1935

# Colletotrichum gloeosporioides f. sp. malvae

**BIOHERBICIDE** 

Species Colletotrichum gloeosporioides

(Penz.) Penz. & Sacc. f. sp. malvae

Classification (Sordariomycetes: Incertae sedis)

**WEED** 

Species Malva pusilla Sm.

Family Malvaceae

Past Names/Synonyms Malva rotundifolia L.

Origin Eurasia

Common Name round-leaved mallow

REGISTRATION/USE

Country of Registration Canada

**Year of Registration** 1992

Registered Name BioMal®

**Registration Notes** Registered as bioherbicide in field crops.

Isolation Source Malva pusilla Sm., Canada (SK)

Research Organization AAFC

General Impact Heavy

Impact Notes Inoculations effectively control Malva

pusilla and increase crop yield.

Commercially Available N

Commercialization Company

or Institution Philom Bios

Commercialization Notes Commercial production halted in 1994

because changes in the marketplace over the 10 year development period resulted in the market potential being too small to justify further commercialization costs and

production expenses.

**References** 157, 1064, 1287, 1288, 1289

# Cylindrobasidium laeve

# BIOHERBICIDE

Species Cylindrobasidium laeve (Pers.)

Chamuris

Classification (Agaricomycetes: Agaricales)

**WEED** 

Species Acacia mearnsii De Wild.

Family Fabaceae
Origin Australia
Common Name black wattle

**REGISTRATION/USE** 

Country of Registration Republic of South Africa

Year of Registration 1997
Registered Name Stumpout®

Registration Notes Registered for use against Acacia

mearnsii and A. pycnantha.

Isolation Source Acacia mearnsii De Wild., Republic of

South Africa

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

General Impact Variable

Impact Notes When applied to cut stumps, the fungus

colonizes the wood and kills the stump,

preventing regrowth.

Commercially Available Yes

Commercialization Company

or Institution ARC-PPRI-Stellenbosch

Commercialization Notes Limited market for the product has

dissuaded large business interest; however there is regular demand from conservation organizations and landowners so the product is produced by PPRI Weed Pathology Unit on request.

Other Species Attacked Used against Acacia mearnsii De Wild.

and A. pycnantha Benth.; recently found effective against A. decurrens (Wendl.)

Willd, as well.

References 871, 992, 1086, 1284, 2006

# Cylindrobasidium laeve (continued)

# **WEED**

Species Acacia pycnantha Benth.

Family Fabaceae
Origin Australia
Common Name golden wattle

# REGISTRATION/USE

Country of Registration Republic of South Africa

Year of Registration 1997

Registered Name Stumpout®

Registration Notes Registered for use against Acacia

mearnsii and A. pycnantha.

**Isolation Source** Acacia mearnsii De Wild., Republic of

South Africa

Research Organization ARC-PPRI

General Impact Heavy

Impact Notes When applied to cut stumps, the fungus

colonizes the wood and kills the stump,

preventing regrowth.

Commercially Available Y

Commercialization Company

or Institution ARC-PPRI-Stellenbosch

**Commercialization Notes** Limited market for the product has

dissuaded large business interest; however there is regular demand from conservation organizations and landowners so the product is produced by PPRI Weed Pathology Unit on

request.

Other Species Attacked Used against Acacia mearnsii De Wild.

and A. pycnantha Benth.; recently found effective against A. decurrens (Wendl.)

Willd. as well.

**References** 871, 992, 1086, 1284, 2006

# Phoma macrostoma

| BIOHERBICIDE Species | Phoma macrostoma Mont.  |
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| Classification       | (Dothideomycetes: Pleosporales)   |
| WEED                 |   |
| Species              | Numerous broadleaved species, including <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> F. H. Wigg., <i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i> (L.) Sch. Bip., <i>Bellis perennis</i> L., <i>Trifolium repens</i> L., <i>Medicago lupulina</i> L., <i>Cirsium arvense</i> (L.) Scop., <i>Stellaria media</i> (L.) Vill., <i>Plantago major</i> L., <i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i> L. |
| Family               | Multiple Families   |
| Origin               | cosmopolitan  |
| Common Name          | broadleaved weeds   |

# REGISTRATION/USE

Country of Registration Canada
Year of Registration 2011
Registered Name N/A

Registration Notes

Conditionally registered for domestic and commercial use on turfgrass for control and/or suppression of numerous broadleaved weeds. The registered commercial name had not been released by the publication date of

this revision.

Isolation Source Isolate 94-44B, Cirsium arvense (L.)

Scop., Canada (SK)

Research Organization AAFC

General Impact Heavy

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# Phoma macrostoma (continued)

Country of Registration Canada (continued)

Impact Notes Plants growing from infected soil turn

white, have inhibited root growth and often die. Simultaneous application of commercial granular fertilizers may result in 10-15% enhancement in weed control. Extreme moisture events around application will reduce level of weed control attained, especially on sandy

soils.

Commercially Available No

**Commercialization Company** 

or Institution The Scotts Company

Commercialization Notes Still undergoing testing prior to

commercialization and launching of the

product.

Limiting Factors Climate; Land use

**References** 68, 69, 156, 1516, 1942

REGISTRATION/USE

Country of Registration United States of America

Year of Registration 2012 Registered Name N/A

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and commercial use on turfgrass for control and/or suppression of numerous broadleaved weeds. The registered commercial name had not been

released by the publication date of this

revision.

Isolation Source Isolate 94-44B, Cirsium arvense (L.)

Scop., Canada (SK)

Research Organization AAFC

General Impact Heavy

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# Phoma macrostoma (continued)

Country of Registration

United States of America (continued)

Impact Notes

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soils.

Commercially Available No

**Commercialization Company** or Institution

The Scotts Company

**Commercialization Notes** 

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Limiting Factors Climate; Land use

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# Phytophthora palmivora

**BIOHERBICIDE** 

Species Phytophthora palmivora (E.J. Butler)

E.J. Butler

Incorrect Past Names/Synonyms Phytophthora citrophthora (R.E. &

E.H. Smith) Leonian

**Classification** (Incertae sedis: Peronosporales)

**WEED** 

Morrenia odorata (Hook. & Arn.) Lindl. Species

Family Apocynaceae Origin South America

Common Name milkweed vine, stranglervine

**REGISTRATION/USE** 

Country of Registration United States of America

Year of Registration 1981 Registered Name DeVine®

Registration Notes A liquid concentrate formula was

registered and marketed as DeVine® to

control the weed in citrus groves.

Isolation Source Morrenia odorata (Hook. & Arn.) Lindl.,

USA (FL)

**Research Organization** FDA

**General Impact** Heavy

Impact Notes Typically excellent control (90%) of

> seedlings and large vines through effects of disease on roots, lasting for

two years.

**Commercially Available** Yes

**Commercialization Company** 

or Institution Valent BioSciences Corporation

**Commercialization Notes** Available sporadically.

**References** 123, 251, 1571, 1857

# Puccinia canaliculata

BIOHERBICIDE

Species Puccinia canaliculata (Schwein.)

Legerh.

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**WEED** 

Species Cyperus esculentus L.

Family Cyperaceae
Origin cosmopolitan
Common Name yellow nutsedge

**REGISTRATION/USE** 

Country of Registration United States of America

Year of Registration 1987

Registered Name Dr. BioSedge®

Isolation Source Cyperus esculentus L., USA

Research Organization State (49)

General Impact Heavy

Impact Notes Suppresses flower and tuber formation

and can kill plants outright.

Commercially Available No

**Commercialization Company** 

or Institution Tifton Innovation Corporation

Commercialization Notes Product failed due to uneconomic

production system and resistance in

some weed biotypes.

Other Species Attacked Natural populations of this fungus

found infecting commercial Helianthus

annuus L.

References 182, 695, 1064, 1492, 1502, 1851

# Puccinia thlaspeos

**BIOHERBICIDE** 

Species Puccinia thlaspeos Ficinus & C.

Schub.

Classification (Pucciniomycetes: Pucciniales)

**Notes** This rust is closely related to a group

of rusts native to the western USA.

Experiments suggest a small change in genetic makeup may have resulted in this rust's ability to infect dyer's woad, and its inability to infect other

plants.

References 1853

WEED

Species Isatis tinctoria L.
Family Brassicaceae

Origin Mediterranean, Eurasia

Common Name dyer's woad

**REGISTRATION/USE** 

Country of Registration United States of America

Year of Registration 2002

Registered Name Woad Warrior

Isolation Source Woad strain, Isatis tinctoria L., USA (UT)

Research Organization State (21)

General Impact Variable

**Impact Notes** Severe infection significantly reduces

seed production. Infection maintained naturally in stands, but natural dispersal low and percent infection decreases over time. Repeat inoculations required to maintain high infection rate such that impacts to the weed are significant.

Commercially Available N

Commercialization Notes Never commercially available due

to lack of commercial backer. Once registered, the fungus was spread by

researchers.

References 1029, 1064, 1853

# Sclerotinia minor

# Species Sclerotinia minor Jagger (Leotiomycetes: Helotiales) WEED Species Taraxacum officinale F. H. Wigg. agg. Family Asteraceae Notes Comprises the whole of T. sect. Taraxacum (formerly Ruderalia) which consists of agamospermous and sexual common dandelions. Origin Eurasia Common Name dandelion, common dandelion References 988

# **REGISTRATION/USE**

Country of Registration Canada
Year of Registration 2007
Registered Name Sarritor®

Registration Notes Granted conditional registration in

2007 and full registration in 2010 for the sale and use of Sarritor® Technical Herbicide, Sarritor® Granular Biological Herbicide (Commercial) and Sarritor® Selective Biological Lawn Weed Killer (previously referred to as Sarritor® Domestic Granular Biological Herbicide), containing *Sclerotinia minor* strain IMI 344141, to suppress top growth of dandelion, white clover and broadleaf

plantain in turf.

Isolation Source Strain IMI 344141, Lactuca sativa L.,

Canada (QC)

Research Organization MU

General Impact Heavy

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# Sclerotinia minor (continued)

Country of Registration Canada (continued)

Impact Notes Reduces dandelion post-emergent

density up to 97%, and above- and below-ground biomass by 94% and

96%, respectively.

Commercially Available Yes

**Commercialization Company** 

or Institution Sarritor Inc.

Limiting Factors Climate

Other Species Attacked Infects other broadleaved species on

direct contact.

**References** 3, 157, 1487, 1541, 1942

# Xanthomonas campestris pv. poae

**BIOHERBICIDE** 

Species Xanthomonas campestris pv. poae

Classification (Gammaproteobacteria:

Xanthomonadales)

**WEED** 

Species Poa annua L.

Family Poaceae

Origin cosmopolitan

Common Name annual bluegrass

**REGISTRATION/USE** 

Country of Registration Japan

Year of Registration 1997

Registered Name Camperico

Isolation Source Strain JT-P482, Poa annua L., Japan

Research Organization JTI

General Impact Heavy

Impact Notes Successfully controls Poa annua in turf

grass settings.

Commercially Available Yes

**Commercialization Company** 

or Institution Japan Tobacco Inc.

**References** 600, 866, 1352

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| DRFP Délégation à la Recherche French Polynesia. Papeete, Tahiti   | CIRAD-IRHO        | International Center for Agricultural Research for Development,  |              | •  |
| DRFP Délégation à la Recherche French Polynesia, Papeete, Tahiti (continued)   |                   | Oil Crops Department   |              |  |
|  |                   | (continued)  | DRFP         | Delegation à la Recherche French Polynesia, Papeete, Tahiti                  |

RESEARCH ORG. ABBREVI-ATIONS

| bbreviation | Research Organization   | Abbreviation | Research Organization   |
|-------------|---|--------------|---|
| SIR*        | Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, New Zealand;  | KARI         | Kenya Agricultural Research Institute   |
|             | used for releases prior to July 1992 (subsequently MWLR)  | KAU          | Kerala Agricultural University, India   |
| )WAB        | Department of Water Affairs, Botswana   | KENGEN       | Kenya Electricity Generating Company, Nairobi, Kenya                                    |
| )WAF        | Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, Republic of South   | KFRI         | Kerala Forest Research Institute, India   |
|             | Africa (responsibilities divided in 2009 into the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Department of | KIEC         | Kunming Institute of Ecology, People's Republic of China                                |
|             | Water and Environmental Affairs)  | KRS          | Koronivia Research Station, Ministry of Agriculture and                                 |
| OWAN        | Department of Water Affairs, Windhoek, Namibia/South West   |              | Fisheries, Fiji Islands   |
|             | Africa  | KU           | Kelaniya University, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka  |
| AP          | Escuela Agricola Panamericana, Honduras   | MAC          | Ministry of Agriculture, Chile  |
| :CZ         | Environmental Council of Zambia   | MAF          | Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan                                  |
| :PA         | Environment Protection Agency, Ghana  | MAFF         | Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, United Kingdom                             |
| AO          | Food and Agricultural Organization, United Nations  | MAL          | Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Solomon Islands                                      |
| DA          | Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service,   | MAM          | Ministry of Agriculture, Mauritius  |
| ·DI         | Florida, United States of America   | MAMA         | Ministry of Agriculture, Madagascar   |
| RI          | Forest Research Institute, India  | MAP          | Minstry of Agriculture, Philippines   |
| SAF<br>ND A | Guangdong Academy of Forestry, People's Republic of China   | MAR          | Ministry of Agriculture, Zimbabwe   |
| BDA<br>BEI  | Guam Department of Agriculture  | MARDI        | Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute,                              |
| o⊏i<br>STZ  | Guangdong Entomological Institute, People's Republic of China Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit, Germany         | MAT          | Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia   |
| IBFTF       | Hubei Five-Three Farm, People's Republic of China   | MAZ          | Ministry of Agriculture, Tanzania   |
| IDOA        | Hawaiian Department of Agriculture, United States of America  | MFD          | Ministry of Agriculture, Zambia   |
| IFRI        | Horticulture and Food Research Institute, New Zealand   | MFE          | Malawian Fisheries Department   |
| irki<br>S   | Imperial College, University of Wales, Cardiff, United Kingdom  | IVIFE        | Ministry of Forestry and Environment, Brazzaville, Republic Congo                       |
| CAR         | Indian Council of Agricultural Research   | MGI          | Mysore Government, India  |
| DEFOR       | Institut des Forêts, Cote d'Ivoire  | MU           | McGill University, Quebec, Canada   |
| BC          | International Institute of Biological Control, United Kingdom   | MUE          | Mansoura University, El-Mansoura, Egypt   |
| HR          | Indian Institute of Horticultural Research  | MWLR         | Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research, New Zealand; used                                   |
| TA          | International Institute of Tropical Agriculture   |              | releases after July 1992 (previosly DSIR)   |
| МТА         | Mexican Institute of Water Technology   | NARI         | National Agricultural Research Institute, Kerevat, East New Britain, Papua New Guinea   |
| NIA         | Estacion Experimental Carillanca, Temuco, Chile   | NARO         | National Agriculture Research Organization, Uganda                                      |
| NTA         | Department of Plant Pathology, INTA, Castelar, Argentina  | NASENI       | National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure,                             |
| PRI         | Indonesian Oil Palm Research Institute, North Sumatra,<br>Indonesia   | NBCRC        | Nigeria   |
| SAR         | Institut des Sciences Agronomique du Rwanda   | INDURU       | National Biological Control Research Centre, Kasetsart<br>University, Bangkok, Thailand |
| TI          | Japan Tobacco Inc., Plant Protection Research Laboratory,   | NCC          | Noumea Chamber of Commerce, Noumea, New Caledonia                                       |
|             | Kanagawa, Japan   |              | •   |

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| NMC          | Northern Marianas College, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands                          | State (5)    | University of California, Riverside                    |
| NSW State    | State Institutions of New South Wales, Australia                                     | State (6)    | University of Idaho                                    |
| NT           | Institutions of Northern Territory, Australia  | State (7)    | Montana State University                               |
| PCA          | Philippine Coconut Authority, Davao Research Center, Davao,                          | State (8)    | Oregon State University                                |
|              | Philippines  | State (9)    | Washington State University                            |
| PCC          | Panama Canal Commission (Formerly Panama Canal Company)                              | State (10)   | Kansas State University, Manhattan                     |
| PFC          | , ,,   | State (11)   | University of North Dakota, Fargo                      |
| PIJ          | Canadian Forest Service, Pacific Forestry Centre                                     | State (12)   | University of South Dakota, Brookings                  |
| PLANTI       | Prefecture Ishikawa, Japan   | State (13)   | University of Wyoming, Laramie                         |
| FLANII       | ASEAN Plant Quarantine Centre and Training Institute,<br>Serdang, Selangor, Malaysia | State (14)   | California Department of Food and Agriculture, Sacrame |
| PLC          | Palau Community College, Koror, Palau  | State (15)   | Oregon State Department of Agriculture, Salem          |
| PNGDAL       | Department of Agriculture and Livestock, Papua New Guinea                            | State (18)   | Florida Department of Natural Resources, Tallahassee   |
| PPD          | Plant Protection Department, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania                                 | State (19)   | South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Be  |
| PPIB         | Plant Protection Institute, Belgrade, Yugoslavia now Institute for                   | State (20)   | Maryland Department of Agriculture, Annapolis          |
|              | Plant Protection and Environment   | State (21)   | Utah State University, Logan                           |
| PPRIZ        | Plant Protection Research Institute, Zimbabwe  | State (22)   | University of California, Davis                        |
| PPS          | Plant Protection Service, Department of Agriculture,                                 | State (23)   | Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge                |
|              | Peradeniya, Sri Lanka  | State (24)   | Texas A & M University, College Station                |
| PPTC*        | Prickly Pear Travelling Commission, Australia  | State (25)   | University of Missouri, Columbia                       |
| Private      | Private Group  | State (26)   | Oklahoma State University, Stillwater                  |
| QLD State    | State Institutions of Queensland, Australia  | State (27)   | North Dakota State University, Grand Forks             |
| RSL          | Ramu Sugar Ltd, Department of Agriculture and Livestock, Papua New Guinea            | State (28)   | Auburn University, Alabama                             |
| RSTO         | De La Recherche Scientifique Et Technique Outre Mer, New                             | State (29)   | Middlebury College, University of Minnesota, Vermont   |
| ROTO         | Caledonia  | State (30)   | Vermont Department of Environment and Conservation     |
| SA State     | State Institutions of South Australia, Australia                                     | State (31)   | Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Madison     |
| SASRI        | South African Sugarcane Research Institute, Mount                                    | State (32)   | Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, St Paul     |
|              | Edgecombe, Republic of South Africa  | State (33)   | University of Minnesota, St Paul                       |
| Scion        | Scion, New Zealand   | State (35)   | University of Florida                                  |
| SPC          | South Pacific Commission (now Secretariat of the Pacific                             | State (36)   | Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission                   |
| CDNE         | Community as of 1998)  | State (37)   | Illinois Nature Preserve Commission                    |
| SRNF         | Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Oklahoma, United States of<br>America               | State (38)   | Indiana Department of Natural Resources                |
| State (1)    | Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University                                  | State (39)   | Michigan Department of Natural Resources               |
| State (2)    | University of Arkansas, Fayetteville   | State (40)   | New Mexico State University                            |
| State (3)    | University of Florida, Gainesville   | State (41)   | Iowa State University                                  |
| State (4)    | University of California, Berkeley   | State (42)   | Ohio Department of Natural Resources                   |

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| Appreviation | Nesearch Organization   |
| State (43)   | Vermont Department of Environment and Conservation                |
| State (44)   | West Virginia University  |
| State (45)   | University of Delaware  |
| State (46)   | University of Maryland  |
| State (47)   | University of Tennessee   |
| State (48)   | University of Washington  |
| State (49)   | University of Georgia, Tifton                                     |
| State (50)   | University of Wisconsin, Madison                                  |
| State (51)   | University of Massachusetts, Amherst Cranberry Research Station   |
| State (52)   | University of Hawaii  |
| TAS State    | State Institutions of Tasmania, Australia                         |
| TFB          | Taiwan Forest Bureau, Taipei City, Taiwan                         |
| TVA          | Tennessee Valley Authority, United States of America              |
| UACH         | Universidad Austral de Chile, Valdivia, Chile                     |
| UAMX         | Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana Xochimilco, Mexico             |
| UASA         | University of Adelaide, South Australia, Australia                |
| UBC          | University of British Columbia, Canada                            |
| UCD          | University College Dublin, Ireland                                |
| UCT          | University of Cape Town, Republic of South Africa                 |
| UG           | University of Guelph, Canada                                      |
| UGL          | University of Ghana, Legon Boundary, Accra, Ghana                 |
| UHG          | University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany                       |
| UKS          | University of Khartoum, Sudan                                     |
| UKZN         | University of KwaZulu-Natal, Republic of South Africa             |
| UNTL         | National University of Timor Lorosae, Dili, Timor Leste           |
| UOG          | University of Guam, Mangilao, Guam                                |
| UPR          | University of Puerto Rico   |
| USAE         | United State Army Corps of Engineers                              |
| USDA         | United States Department of Agriculture, United States of America |
| USDA (1)     | Beltsville, Maryland  |
| USDA (2)     | Frederick, Maryland   |
| USDA (3)     | Gainesville, Florida  |
| USDA (4)     | Fort Lauderdale, Florida  |

| Abbreviation       | Research Organization  |
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| USDA (5)           | Stoneville, Mississippi  |
| USDA (6)           | Lubbock, Texas   |
| USDA (7)           | Albany, California   |
| USDA (9)           | Temple, Texas  |
| USDA (10)          | Bozeman, Montana   |
| USDA (11)          | Columbia, Missouri   |
| USDA (12)          | Rome, Italy  |
| USDA (13)          | Hurlingham, Argentina  |
| USDA (14)          | Davis, California  |
| USDA (15)          | Townsville, Australia  |
| USDA (16)          | Sidney, Montana  |
| USDA (17)          | Mission, Texas   |
| USDA (18)          | Weslaco, Texas   |
| USDA (19)          | Ft Collins, Colorado   |
| USDA-APHIS         | United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service                                  |
| USDA-APHIS-<br>PPQ | United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine |
| USDA-ARS           | United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Station   |
| USDA-FS            | United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service  |
| USDI-BOR           | United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation  |
| USFWS              | United States Fish and Wildlife Service  |
| UZ                 | University of Zagreb, Croatia  |
| VIC State          | State Institutions of Victoria, Australia  |
| VNBCRC             | Vietnam Biological Control Research Centre   |
| WA State           | State Institutions of Western Australia, Australia   |
| WFW                | Working for Water, Republic of South Africa  |
| WRCL               | Weed Research Central Laboratory, Egypt  |
| WUR                | Wageningen University and Research Centre, Wageningen, The Netherlands   |
| WUSA               | Wits University, Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa  |
| ZIAS               | Zoological Institute and Academy of Science, St Petersburg, U.S.S.R.   |

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