Macadamia problem solver & bug identifier

Reprint – information current in 2003



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This publication has been reprinted as a digital book without any changes to the content published in 2003. We advise readers to take particular note of the areas most likely to be out-of-date and so requiring further research:

- Chemical recommendations—check with an agronomist or Infopest www.infopest.qld.gov.au
- Financial information—costs and returns listed in this publication are out of date. Please contact an adviser or industry body to assist with identifying more current figures.
- Varieties—new varieties are likely to be available and some older varieties may no longer be recommended. Check with an agronomist, call the Business Information Centre on 13 25 23, visit our website www.deedi.qld.gov.au or contact the industry body.
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- Organisation names—most government agencies referred to in this publication have had name changes. Contact the Business Information Centre on 13 25 23 or the industry organisation to find out the current name and contact details for these agencies.
- Additional information—many other sources of information are now available for each crop. Contact an agronomist, Business Information Centre on 13 25 23 or the industry organisation for other suggested reading.

Even with these limitations we believe this information kit provides important and valuable information for intending and existing growers.

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bug identifier

Bug Identifier

There are two ways for you to use this section.

1. Search for an unknown insect pest or beneficial that you want to identify – simply browse through the pages of the relevant insect type or stage. For example, if you find an egg on a nut and want to identify it, go to the egg pages starting on page 158, and see all of the commonly-found eggs pictured together. This makes quick identification easier.

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2. Search for a known insect pest or beneficial for the photographs of its relevant stages – first find the pest or beneficial in the list below and use the page references provided:

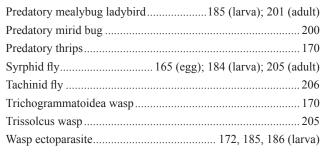
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Brown looper	
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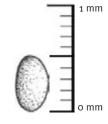
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Macadamia flower caterpillar (Cryptoblabes hemigypsa) egg





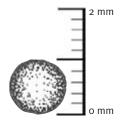
Found on flowers.

Damage shown on page 80.

Major pest.

Macadamia nutborer (Cryptophlebia ombrodelta) eggs





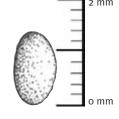
Found on nuts, nut stalks, flowers and occasionally leaves.

Damage shown on page 106.

Major pest.

Fruitspotting bug (Amblypelta nitida) and bananaspotting bug (A. lutescens lutescens) eggs



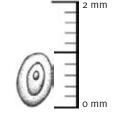


Found on leaves and nuts. Damage shown on page 102. Major pest. eggs and scales

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Macadamia felted coccid (Eriococcus ironsidei)





Found on leaves, branches and flowers.

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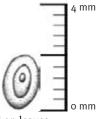
Major pest.



bug identifier – eggs and scales

Latania scale (Hemiberlesia lataniae)





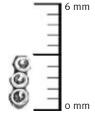
Found on leaves, branches and nuts.

Damage shown on pages 14 and 116.

Occasionally important in some areas such as northern NSW.

Green vegetable bug (Nezara viridula) eggs

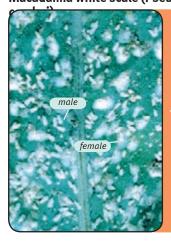


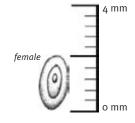


Found mainly on leaves. Damage shown on page 150.

Occasionally important in some areas.

Macadamia white scale (Pseudaulacaspis brimble-

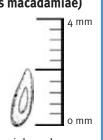




Found on leaves and nuts. Damage shown on pages 14 and 116. Minor pest.

Macadamia mussel scale (Lepidosaphes macadamiae)





Found mainly on leaves. Minor pest.



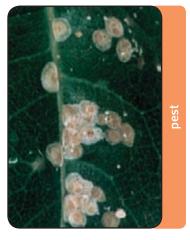
Long soft scale (Coccus longulus)

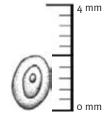




Found on leaves and twigs.
Minor pest.

Oleander scale (Aspidiotus nerii)



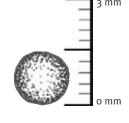


Found mainly on leaves.

Minor pest.

Lycaenid butterfly (hairyline blue butterfly – Erysichton lineata lineata) eggs





Found in flowers.

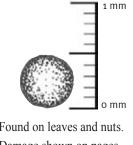
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Minor pest.

bug identifier – eggs and scales

Nut stemborer (Paranepsia amydra) egg

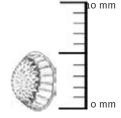




Found on leaves and nuts. Damage shown on pages 64 and 138. Minor pest.

Mango planthopper (Colgaroides acuminata) egg mass





Found on nut stalks. Incidental insect causing little if any damage.

Assassin bug (Pristhesancus plagipennis) egg mass

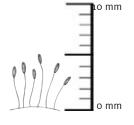




Found anywhere on tree. General predator of many pests; particularly fruitspotting bug, bananaspotting bug and nutborer.

Lacewing (Mallada signata) egg

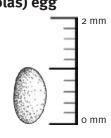




Found anywhere on tree. General predator of most pests, particularly aphids, mealybugs, scales, caterpillars and thrips.

Syrphid fly (Melanastoma agrolas) egg





Found mainly on flowers. Predator of aphids and thrips.

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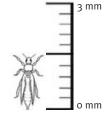
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Flower thrips (Scirtothrips sp.)





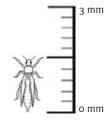
Found on leaves, flowers and nuts.

Damage shown on pages 16, 84 and 128.

Sometimes a major pest.

Greenhouse thrips (Heliothrips haemorrhoidatis)

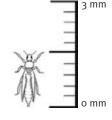




Found mainly on nuts. Damage shown on page 128. Minor pest.

Redbanded thrips (Selenothrips rubrocinctus) nymphs

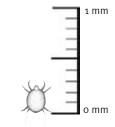




Found mainly on nuts. Damage shown on page 128. Minor pest.

Broad mite (Polyphagotarsonemus latus)





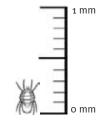
Found on leaves, flowers and nuts.

Damage shown on pages 18, 92 and 130.

May be a major pest in nurseries and young trees.

Citrus flat mite (Brevipalpus lewisi)



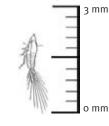


Found mainly on nuts. Damage shown on page 130.

Minor pest.

Mango planthopper (Colgaroides acuminata) nymphs

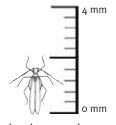




Found on nut stalks. Incidental insect causing little if any damage.

Black citrus aphid (Toxoptera citricida)





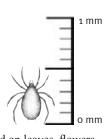
Found on leaves and flowers.

Damage shown on pages 20 and 100.

Common, but rarely causes major damage.

Phytoseiid predatory mite





Found on leaves, flowers and nuts.

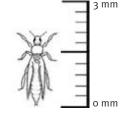
Predator of mites and thrips.

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Predatory thrips (Scolothrips sexmaculatus)



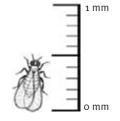


Found on leaves, flowers and nuts.

Predator of mites and thrips.

Trichogrammatoidea wasp (Trichogrammatoidea spp.)

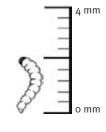




Found mainly on nuts. Internal parasite of nutborer.

Elachertus ectoparasite larvae

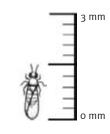




Found mainly on nuts. External parasite of nutborer.

Parasitic wasp

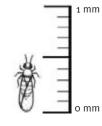




Found on leaves or nuts. Internal egg parasite of fruitspotting and bananaspotting bugs.

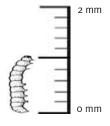
Aphytis parasitic wasp





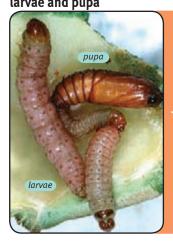
Found on leaves, branches or nuts. Internal parasite of latania scale.

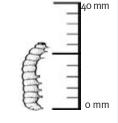




Found on leaves. External parasite of leafminer.

Macadamia nutborer (Cryptophlebia ombrodelta) larvae and pupa



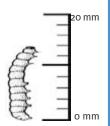


Found on nuts, nut stalks and occasionally flowers. Damage shown on page 106.

Major pest.

Macadamia flower caterpillar (Cryptoblabes hemigypsa) larva





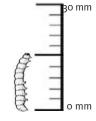
Found on flowers. Damage shown on page 80. Major pest.

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bug identifier – grubs and caterpillars (larvae)

Kernel grub (Assara seminivale) larva





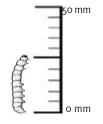
Found on nuts.

Damage shown on page 132.

Can be a major pest on occasions.

Macadamia twig-girdler (Neodrepta luteotactella) larva





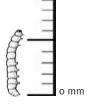
Found on leaves, branches and nuts.

Damage shown on pages 10 and 140.

Occasionally important in elevated rainforest areas.

Macadamia leafminer (Acrocercops chionosema) larvae





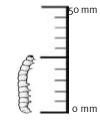
Found on leaves.

Damage shown on page 8.

May be a major pest in nurseries and young trees.

Yellow peach moth (Dichocrocis punctiferalis) larva





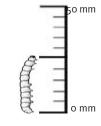
Found on nuts.

Damage shown on page 124.

Minor pest.

Cornelian butterfly (Deudorix epijarbas diovis) larva





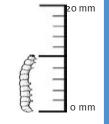
Found on nuts.

Damage shown on page 138.

Minor pest.

Orange fruitborer (Isotenes miserana) larva





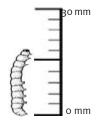
Found mainly on leaves and occasionally on flowers and nuts.

Damage shown on page 26.

Minor pest in nurseries.

Pencilled blue butterfly (Candalides absimilis) larva





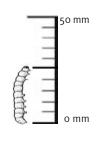
Found on leaves, flowers and nuts.

Damage shown on pages 30 and 144.

Minor pest.

Cup moth (Anaxidea lozogramma) larva





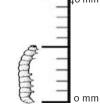
Found on leaves. Minor pest.

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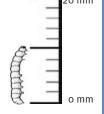
Macadamia cup moth (Comana fasciata) larva





Found on leaves. Damage shown on page

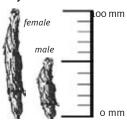
Minor pest.



Found on leaves and occasionally flowers. Damage shown on page Minor pest.

Large bagworm (Oiketicus elongatus) larvae



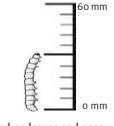


Found on leaves. Minor pest.

Bizarre looper (Eucyclodes pieroides) larva

Variegated hairy caterpillar (Anthela varia) larva



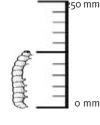


Found on leaves and occasionally flowers and nuts. Damage shown on page Minor pest.



Doubleheaded hawk moth (Coequosa triangularis) larva

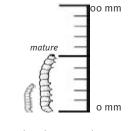




Found on leaves. Minor pest.

Brown looper (Lophodes sinistraria) larvae

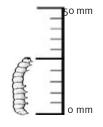




Found on leaves and nuts. Damage shown on page 32. Minor pest.

Brown tufted caterpillar (Olene mendosa) larva



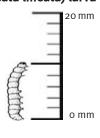


Found on leaves and flowers. Damage shown on page 32.

Minor pest.

Hairyline blue butterfly (Erysichton lineata lineata) larva





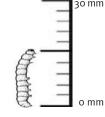
Found on flowers. Damage shown on page 94. Minor pest.

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Flower looper (Gymnoscelis subrufata) larva





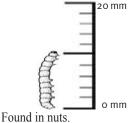
Found on flowers.

Damage shown on page 96.

Minor pest.

Sigastus weevil (Sigastus sp.) larva



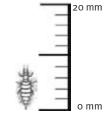


Damage shown on page 152.

Confined to a small area of the Atherton Tableland, where it can cause significant damage.

Lacewing (Mallada signata) larva

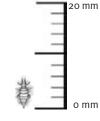




Found anywhere on tree. General predator of most pests, particularly aphids, mealybugs, scales, caterpillars and thrips.

Brown lacewing (Micromus tasmaniae) larva

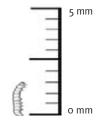




Found anywhere on tree. General predator of most pests, particularly aphids.

Coccinellid ladybird larvae



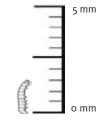


Found mainly on leaves and branches.

Predator of felted coccid.

Wasp ectoparasite larva

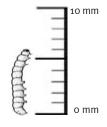




Found on flowers. External parasite of flower caterpillar.

Syrphid fly (Melanastoma agrolas) larva

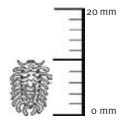




Found mainly on flowers. Predator of aphids, thrips and flower caterpilllar.

Predatory mealybug ladybird (Cryptolaemus montrouz-

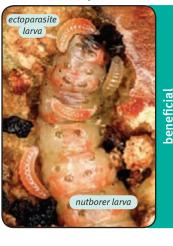


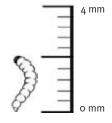


Found anywhere on tree. Predator of hibiscus mealybug.

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Elachertus ectoparasite larvae

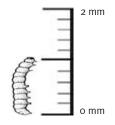




Found mainly on nuts. External parasite of nutborer.

Wasp ectoparasite larva

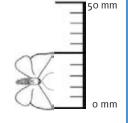




Found on leaves.
External parasite of leafminer.

Macadamia nutborer (Cryptophlebia ombrodelta) moth





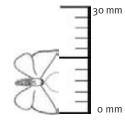
Found anywhere in orchard (night flying). Damage shown on page 106. Major pest.

bug identifier – moths and butterflies

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Macadamia flower caterpillar (Cryptoblabes hemigypsa) moth



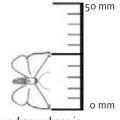


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Major pest.

Macadamia twig-girdler (Neodrepta luteotactella) moth





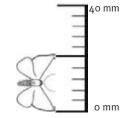
Found anywhere in orchard (night flying).

Damage shown on pages 10 and 140.

Occasionally important in elevated rainforest areas.

Kernel grub (Assara seminivale) moth



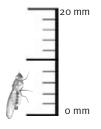


Found anywhere in orchard (night flying). Damage shown on page 132.

Can be a major pest on occasions.

Macadamia leafminer (Acrocercops chionosema) moth

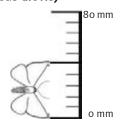




Found anywhere in orchard (day flying). Damage shown on page 8. May be a major pest in nurseries and young trees.

Cornelian butterfly (Deudorix epijarbas diovis)





Found anywhere in orchard (day flying).

Damage shown on page 138.

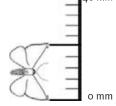
Minor pest.

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Pencilled blue butterfly (Candalides absimilis)

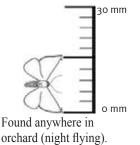




Found anywhere in orchard (day flying). Damage shown on pages 30 and 144. Minor pest.

Orange fruitborer (Isotenes miserana) moth

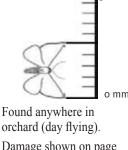




Damage shown on page 26. Minor pest in nurseries.

Hairyline blue butterfly (Erysichton lineata lineata)





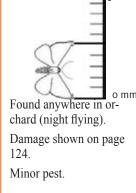
orchard (day flying). Damage shown on page

bug identifier – moths and butterflies

Minor pest.

Yellow peach moth (Dichocrocis punctiferalis)

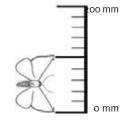






Doubleheaded hawk moth (Coequosa triangularis)

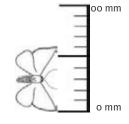




Found anywhere in orchard (night flying). Minor pest.

Brown looper (Lophodes sinistraria) moth

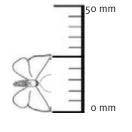




Found anywhere in orchard (night flying). Damage shown on page 32. Minor pest.

Variegated hairy caterpillar (Anthela varia) moth

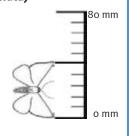




Found anywhere in orchard (night flying). Damage shown on page 28. Minor pest.

Macadamia cup moth (Comana fasciata)



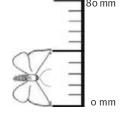


Found anywhere in orchard (night flying). Damage shown on page Minor pest.

bug identifier – moths and butterflies

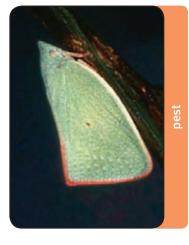
Bizarre looper (Eucyclodes pieroides) moth

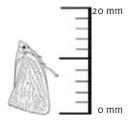




Found anywhere in orchard (night flying). Damage shown on page Minor pest.

Mango planthopper (Colgaroides acuminata)



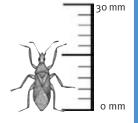


Found on leaves, twigs and nuts. Incidental insect causing

little if any damage.

Fruitspotting bug (Amblypelta nitida)





Found anywhere in the

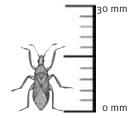
Damage shown on page 102.

bug identifier – bugs and beetles

Major pest.

Bananaspotting bug (Amblypelta lutescens lutescens)





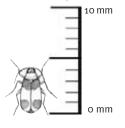
Found anywhere in the tree.

Damage shown on pages 46 and 102.

Major pest in Queensland only.

Redshouldered leaf beetle (Monolepta australis)





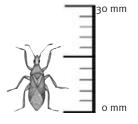
Found on leaves, flowers and nuts.

Damage shown on pages 22 and 86.

Major pest in some areas.

Leptocoris bug (Leptocoris rufomarginata and L. tagal-



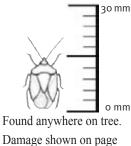


Found anywhere on tree. Damage shown on page

Sporadic problem but capable of significant damage.

Green vegetable bug (Nezara viridula)



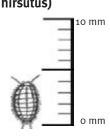


Damage shown on page 150.

Sporadic problem but capable of significant damage, particularly in northern NSW.

Hibiscus mealybug (Maconellicoccus hirsutus)





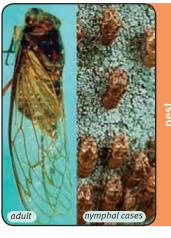
Found on leaves, twigs and nuts.

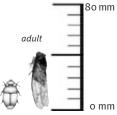
Damage shown on pages 36 and 146.

Generally a minor pest.

bug identifier – bugs and beetles

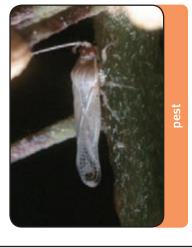
Cicada (Psaltoda sp.)

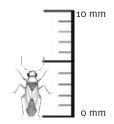




Nymphal cases found on trunks and branches. Adults found anywhere. Damage on page 34. Sporadic, but capable of significant damage in individual trees.

Lace bug (Ulonemia sp.)

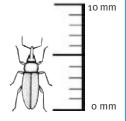




Found on flowers and occasionally leaves.
Damage shown on page 98.
Minor pest.

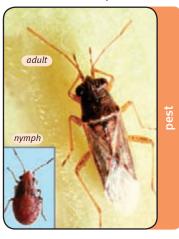
Sigastus weevil (Sigastus sp.)

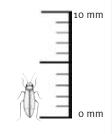




Found anywhere in tree but mainly on nuts. Damage on page 152. Can cause significant damage in a small area of the Atherton Tableland.

Rutherglen bug (Nysius vinitor)



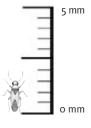


bug identifier – bugs and beetles

Found in flowers. Incidental insect causing little or no damage.

Predatory mirid bug

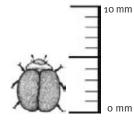




Found in flowers. Predator of flower caterpillar.

Predatory ladybird beetles

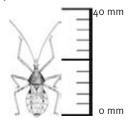




Found anywhere on tree. General predator of aphids.

Assassin bug (Pristhesancus plagipennis)

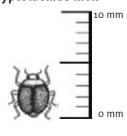




Found anywhere on tree. General predator of most pests, particularly aphids, mealybugs, scales, caterpillars and thrips.

Predatory mealybug ladybird (Cryptolaemus mon-





trouzieri)Found anywhere on tree. Predator of hibiscus mealybug.

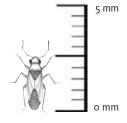
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Mirid bug (Taylorilygus pallidulus)

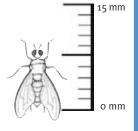




Found mainly in flowers. Predator of small insects and eggs, and feeder on pollen and nectar

Queensland fruit fly (Bactrocera tryoni)

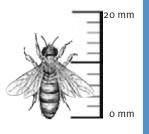




Found anywhere on tree. Pest of other crops (not macadamia); often seen sheltering in trees. bug identifier – flies and wasps

Honey bee (Apis mellifera)



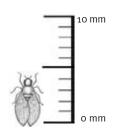


Found in flowers. Major pollinator of flowers.



Native bee (Trigona sp.)

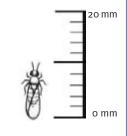




Found in flowers. Major pollinator of flowers.

Syrphid fly (Melanastoma agrolas)

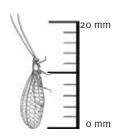




Found mainly on flowers. Predator of aphids and thrips.

Lacewing (Mallada signata)

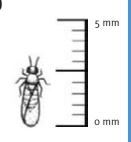




Found anywhere on tree. General predator of most pests, particularly aphids, mealybugs, scales, caterpillars and thrips.

Trissolcus wasp (Trissolcus basilis)





Found anywhere on tree. Parasite of eggs of green vegetable bug.

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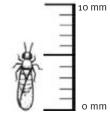
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Tachinid fly (Argyrophylax proclinata)

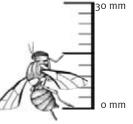




Found anywhere on tree. Parasite of yellow peach moth.

Paper wasps (Polistes humilis)



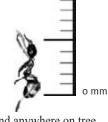


Found anywhere on tree as individual wasps or in nests.

General predator of pests, particularly caterpillars.

Coastal brown ant (Pheidole megacephala)

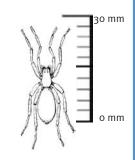




Found anywhere on tree. May carry mealybugs into the tree and 'farm' mealybugs and aphids for honeydew secretions, driving off predators.

Lynx spider (Oxyopes sp.)

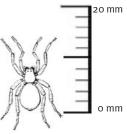




Found anywhere on tree. Predator of a wide range of pests.

Crab spider (Diaea sp.)



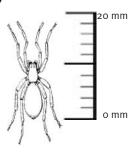


Found anywhere on tree. Predator of a wide range of pests.

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Jumping spider (Opisthoncus sp.)





Found anywhere on tree. Predator of a wide range of pests.

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