



PEST RECORD - THE NETHERLANDS

Finding of *Tropidosteptes pacificus* (Van Duzee, 1921) (Hemiptera: Heteroptera: Miridae) in public green area

Introduction

This record concerns the first official finding of a population of *Tropidosteptes pacificus* in a public green area in the Netherlands as a result of monitoring activities. The species can cause damage on buds, leaves, seeds and young twigs, and may cause early defoliation, especially on *Fraxinus*. Probably introduced in The Netherlands through import of *Fraxinus* spp. or *Acer* spp. from United States or Canada. *Tropidosteptes pacificus* is not listed as a harmful organism in the EU directive 2000/29/EC), is not listed on the EPPO A1 or A2 list and is not listed on the EPPO alert list.

Pest status: Present, limited distribution in public green area

Host plant range: *Fraxinus* (*F. latifolia* Benth., *F. velutina* Torr., *F. pennsylvanica* Marsh. *Fraxinus excelsior* L., *Acer* spp. and *Populus* spp.

Geographical distribution: United States and Canada

Phytosanitary measures

No measures will be taken.

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