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3 *Meloidogyne spartinae* (Rau and Fassuliotis, 1965) was found infecting the roots of saltmarsh cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*) in St. Johns County.

4 *Hemileia vastatrix* Berk. & Broome (coffee leaf rust) (Pucciniales, Pucciniomycotina, Basidiomycota) (cedar-quince rust) (Gymnosporangiaceace, Pucciniaceae, Pucciniomycotina) was found at a residential property in Naples on coffee, *Coffea arabica* L. (Rubiaceae).



1 - Rosa palustris, swamp rose. Photo by Shirley Denton, <u>Atlas of Florida Plants</u>



2 - Lissachatina fulica (Bowditch), the giant African land snail. Photo by Jeffrey Lotz, FDACS-DPI



3 - Spartina alterniflora, saltmarsh cordgrass, infected with M. spartinae. View of the sampling area and saltmarsh cordgrass plants. Photo by Silvia Vau, FDACS-DPI



4 - Coffea arabica, coffee, leaf with coffee leaf rust. Photo by Hector Urbina, FDACS-DPI

BOTANY

Compiled by Patti J. Anderson, Ph.D. and Alex de la Paz, B.S.

This section identifies plants for the Division of Plant Industry, as well as for other governmental agencies and private individuals. The Botany Section maintains a reference herbarium with over 16,000 plants and 1,400 vials of seeds.

	QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT		
	APRIL - JUNE	2022 - YEAR TO DATE	
Samples Submitted by Other DPI Sections	1,498	2,538	
Samples Submitted for Botanical Identification Only	343	603	
Total Samples Submitted	1,841	3,141	
Specimens Added to the Herbarium	367	665	

Some of the samples submitted recently are described below.

Rosa L. (rose), a genus of about 140 species, with hundreds of named cultivars and hybrids, in the plant family Rosaceae. Roses are among our most familiar and beloved ornamental plants, but the ones we most often encounter are hybrids and cultivars. People have had a long relationship with cultivated roses, enjoying their beauty and fragrance as well as using the plants in perfumes, medicines and as food, but *Rosa* species can also be found growing without human cultivation in natural areas. In Florida, we have three native species: Rosa carolina L. (Carolina rose), R. palustris Marshall (swamp rose) and R. setigera Michx. (climbing rose). In addition, four exotic species of *Rosa* have escaped cultivation and become naturalized in the state: Rosa bracteata J.C. Wendl. (Macartney rose), R. laevigata Michx. (Cherokee rose), R. lucieae Franch. & Rochebr. ex Crép. (memorial rose) and R. multiflora Thunb. (multiflora rose). Three of these species were found in four new counties by DPI plant inspectors during the period of this Tri-ology issue, suggesting there might be interest in characteristics used to identify the species.

Rosa laevigata Michx. (Cherokee rose) was assumed to be native when the botanist André Michaux discovered it in Georgia in the late 1700s, but it was later confirmed to be an Asian species, introduced very early in the history of United States horticulture. It was used medicinally for respiratory and digestive problems by herbalists in China. (Okaloosa County; 04132022-03151; Ethan Kelly; 13 April 2022 and Indian River County; 04272022-03708; Noemi Negron; 27 April 2022.) **Rosa**



1a - Rosa laevigata, (Cherokee rose), flower. Photo by Shirley Denton



1b - Rosa lucieae, memorial rose, flowers. Photo by Georges Seguin



1c - Rosa palustris, swamp rose, flower. Photo by James R. Holland, bugwood

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lucieae Franch. & Rochebr. ex Crép., previously known as *R. wichuraiana*, (memorial rose) was introduced widely in the southeastern United States and used as a "rambling rose" on fences or as a creeping groundcover. In Florida, the escapees found growing without human help are the 'Dorothy Perkins' cultivar. (Santa Rosa County; 05172022-04430; Ethan Kelly; 17 May 2022.) *Rosa palustris* Marshall (swamp rose) is native to North America and found from Quebec westward to Iowa and Wisconsin and south from Louisiana to Florida, but it was named from a specimen collected near Jacksonville, Florida in 1894. Cherokee healers used the bark and roots to make an infusion used as a medicine for digestive problems. The rose hips of the swamp rose have been ground to become an ingredient in a red-colored bread in Maine.

True species in the *Rosa* genus share several elements of morphology as well as having distinctive characteristics allowing us to distinguish among them. Common characteristics include multiple, woody stems with prickles (some cultivars are unarmed); compound leaves with 3, 5 or 9 leaflets; stipules (leaf-like structures at the base of the leaf); flowers with five sepals, five or 10 petals, numerous stamens and flower parts fused at the base to form a floral cup; and the fruits are achenes held within the expanded floral cup

1d - Rosa palustris, swamp rose, rose hips. Photo by Agnieszka Kwiecień, wikimedia

(known as rose hips and the basis of a tea with a high vitamin C content). Below is a table of the characteristics identifying each of the three species found in new counties. (Nassau County; 05162022-04322; Rachel Conklin and Connor Kuppe; 17 May 2022.) (Austin, 2004; Mabberley, 2017; Nelson, 1996; Weakley, 2020; Wunderlin and Hansen, 2011; Wunderlin and Hansen, 2016; [accessed 15 July 2022].)

	Rosa laevigata	Rosa lucieae (synonym R. wichuraiana)	Rosa palustris
Stem	Erect or clambering to 6 m tall with curved, reddish-brown prickles	Trailing or clambering to 2 m tall with straight or curved prickles	Erect to 2 m tall with straight to slightly curved prickles
Leaves	3 leaflets with finely serrate margins, some with prickles on underside, midrib, rachis or petiole	5-9 leaflets with serrate margins; prickles on rachis and petiole	5-9 leaflets with finely serrate margins and densely pubescent undersides; some with a few prickles on underside, midrib, rachis or petiole
Stipules	Adnate to petiole (fused to leaf stem) for a short distance; margins glandular-toothed	Adnate to petiole for half their length; margins with irregular, gland-tipped teeth	Adnate to petiole for most of their length; margins with small teeth with or without glands
Inflorescence	Solitary	Solitary or clusters (clusters usually 5-20 flowers)	Solitary or a few flowers
Flower	Sepals ovate, inner surface woolly pubescent at the base, outer surface woolly pubescent on edges; petals white, 3-4 cm long	Sepals ovate, inner surface pubescent, outer surface glabrous; petals pink, 3-4 cm long; double-flowered cultivar 'Dorothy Perkins' found here	Sepals ovate, triangular or oblong, often with a tail-like apex, outer surface glandular; petals pink, 2-3 cm long, margins wavy or crinkled
Habitat	Moist hammocks and disturbed sites, fences, hedgerows, old fields; occasionally found from northern counties to the central peninsula; escaped from cultivation	Dry, disturbed sites, old homesteads, roadsides; not common, seen in a few northern counties; escaped from cultivation	Cypress swamps, floodplain forests, marshes, sloughs and riverbanks; frequently found, northern counties to central peninsula; native to Florida
New County	Indian River; Okaloosa	Santa Rosa	Nassau

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Q BOTANY IDENTIFICATION TABLE

The following table provides information about new county records submitted in the reported quarter. The table is organized alphabetically by collector name. The full version with more complete data is downloadable as a <u>PDF</u> or an <u>Excel</u> spreadsheet also organized by collector name, except new county records are listed first.

COLLECTOR NAME	COLLECTOR 2	LIST NUMBER	RECEIVED DATE	PLANT NAME	COUNTY
Chase Groninger		5527	6/17/2022	Callisia repens	Brevard
Chase Groninger		5513	6/17/2022	Chenopodium album	Brevard
Chase Groninger		5719	6/24/2022	Cyperus involucratus	Brevard
Chase Groninger	Noemi Negron, Victoria Benjamin	2716	4/5/2022	Eriobotrya japonica	Brevard
Chase Groninger	Denjamin	2639	4/5/2022	Peltandra virainica	Brevard
Chase Groninger	Noemi Negron, Victoria Beniamin	2762	4/5/2022	Tradescantia zebrina	Brevard
David Brown	Serjamin	2887	4/7/2022	Euphorbia hypericifolia	Putnam
Deann Hansen		5093	6/7/2022	Aeschynomene viscidula	Flagler
Deann Hansen		4913	6/2/2022	Boerhavia diffusa	Flagler
Deann Hansen		4910	6/2/2022	Carya floridana	Flagler
Deann Hansen		4679	5/26/2022	Clerodendrum bungei	Volusia
Deann Hansen		5824	6/29/2022	Cyperus croceus	Putnam
Deann Hansen		4086	5/10/2022	Distimake dissectus	Flagler
Deann Hansen		4149	5/12/2022	Habenaria repens	Flagler
Deann Hansen		3473	4/22/2022	Jasminum multiflorum	Volusia
Deann Hansen		4613	5/24/2022	Peltandra virainica	Flagler
Deann Hansen		4318	5/18/2022	Plantago lanceolata	Flagler
Deann Hansen		5823	6/29/2022	Plantago lanceolata	Putnam
Deann Hansen		3774	1/20/2022	Pouzolzia zevlanica	Volusia
Deann Hansen		1776	5/27/2022	Pravolis clomatidoa	Volusia
		4770	5/27/2022	Provide gyperyws chan an a diadas	Volusia
Deann Hansen		4237	5/17/2022	Pseudogynoxys chenopouloues	Dutnam
		4070	5/20/2022	Rumex crispus	Pulnam
Deann Hansen		3156	4/18/2022	Sechium edule	Volusia
Deann Hansen		4087	5/10/2022	Spermacoce verticiliata	Flagler
Deann Hansen		5625	6/21/2022	Sphagneticola trilobata	Flagler
Deann Hansen		3155	4/18/2022	Vernicia forali	Volusia
Ethan Kelly		3106	4/13/2022	Clematis ternifiora	Okaloosa
Ethan Kelly		6015	6/30/2022	Firmiana simplex	Santa Rosa
Ethan Kelly		5226	6/13/2022	Indigofera caroliniana	Santa Rosa
Ethan Kelly		3151	4/14/2022	Rosa laevigata	Okaloosa
Ethan Kelly		4430	5/18/2022	Rosa lucieae	Santa Rosa
Jeanie Frechette	Teresa Ortelli	2992	4/12/2022	Aeschynomene indica	St. Lucie
Jeanie Frechette	Teresa Ortelli	3004	4/12/2022	Echinochloa walteri	St. Lucie
Jeanie Frechette	Teresa Ortelli	2986	4/12/2022	Ipomoea leucantha	St. Lucie
Jeanie Frechette		2724	4/5/2022	Scaevola taccada	St. Lucie
Jennifer Hesse		4265	5/16/2022	Albizia julibrissin	Flagler
Jennifer Hesse		3907	5/4/2022	Allium canadense	Flagler
Jennifer Hesse		5288	6/13/2022	Lantana montevidensis	Flagler
Jennifer Hesse		5385	6/14/2022	Ligustrum lucidum	Seminole
Jennifer Hesse		3406	4/25/2022	Richardia grandiflora	Flagler
Jennifer Hesse		5158	6/13/2022	Sesbania herbacea	Flagler
Jennifer Hesse		5769	6/27/2022	Strophostyles helvola	Flagler
Kelly Douglas		5701	6/22/2022	Polygala lutea	Suwannee
Mark Laurint		4536	5/20/2022	Lagerstroemia indica	St. Johns
Mark Laurint		3834	5/4/2022	Syagrus romanzoffiana	St. Johns
Mark Laurint		3948	5/6/2022	Tradescantia pallida	St. Johns
Mark Laurint		3805	4/29/2022	Tradescantia zebrina	St. Johns
Mary Graham		4510	5/20/2022	Casuarina alauca	Hendry
Noemi Nearon		3504	4/25/2022	Polygala lutea	Indian River
Noemi Negron		3708	4/28/2022	Rosa laevianta	Indian River
Rachel Conklin	Connor Kuppe	4322	5/17/2022	Rosa palustris	Nassau
Ricardo Areingdale		3764	4/28/2022	Phlox drummondii	Dixie
Tavia Gordon		4421	5/19/2022	Asclenias curassavica	Marion
			5/15/2022	. is copied cardssuried	

ENTOMOLOGY

Compiled by Susan E. Halbert, Ph.D.

This section provides the division's plant protection specialists and other customers with accurate identifications of arthropods. The entomology section also builds and maintains the arthropod reference and research collection (the Florida State Collection of Arthropods with over 10 million specimens) and investigates the biology, biological control and taxonomy of arthropods.

	APRIL - JUNE	2022 - YEAR TO DATE
Samples Submitted	1,768	3,111
Lots Identified	2,531	4,453

1 Heterosminthurus sp., a springtail, a New Florida State record. Heterosminthurus is a genus of Collembola (springtails) in the family Bourletiellidae characterized by having the empodial appendage on the fore legs markedly different from the one on the hind legs. The genus is represented in North America by two species found from New York through the Midwest to Kansas, Canada and Alaska (Christiansen and Bellinger 1998). Species are small, from 0.8 to 1.3 mm long, and have not been associated with damage to plants. Some species display complex mating dances. (Alachua County; E1581-05-04112022-03040; Sam Hart, Kelly Douglas and John McVay; 11 April 2022.) (Dr. Felipe Soto-Adames.)

2 Scolothrips longicornis Priesner species-group, a 6-spotted thrips, a New Florida State record.

Scolothrips is a genus of predatory thrips, commonly known as the 6-spotted thrips, that specializes on mites. The most recent review of Scolothrips (Mound 2011) accepts 14 species informally divided into two groups: the S. sexmaculatus (Pergrande) group, characterized by the presence of 1+1 postero-medial discal macrosetae on the prothorax, and the S. longicornis species-group, in which the prothoracic discal macrosetae are absent. The two species previously reported from Florida, S. sexmaculatus and S. pallidus (Beach), are both members of the S. sexmaculatus species-group (Diffie et al., 2008). No member of the longicornis group has been reported from Florida before. The single specimen of Scolothrips submitted for identification was collected on a lemon tree infested with the spider mite *Tetranychus mexicanus* (McGregor) and the citrus rust mite Phyllocoptruta oleivorus (Ashmead). (Seminole County; E1320-03-03292022-02544; Younes Belmourd, USDA; 25 March 2022.) (Dr. Felipe N. Soto-Adames.)

Heterosminthurus sp., a springtail.
Photo by Felipe N. Soto-Adames, FDACS-DPI

2 - Scolothrips sp., a 6-spotted thrips. Photo by Felipe N. Soto-Adames, FDACS-DPI

Bactrocera dorsalis (Hendel), oriental fruit fly, a regulatory incident. Two male specimens were captured in two separate Jackson traps baited with methyl eugenol in St. Petersburg. Increased detection trap densities were established in an 80-square-mile area around the detection sites. A third male was detected approximately three miles north of the first detection sites four weeks later. A fourth male was collected two days later, only a few hundred feet from the location of the third fly. The following week, a fifth fly, the first female collected, was trapped at the same location as the third fly. This fly was determined to have been mated but did not have developed eggs. Traps in the delimitation area will be monitored closely for an estimated two life cycles. If no additional flies are found, the eradication program will end about September 26, 2022. (Pinellas County; E2370-01-05182022-04438 and E2371-01-05182022-04439; Stepanka Newman; 17 May 2022.) (Pinellas County; E2973-01-06152022-05438; Linda McRay; 14 June 2022.) (Pinellas County; E3040-06162022-05561; Yaritza Perez-Otero, USDA; 16 June 2022) (Pinellas County; E3123-06232022-05727; John Quigley; 22 June 2022.) (Dr. Gary J. Steck and Dr. Craig H. Welch.)

4 Lissachatina fulica (Bowditch), giant African land snail, a regulatory incident. Giant African land snail is one of the most invasive pests on the planet, causing agricultural and environmental damage wherever it is found. This snail was established twice in southeastern Florida and was eradicated successfully both times. On June 21, 2022, photographs of snails from a population in New Port Richey were submitted to FDACS, and live specimens were subsequently collected (Pasco County; E3152-01-06232022-05782; Gary Webb and Daniel Merced; 23 June 2022.) (Dr. Elijah J. Talamas.)

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3 - Bactrocera dorsalis (Hendel), oriental fruit fly. Photo by Gary Steck, FDACS-DPI

4 - Lissachatina fulica (Bowditch), the giant African land snail. Photo by Jeffrey Lotz, FDACS-DPI

Q ENTOMOLOGY SPECIMEN REPORT

Following are tables with entries for records of new hosts or new geographical areas for samples identified in the current volume's time period as well as samples of special interest. An abbreviated table, with all the new records, but less detail about them, is presented in the body of this web page and another version with more complete data is downloadable as a <u>PDF</u> or an <u>Excel</u> spreadsheet.

The tables are organized alphabetically by plant host if the specimen has a plant host. Some arthropod specimens are not collected on plants and are not necessarily plant pests. In the table below, those entries that have no plant information included are organized by arthropod name.

PLANT SPECIES	PLANT COMMON NAME	ARTHROPOD GENUS AND SPECIES	ARTHROPOD COMMON NAME	COLLECTOR	RECORD
Apium graveolens	celery	Lygus elisus	western lygus bug	Logan Cutts	Regulatory significant
Apium graveolens	celery	Lygus sp.	western lygus bug	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Bambusa sp.	bamboo	Kuwanaspis bambusicola	bamboo thread scale	Noemi Negron	First in County
Beta vulgaris	beet	Circulifer tenellus	beet leafhopper	Eric Dougherty, Jakira Davis	Regulatory significant
Beta vulgaris	beet	Lygus elisus	western lygus bug	Shannan Webb	Regulatory significant
Bidens alba	Spanish needles	Phenacoccus sisymbriifolium	mealybug	Noemi Negron, Alexander Tasi	First in County
Brassica oleracea	cauliflower	<i>Cacopsylla</i> sp.	psyllid	Eric Dougherty, Jakira Davis, Ryan Brown, Dyrana Russell	Regulatory significant
Brassica oleracea	kale	Ceratocapsus punctulatus	mirid plant bug	Alexander Tasi	First in County
Brassica oleracea	broccoli	Lygus sp.	western lygus bug	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Brassica rapa	bok choy	Deltocephalus fuscinervosus	leafhopper	Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	Regulatory significant
Cannabis sativa	hemp	Ceroplastes ceriferus	Indian wax scale	Sam Hart	New Florida host record
Cannabis sativa	hemp	Entylia carinata	treehopper	Angi Hutcherson	New Florida host record
Cannabis sativa	hemp	Pulvinaria urbicola	urbicola soft scale	Ethan Kelly	New Florida host record
Capsicum annuum	pepper	Bactericera cockerelli	potato psyllid	Victoria Benjamin	Regulatory significant
Capsicum annuum	red bell pepper	Bemisia tobaci "Q"	silverleaf whitefly, Q biotype	Jakira Davis, Eric Dougherty	Regulatory significant
Cedrela odorata	Spanish cedar	Clavaspis herculeana	armored scale	Christine Podos	New Florida host record
Cedrela sp.	Spanish cedar	Mastigimas ernstii	cedrela psyllid	Christine Podos	First in County
Cichorium endivia	escarole	Deltocephalus fuscinervosus	leafhopper	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Cinnamomum camphora	camphor tree	Fiorinia proboscidaria	snout scale	Sam Hart	First in County
Cinnamomum camphora	camphor tree	Nipaecoccus nipae	coconut mealybug	Colton Striker	New Florida host record
Citrus limon	lemon	Pleuroprucha asthenaria	wave moth	Joshua Borland	First in County
Citrus reticulata	tangerine	Nipaecoccus viridis	lebbeck mealybug	Sylvia Valdez, Maria Zuniga	First in County
Citrus sp.	citrus	Entomobrya citrensis	springtail	Robert Brady	First in County
Citrus sp.	citrus	Scolothrips sp.	predaceous thrips	Younes Belmourd	New Florida State record
Citrus sp.	citrus	Willowsia pyrrhophygia	springtail	Robert Brady	First in County
Cynara cardunculus	artichoke	Brachycaudus cardui	thistle aphid	Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	Regulatory significant
Cynara cardunculus	artichoke	Platyptilia carduidactyla	artichoke plume moth	Alexander Tasi	Regulatory significant
Cyperus lecontei	a sedge	Trionymus caricis	carex mealybug	Kyle Schnepp, Alex de la Paz, Lily Deeter	New Florida Host record, First in County
Echinodorus sp.		Opiconsiva anacharsis	delphacid planthopper	David Brown	Regulatory significant
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Echinodorus sp.	Amazon sword plant	Opiconsiva anacharsis	delphacid planthopper	Colton Striker	Regulatory significant
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Eleocharis flavescens	yellow spikerush	lsodelphax basivitta	delphacid planthopper	Victoria Benjamin, Alexander Tasi, Chase Groninger, Noemi Negron	New Florida host record
Elephantopus elatus	elephant foot	Eriococcus mesotrichus	middle seta eriococcin	Abby Bartlett	First in County
Filicium decipiens	Japanese fern tree	Fiorinia phantasma	phantasma scale	Carlos Aguilera	New Florida host record
Filicium decipiens	Japanese fern tree	Nipaecoccus viridis	lebbeck mealybug	Carlos Aguilera	New Florida host record
Fragaria x ananassa	strawberry	Ceratagallia californica	leafhopper	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Fragaria x ananassa	strawberry	Chaetosiphon fragaefolii	strawberry aphid	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Fragaria x ananassa	strawberry	Deltocephalus fuscinervosus	leafhopper	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Fragaria x ananassa	strawberry	<i>Lygus</i> sp.	western lygus bug	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Fragaria x ananassa	strawberry	Lygus sp.	western lygus bug	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Fragaria x ananassa	strawberry	<i>Lygus</i> sp.	western lygus bug	Jakira Davis, Eric Dougherty	Regulatory significant
Fragaria x ananassa	strawberry	Lygus sp.	western lygus bug	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Fragaria x ananassa	strawberry	Metopoplax ditomoides	European seed bug	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Gardenia jasminoides	gardenia, cape jasmine	Thrips parvispinus	thrips	Lance Osborne	First in County
Geranium carolinianum	Carolina cranesbill	Phenacoccus sisymbriifolium	mealybug	William Schap, Julieta Brambila	New Florida host record
Hypericum tenuifolium	Atlantic St. John's wort	Aonidomytilus hyperici	hypericum scale	Kyle Schnepp, Alex de la Paz, Lily Deeter	New Florida Host record, First in County
Hypericum tenuifolium	Atlantic St. John's wort	Eriococcus mesotrichus	eriococcid	Kyle Schnepp, Alex de la Paz, Lily Deeter	New Florida Host record, First in County
Hypericum tenuifolium	Atlantic St. John's wort	Neopulvinaria innumerabilis	cottony maple scale	Kyle Schnepp, Alex de la Paz, Lily Deeter	New Florida Host record
Ipomoea batatas	sweet potato	Thrips nigropilosus	thrips	Maria Velez-Climent	Regulatory significant
Ipomoea batatas	sweet potato	Thrips nigropilosus	thrips	Cheryl Jones, Mary Jane Echols	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Autographa californica	alfalfa looper	Jakira Davis, Ryan Brown, Dyrana Russell	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Cadra figulilella	raisin moth	Jakira Davis, Ryan Brown, Dyrana Russell	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Ceratagallia californica	leafhopper	Jakira Davis, Eric Dougherty	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Ceratagallia californica	leafhopper	Logan Cutts	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Ceratagallia californica	leafhopper	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Ceratagallia californica	leafhopper	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Ceratagallia californica	leafhopper	Jakira Davis, Eric Dougherty	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Ceratagallia longula	leafhopper	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Deltocephalus fuscinervosus	leafhopper	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Deltocephalus fuscinervosus	leafhopper	Logan Cutts	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Deltocephalus fuscinervosus	leafhopper	Logan Cutts	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Hyadaphis foeniculi	honeysuckle aphid	Logan Cutts	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Liriomyza langei	California pea leafminer	Jakira Davis, Eric Dougherty	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Liriomyza langei	California pea leafminer	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Metopolophium dirhodum	rose-grass aphid	Jakira Davis, Eric Dougherty	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Nasonovia ribisnigri	currant-lettuce aphid	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Nasonovia ribisnigri	currant-lettuce aphid	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant

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PLANT SPECIES	PLANT COMMON NAME	ARTHROPOD GENUS AND SPECIES	ARTHROPOD COMMON NAME	COLLECTOR	RECORD
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Nasonovia ribisnigri	currant-lettuce aphid	Logan Cutts, Eric Dougherty, Dyrana Russell, Jakira Davis, Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Nasonovia ribisnigri	currant-lettuce aphid	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Nasonovia ribisnigri	currant-lettuce aphid	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Nasonovia ribisniari	currant-lettuce aphid	Rvan Brown	Regulatory significant
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Phytomyza syngenesiae	chrysanthemum leaf miner	David Brown	Regulatory significant
Lemna obscura	duckweed	Rhopalosiphum nymphaeae	waterlily aphid	Victoria Benjamin, Alexander Tasi	New Florida host record
Magnolia sp.	magnolia	Caliothrips striatus	thrips	Ann Dunn, Kathryn Daly, Felipe Soto- Adames	First in County
Mangifera indica	mango	Sinomegoura citricola	aphid	Prem Kumar	First in County
Mentha sp.	mint	Eupteryx decemnotata	Ligurian leafhopper	Lisa Tyler	Regulatory significant
Mentha sp.	mint	Ovatus mentharius	mint aphid	Lisa Tyler	Regulatory significant
Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Virginia creeper	Pseudococcus odermatti	mealybug	Renan Espino Martinez	New Florida host record
Pennisetum setaceum	fountain grass	Mecidea major	stink bug	Sofia Youther	Significant find
Persea americana	avocado	Clavaspis perseae	armored scale	Abby Bartlett, Nora Marquez	Regulatory significant
Persea americana	avocado	Davidsonaspis aguacatae	armored scale	Jakira Davis, Ryan Brown, Dyrana Russell	Regulatory significant
Persea americana	avocado	Davidsonaspis aguacatae	armored scale	Keith Zugar	Regulatory significant
Persea americana	avocado	Davidsonaspis aquacatae	armored scale	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Persea americana	avocado	Davidsonaspis aguacatae	armored scale	Jakira Davis, Eric Dougherty	Regulatory significant
Persea americana	avocado	Davidsonaspis aguacatae	armored scale	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Persea americana	avocado	Davidsonaspis aquacatae	armored scale	Rvan Brown	Regulatory significant
Persea americana	avocado	Davidsonaspis aquacatae	armored scale	Mark Laurint	Regulatory significant
Persea americana	avocado	Davidsonaspis aguacatae	armored scale	Jakira Davis, Eric Dougherty	Regulatory significant
Persea americana	avocado	Davidsonaspis aguacatae	armored scale	Abby Bartlett, Nora Marquez	Regulatory significant
Persea americana	avocado	Davidsonaspis aguacatae	armored scale	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Persea americana	avocado	Davidsonaspis aguacatae	armored scale	Eric Dougherty, Jakira Davis	Regulatory significant
Persea americana	avocado	Davidsonaspis aguacatae	armored scale	Eric dougherty, Jakira Davis, Logan Cutts, Dyrana Russell, Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Persea americana	avocado	Fiorinia phantasma	phantasma scale	Stephanie Paz	New Florida host record
Persea borbonia	redbay	Fiorinia fioriniae	fiorinia scale	Lily Deeter	First in County
Phyllanthus angustifolius	foliage flower; swordbush	Nipaecoccus viridis	lebbeck mealybug	Scott Krueger	New Florida host record
Physalis philadelphica	tomatillo	Bactericera cockerelli	potato psyllid	Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	Regulatory significant
Physalis philadelphica	tomatillo	Bactericera cockerelli	potato psyllid	Logan Cutts, Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
Piper sp.		Seira dowlingi	tropical springtail	Muhammad Ahmed	First in County
Polygonella basiramia	Florida jointweed, tufted wireweed, hairy jointweed	Ferrisia gilli	mealybug	Kyle Schnepp, Alex de la Paz, Lily Deeter	New Florida Host record
Quercus castanea	chinkapin oak	Heterosminthurus sp.	springtail	Sam Hart, Kelly Douglas, John McVay	New Florida State record
Quercus hemisphaerica	laurel oak	Thelaxes suberi	southern oak thelaxid	Susan Halbert, Mark Rothschild	First in County
Quercus laurifolia	laurel oak	Thelaxes suberi	southern oak thelaxid	Mark Rothschild	First in County

PLANT SPECIES	PLANT COMMON NAME	ARTHROPOD GENUS AND SPECIES	ARTHROPOD COMMON NAME	COLLECTOR	RECORD
Rosmarinus officinalis	rosemary	Eupteryx decemnotata	Ligurian leafhopper	Lisa Tyler	Regulatory significant
Rubus sp.	raspberry	Ceratagallia californica	leafhopper	Logan Cutts	Regulatory significant
Solanum americanum	nightshade	Leptoglossus phyllopus	leaf-footed bug	Noemi Negron, Alexander Tasi	New Florida host record
Tridax procumbens	coatbuttons	Xyonysius californicus	seed bug	Noemi Negron, Alexander Tasi	New Florida Host Record
undetermined	mixed salad greens	Nasonovia ribisnigri	currant-lettuce aphid	Ryan Brown, Logan Cutts, Dyrana Russell	Regulatory significant
undetermined	mixed salad greens	Nasonovia ribisnigri	currant-lettuce aphid	Ryan Brown	Regulatory significant
undetermined	organic baby spring mix	Nasonovia ribisnigri	currant-lettuce aphid	Chase Groninger	Regulatory significant
undetermined	mixed salad greens	Ceratagallia californica	leafhopper	Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	Regulatory significant
undetermined	mixed salad greens	Lygus hesperus	western lygus bug	Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	Regulatory significant
Vaccinium myrsinites	shiny blueberry	Archips georgiana	orange oak leafroller	Victoria Benjamin, Chase Groninger, Noemi Negron, Alexander Tasi	New Florida host record
Verbesina virginica	white crownbeard; frostweed	Aphis astericola	aphid	Ethan Kelly	First in County
		Aphalara persicaria	psyllid	Douglas Restom-Gaskill	First in County
		Bactrocera dorsalis	Oriental fruit fly	John Quigley	Quarantinable; Regulatory significant
		Bactrocera dorsalis	Oriental fruit fly	Stepanka Newman	Quarantinable; Regulatory significant
		Bactrocera dorsalis	Oriental fruit fly	Stepanka Newman	Quarantinable; Regulatory significant
		Bactrocera dorsalis	Oriental fruit fly	Linda Mcray	Quarantinable; Regulatory significant
		Bactrocera dorsalis	Oriental fruit fly	Yaritza Perez-Otero	Quarantinable; Regulatory significant
		Blastopsylla occidentalis	eucalyptus psyllid	Douglas Restom-Gaskill	First in County
		Bothriocera datuna	cixiid planthopper	Rachel Conklin	First in County
		Carolinaia floridensis	aphid	Alexander Tasi, Scott Weihman	First in County
		Cedusa chuluota	derbid planthopper	Victor Zeno	First in County
		Chionomus quadrispinosus	delphacid planthopper	Douglas Restom-Gaskill	First in County
		Craspedolepta euthamiae	Florida euthamia psyllid	Alexander Tasi	First in County
		Cyrtolobus fenestratus	treehopper	James Lee	First in County
		Eumargarodes laingi	margarodid scale	Kyle Schnepp	First in County
		Lissachatina fulica	giant African land snail	Gary Webb, Daniel Merced	Quarantinable; Regulatory significant
		Mitrapsylla cubana	psyllid	Scott Weihman	First in County
		Neolygus omnivagus	plant bug	Younes Belmourd	First in County
		Oecleus productus	cixiid planthopper	Robert Leahy	First in County
		Ophiderma pubescens	downy treehopper	Douglas Restom-Gaskill	First in County
		Paratriphleps laeviusculus	phytophagous anthocorid bug	Douglas Restom-Gaskill	First in County
		Pompostolella charipepla	tineid moth	Jennifer Hesse	First in County
		Rhizoecus leucosomus	white ground mealybug	Kyle Schnepp	First in County
		Saccharosydne saccharivora	West Indian canefly	Douglas Restom-Gaskill	First in County
		Schizoptera bispina	jumping ground bug	Robert Brady	First in County
		Sirex juvencus	wood wasp	Robert Shim	Regulatory significant
		Tominotus communis	burrowing bug	Shasta Thomason	First in County
		Xyonysius basalis	seed bug	Maximilian Carfagno	First in County
		Zyginama tripunctata	leafhopper	Joseph Hanus, James Bouie	First in County

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NEMATOLOGY

Compiled by Janete Brito, Ph.D.; Jason Stanley, M.S and Silvia Vau, Ph.D.

This section analyzes soil and plant samples for nematodes, conducts pest detection surveys and provides diagnoses of plant problems, in addition to completing identification of plant parasitic nematodes involved in regulatory and certification programs. State of Florida statutes and rules mandate the predominant regulatory activities of the section. Analyses of plant and soil samples include those from in-state programs, plant shipments originating in Florida destined for other states and countries, as well as samples intercepted in Florida from outside the United States.

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	APRIL - JUNE	2022 - YEAR TO DATE
Morphological Identifications	3,455	7,111
Molecular Identifications *	207	1,341
Total Identifications	3,662	8,452

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* The majority of these analyses involved root-knot nematode species.

Nematode of Special Interest

1 Meloidogyne spartinae (Rau and Fassuliotis, 1965) was found infecting the roots of saltmarsh cordgrass (Spartina alterniflora) (St. Johns County; 04132022-03113; Janete Brito, Jason Stanley and Silvia Vau; 12 April 2022).

Meloidogyne spartinae was first found in 1958 on roots of Spartina alterniflora, saltmarsh cordgrass, a member of the grass family (Poaceae or Gramineae), in Marineland, Florida. This species was described as *Hypsoperine spartinea* in 1965 (Rau and Fassuliotis, 1965). Three years later, it was placed in the genus Meloidogyne (Whitehead, 1968). Ecologically, this is a unique root-knot nematode, the only coastal root-knot nematode species found in the intertidal zone and not on sand dunes, as are M. dunensis, M. duytsi and M. maritima, described from European sea rocket (Cakile maritma), beach grass (Elymus farctus) and marram grass (Ammophila arenaria) respectively, with the latter two plant hosts also in the Poaceae (Karssen et al., 1998a; 1998b; Jepson 1987; Palomares-Rius et al., 2007). In addition to Florida, M. spartinae has been reported in Connecticut, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina and South Carolina (Eisenback and Hischnmamm, 2001; LaMondia and Elmer, 2007, 2008; Rau and Fassuliotis, 1965). Recently, M. spartinea was identified from infected saltmarsh cordgrass plants growing in both the type locality, Marineland, and Vilano Beach, Florida. Infected plants showed circular to ovoid terminal galls, a typical symptom induced by this nematode species. Spartina alterniflora is a common saltwater-tolerant plant of tidal marshes growing where the water has a NaCl (sodium chloride) level of approximately 2.1 percent. Usually, plants growing in northern

1a - Spartina alterniflora, cordgrass, infected with M. spartinae. View of the sampling area and cordgrass plants. Photo by Silvia Vau, FDACS-DPI

1b - Spartina alterniflora, cordgrass, roots infected with M. spartinae. Photo by Janete Brito, FDACS-DPI

areas of the United States have larger and more abundant galls than those from southern areas.

Since its description, very little additional information about this nematode species has been collected. Many questions still need to be investigated, including the impact of salinity on nematode infectivity and development; the effect of NaCl concentration and water temperature in its life cycle; the phylogenetic relationship of *M. spartinae* with other *Meloidogyne* species; and the role of *M. spartinae*, if any, in the marsh decline and *Spartina alterniflora* dieback observed in the northeastern United States. We have been collecting biological, ecological, taxonomic and phylogenetic data in an attempt to acquire more knowledge about *M. spartinae* in Florida and to address these issues.

 1c - Meloidogyne spartinae root galls induced (arrow). Notice the presence of circular to ovoid terminal galls (arrow), a typical symptom caused by this nematode species. Photo by Janete Brito, FDACS-DPI

COLLECTORS

Collectors submitting five or more samples processed for nematological analysis during April-June 2022.

COLLECTOR NAME

Alexander Arbelaez	168
	100
Bobby Floyd	128
Donald Taylor	7
Eric Rojas	200
Grayson Grume	34
Heathcliff Garcia	461
Janie Echols	19
Michael Bentley	52
Nora Marquez	93
Ricardo Areingdale	9
Richard Blaney	67
Richard Bloom	8
Rogelio Blanco	102
Ryan Brown	10
Sam Hart	19

SAMPLES FOR MORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS Certifications and Regulatory Purposes

	APRIL - JUNE	2022 - YEAR TO DATE
Multistate Certification involving California	998	1,984
Multistate Certification excluding California Certification	1,694	3,642
Citrus Certification (Citrus Nursery Certification, Site or Pit Approval)	42	112
Total	2,734	5,738

Other Purposes

	APRIL - JUNE	2022 - YEAR TO DATE
Identification (other organisms)	0	0
Interdiction Station (AIS)	24	62
Plant Problems	32	42
Survey	24	128
Total	80	232

SAMPLES FOR MOLECULAR ANALYSIS

	APRIL - JUNE	2022 - YEAR TO DATE
Regulatory Purposes	59	141
Other Purposes	0	0
Identifications	148	200
Surveys	0	0
Total	207	341

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PLANT PATHOLOGY

Compiled by Hector Urbina, Ph.D.; Jodi Hansen, M.S. and Taylor Smith, B.S.

The Plant Pathology section provides plant disease diagnostic services for the department. The agency-wide goal of protecting the flora of Florida very often begins with accurate diagnoses of plant problems. Management recommendations are offered where appropriate and available. Our plant pathologists are dedicated to keeping informed about endemic plant diseases along with those diseases and disorders active outside Florida in order to be prepared for potential introductions of new pathogens to our area.

1 *Hemileia vastatrix* Berk. & Broome (coffee leaf rust) (Pucciniales, Pucciniomycotina, Basidiomycota) (cedar-quince rust) (Gymnosporangiaceace, Pucciniaceae, Pucciniomycotina) was found at a residential property in Naples on coffee, *Coffea arabica* L. (Rubiaceae). The main symptom of this disease is superficial, orange-yellow leaf spots on the lower leaf surface. Under the microscope, urediniospores are hyaline and reniform, with a conspicuous ridge of warts on the convex face. Coffee leaf rust is considered the most important disease of coffee and is present in all major coffee producing areas, including a recent observation in Hawaii (Collier County; 11052021-9024; Scott Krueger; 4 November 2021).

1a - Coffea arabica, coffee, leaf with coffee leaf rust. Photo by Hector Urbina, FDACS-DPI

1b - Uredinea of coffee leaf rust on Coffee arabica. Photo by Hector Urbina, FDACS-DPI

1c - Details of coffee leaf rust urediniospore. Photo by Hector Urbina, FDACS-DPI

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Citrus black spot	23	52
Citrus canker	54	105
Citrus greening / HLB	55	108
HLB Certification for out-of- state shipping	4,412	4,412
Import inspections	3	5
Interdictions	16	33
Palm phytoplasma	4	11
Pathology, General	618	1,107
Soil	56	100
Totals	5,241	5,933

Q PLANT PATHOLOGY IDENTIFICATION TABLE

The following table provides information about samples identified between April - June 2022. The table is organized alphabetically by plant species, with new records listed on the right.

PLANT SPECIES	PLANT COMMON NAME	CAUSAL AGENT	DISEASE NAME	LOCATION TYPE	SPECIMEN NUMBER	COUNTY	COLLECTOR	DATE	NEW RECORDS
Aralia spinosa	Angelica tree, devil's walking stick	Cystidiodontia sp.	relampago blight	natural area at springs	06072022- 05146	Suwannee	Jeffrey Eickwort	6/7/22	host
Boehmeria cylindrica	false nettle, bog hemp	Pucciniastrum boehmeriae	rust fungus	agricultural site	04282022- 03767	Hendry	Jason Stanley	4/27/22	US continental
Cannabis sativa	industrial hemp	Pseudoperonospora cannabina	downy mildew	farm	06032022- 05043	Hendry	grower	6/3/22	state
Cannabis sativa	industrial hemp	Pythium aphanidermatum	crown and root rot	farm	06172022- 05576	Hendry	grower	6/16/22	host
Illex opaca	American holly	Cystidiodontia sp.	relampago blight	natural area at springs	04202022- 03450	Suwannee	Jeffrey Eickwort	4/19/22	county
Phalaenopsis sp.	moth orchid	Dickeya fangzhongdai	soft rot	residence	06082022- 05215	Orange	George Warden	6/8/22	state
Quercus sp.	oak	Cystidiodontia sp.	relampago blight	natural area	04082022- 02949	Citrus	Abby Bartlett	4/7/22	county
Ulmus alata	winged elm	Cystidiodontia sp.	relampago blight	natural area	05132022- 04279	Sumter	Jeffrey Eickwort	5/12/22	host
Zea mays	corn	Phyllachora maydis	maize tar spot	seed company	05162022- 04361	Collier	Scott Krueger	5/16/22	county

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FROM THE EDITOR

By Patti Anderson

Inquiring minds want to know...

How did the pandemic impact botanical New County records at DPI?

The years 2020 and 2021 are likely to be remembered for the impact of the pandemic across many areas of interest. In the Botany section, we were struck both by the decline in the number of new county records as people worked more from home offices and by the remarkable increase in the number after people returned to more regular routines. The graph below illustrates these changes. For example, in the first quarter of 2021, we recorded only one new county record for a plant species, but from January through March 2022, there were 71 new county records for plants. The number declined to 53 this quarter, but we still see a substantial increase and the trend appears to be continuing.

We appreciate the effort of DPI Plant Inspectors who pay careful attention to unusual plants in their areas and allow us to determine more accurately the distribution of native and naturalized plants throughout Florida. Job well done!

Plantago lanceolata, narrowleaf plantain. Photo by F. D. Richards, North Carolina State Extension

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