

Common Florida Hardwood Tree Pests

DEFOLIATORS



Eastern Tent Caterpillar

- Active Spring and Summer
- Found on Oaks, Gums, and Cherry Trees
- Leaf damage and Webs are unsightly



Fall Web Worm

- Active July through September
- Found on 85 different Tree Species
- Most of the damage is contained to their webs and surrounding leaves



Tussock Moth Caterpillar

- Active Spring and Summer
- Found on Oaks
- Leaf Damage and Webs are unsightly
- *Handle with Care:* The tufts can secrete a mild toxin when provoked

SAP-SUCKING PESTS



Red Spider Mite

- Active Spring
- Found on Deciduous and Flowering Fruit Trees
- Damaged leaves appear stippled in color; eventually turning bronze or yellow



Aphids

- Active Spring through Fall
- Found on new leaves of many tree species
- Leaves appear yellow, distorted, stunted and curling, and quickly wilt



Scale

- Active Spring through Fall
- Found on Oaks, Ash, Maple, and Dogwoods
- Damage is identified as black, sticky "Sooty Mold" on the backs of leaves; as well as yellowing



Lace Bugs

- Active Late Summer to Fall
- Found on Sycamore, Oak, and Sweet Gum Trees
- Afflicted trees appear washed out, leaves bronzed, and leaf-drop occurs prematurely

WOOD-BORING PESTS



Emerald Ash Borer

- Active Late Spring into Summer
- Found almost exclusively on Ash
- Damage appears as D-shaped holes in the trunks of trees



Southern Pine Beetle

- Active Year-Round
- Found on Pine Trees
- Damage shows as small holes in the bark; sawdust at the base of the tree; and white pitch tubes
- There is no saving this tree; remove immediately



Bark Beetle

- Active Spring through Fall
- Found Pine Trees
- Bark on trees are pulled off easily and tunnels are visible; the leaves and needles become discolored