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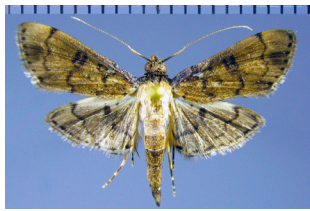
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Urena lobata L. (Caesar weed)
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Nacoleia charesalis, a crambid moth, male (mm scale at top of image)
 Photograph courtesy of James E. Hayden, DPI



Brachyodina metzi, a soldier fly
 Photograph courtesy of Gary J. Steck, DPI



Echinacea purpurea (coneflower).
 Leaves showing symptoms induced by an infestation of *Aphelenchoides besseyi*.
 Photograph courtesy of R.N. Inserra and J.W. Lotz, DPI.

Highlights

***Urena lobata* L. (Caesar weed, Congo jute, bur mallow)**, Malvaceae. In areas with freezing temperatures, this perennial shrub can die back in winter to return from the roots in spring. This species grows well in disturbed sites, including wetland areas where it can form thickets. It is included on the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) Invasive Species List-Category I list (exotic plants that have altered native plant communities).

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***Brachyodina metzi*, a soldier fly, a new Continental USA record.** This species was previously known only from Jamaica. Its biology is unknown. Larvae of most species in this genus occur under bark of dead trees, and some of them are predaceous on bark beetles.

***Aphelenchoides besseyi* Christie, 1942, the rice white-tip nematode,** was detected in foliar tissues of the flowering herb, *Echinacea purpurea* (coneflower). Foliar nematodes of the genus *Aphelenchoides* are common parasites of ornamentals in Florida. The rice white-tip nematode, *A. besseyi*, which is a major pest in many rice-producing countries, is frequently detected on ornamentals grown in Florida such as African violet, rubber plant and verbena. This detection expands the range of hosts of this nematode in Florida.

***Grovesinia pyramidalis* (anamorph *Hinomyces moricola*),** a pathogen causing zonate leaf spots on a wide range of broadleaf plants in the hot, wet summer months, is most commonly found in Florida on *Lagerstroemia indica* (crape-myrtle). This season, the pathogen appeared on two new hosts, *Hibiscus sabdariffa* (roselle) and *Phaseolus vulgaris* (Blue Lake pole bean).

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Liriodendron tulipifera (tuliptree, yellow poplar)
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Botany Section

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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 11,000 plants and nearly 1,400 vials of seeds.

Some of the samples received for identification are discussed below:

***Ampelopsis arborea* (L.) Kochne (peppervine)**, from a genus of 25 temperate and subtropical species. Vitaceae. This woody vine has herbaceous growth until very late in the season. The old, woody stems, to 6-7 cm in diameter, are somewhat swollen at the older nodes and climb by means of scattered, forked tendrils. The alternate, compound leaves are deciduous, with blades more or less triangular in outline, and with bi-pinnate, ternate, or partially tri-pinnate leaflets. The leaflets are 1-6 cm long, ovate, with bases rounded, truncate, or shortly tapered and margins prominently few-toothed. The leaf axes, leaflet stalks and major veins of the lower surfaces of leaflets are sparsely shaggy-pubescent. Inflorescences are Y-shaped compound cymes, borne opposite the leaves. Flowers are very small, with arched petals. The fruit is a lustrous black berry, oblate to subglobose, mostly 8-14 mm across. These fruits are eaten by raccoons and other wildlife. This species is found along stream banks, floodplain forests, in marshes, cypress swamps, moist to wet hammocks, fence and hedge rows from Maryland to southern Illinois and Missouri and west to New Mexico, generally southward through all the southeastern states to Florida, including almost every county in Florida. (Putnam County; B2014-767; Sol F. Looker; 6 October 2014 and Pasco County; B2014-835; Diana E. Bozeman; 22 October 2014.) (Godfrey 1988; Mabberley 2008; Miller and Miller 2005.)

***Heterotheca subaxillaris* (Lam.) Britton & Rusby (camphorweed, camphor daisy)**, from a genus of 28 species native to North America, but only one species in Florida. Compositae/Asteraceae. This is a weedy and variable species that has been divided into several species or included in another genus, *Chrysopsis*, until recent taxonomic studies concluded that recognizing a single, variable species was most appropriate. This species is native to most states south of a line from New York to California and to northern Mexico and is common nearly throughout Florida in sandhills and dunes. The common name is derived from the strong camphor odor produced when its leaves are crushed. This plant can be an annual or persist from its taproot to become a small, woody shrub to 2 m tall, but it is usually less than 1 m tall. The leaves are also variable, having ovate to oblong blades that are sparsely to densely covered with stalked glands and with serrate or entire margins. The basal leaves often have petioles, while those above the midpoint of the stem are more or less clasping. The flower heads may be single or clustered with yellow ray and disc florets. The fruits of the disc and ray florets differ, although both are maroon achenes, 2-3 mm long. Those from the ray florets are glabrous, without a pappus, while those from the disc florets are densely silky with a double pappus. (Pinellas County; B2014-720; Bobbe A. Rose; 16 September 2014 and Pasco County; B2014-873; Karen R. Destefano; 28 October 2014.) (Wunderlin and Hansen. 2011; http://efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=1&taxon_id=242416651 [accessed 2014 November 18]; <https://uwaterloo.ca/astereae-lab/heterotheca-subaxillaris-ssp-subaxillaris> [accessed 2014 November 18].)

Sample Submissions

	September October	Year to date
Samples submitted by other DPI sections	1,352	6,714
Samples submitted for botanical identification only	220	885
Total Samples Submitted	1,572	7,599
Specimens added to the herbarium	38	274



***Ampelopsis arborea* (peppervine)**

Photograph courtesy of Fred Nation, Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants <http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/Photo.aspx?id=3700>



***Heterotheca subaxillaris* (camphorweed)** inflorescence

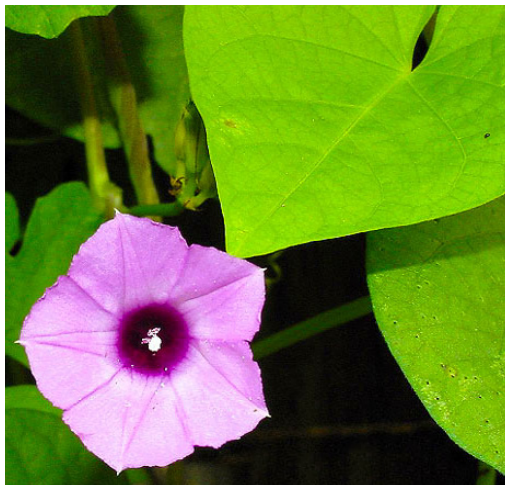
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Heterotheca subaxillaris (camphorweed) (two types of achenes (left, disc floret achene; right, ray floret achenes) Photograph courtesy of Steve Hurst, hosted by the [USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database](http://www.usda-nrcs.plantsdatabase.gov/)

***Ipomoea cordatotriloba* Dennst. (tievine, sharp-pod morning-glory)**, from a genus of 650 species from tropical and warm temperate areas in the Americas and Europe. Convolvulaceae. This herbaceous vine has alternate leaves 4-9 cm long and 2-5 cm wide with cordate to sagittate bases and may be entire or lobed. The funnel-shaped flowers occur singly or in groups of three and range from pale lavender-pink to purple with a darker throat. The sepals of this species are subequal. The corolla is 3-8 cm long, which helps distinguish it from the smaller-flowered noxious weed, *I. triloba*, with a corolla not longer than 2.5 cm. This is a vine found mainly in the coastal plain from North Carolina to Florida and westward to Texas. In Florida, this native vine is found in disturbed sites where it blooms all year and provides nectar for butterflies. (Pasco County; B2014-844; Diana E. Bozeman; 23 October 2014; Pasco County; B2014-863; Diana E. Bozeman; 27 October 2014; and Hillsborough County; B2014-871; Karen R. Destefano; 28 October 2014). (Wunderlin and Hansen 2011; Miller and Miller 2005).



Ipomoea cordatotriloba (tievine) Photograph courtesy of Allen Boatman, Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants <http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/Photo.aspx?id=1069>

***Tristellateia australasiae* A.Rich. (shower of gold climber, galphimia vine, Australian gold vine, maiden's jealousy)**, from a genus of about 20 species, with a native range from Africa and Madagascar to Australia and New Caledonia. Malpighiaceae. This species is widely cultivated in tropical Asia, where it is also native, and is suitable for planting in South Florida (USDA Plant Hardiness Zones 10-11). This woody vine can grow to 10 m or more in length and has simple, opposite leaves, 6-12 × 4-7 cm, with stipules and two glands attached to the petiole. The inflorescences may be terminal or axillary racemes with flowers having five clawed petals, five sepals without glands or with very minute glands. The dry fruits are samaras. It has been recommended as a good plant for an arbor or fence-covering. (Miami-Dade County; B2014-722; Jake M. Farnum; 17 September 2014.) (Llamas 2003; http://www.efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=2&taxon_id=242414547 [accessed 2014 November 18]; <http://herbarium.lsa.umich.edu/malpigh/BunClade/Tristellateia/Trist1.html> [accessed 2014 November 18].)

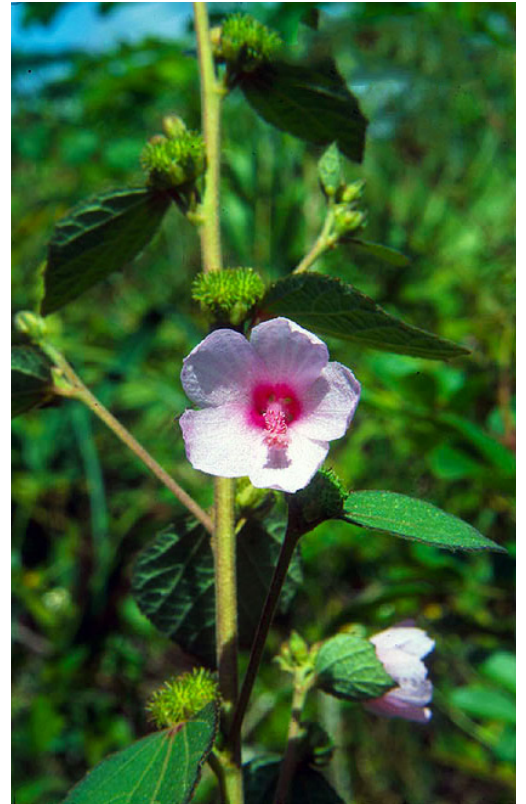


Tristellateia australasiae (shower of gold climber) Photograph courtesy of Top Tropicals http://toptropicals.com/catalog/uid/Tristellateia_australasiae.htm

***Urena lobata* L. (Caesar weed, Congo jute, bur mallow)**, from a genus of six to eight tropical and warm temperate species.) Malvaceae. In areas with freezing temperatures, this perennial shrub, 0.5-2 m tall, can die back in winter to return from the roots in spring. Leaves are alternate, ovate and usually with finely serrate margins. The petioles are roughly equal in length to the leaf blades, and the palmately-veined blades may have three or no lobes. Leaves and stems have stellate hairs. The five-merous flowers, about 1.5 cm long, arise from the leaf axils. Corollas are pink, but darker rose at the base. The fruit matures to 1 cm across with bristles that can attach to hair or clothing for dispersal. These fruits split into five segments, each containing a single, dark brown seed. This species grows well in disturbed sites, including wetland areas where it can form thickets. It is included on the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) Invasive Species List-Category I (exotic plants that have altered native plant communities). (Osceola County; B2014-821; Susan C. Distelberg; 21 October 2014; Pasco County; B2014-821; Diana E. Bozeman; 23 October 2014; Martin County; B2014-852; Jorge P. Gomez; 20 October 2014; Pasco County; B2014-864; Diana E. Bozeman; 27 October 2014 and Hernando County; B2014-866; Carrie L. Karppe; 28 October 2014) (Godfrey and Wooten 1981; Hall *et al.* 2011; <http://www.fleppc.org/list/FLEPPCPlantList2013-PRINTABLEwithlinkstoCAIPpages.pdf> [accessed 2014 November 18].)

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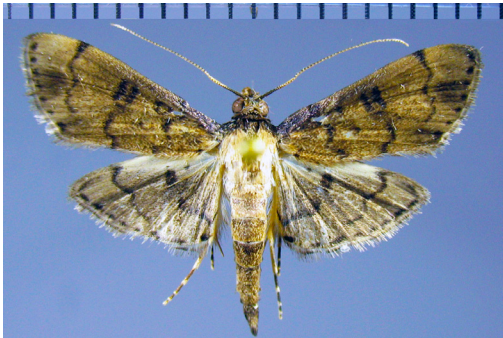
Urena lobata L. (Caesar weed)

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Sample/Specimen Submissions

September	
Samples Submitted	740
Specimens Identified	15,430
October	
Samples Submitted	729
Specimens Identified	15,450
Year to Date	
Samples Submitted	7,586
Specimens Identified	141,773



Nacoleia charesalis, a crambid moth, male (mm scale at top of image)
Photograph courtesy of James E. Hayden, DPI



Brachyodina metzi, a soldier fly
Photograph courtesy of Gary J. Steck, DPI



Hedriodiscus sp., a soldier fly
Photograph courtesy of Gary J. Steck, DPI

Entomology Section

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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 9 million specimens), and investigates the biology, biological control and taxonomy of arthropods.

Nacoleia charesalis, a crambid moth, a new Western Hemisphere record.

This brown moth is widely distributed in Asia. Since the initial detection in 2012, it has become widely distributed in Florida. Some reports were delayed until the type specimen could be borrowed to confirm the specific identification. In the Old World, the larvae feed in rotting fruit, leaf mulch and boring in stems of turmeric. Adults are attracted to light and molasses bait. The closely related Australasian *Nacoleia octasema* is a pest of banana fruit, but no economic damage has been confirmed yet in Florida for *N. charesalis*. (Miami-Dade County; E2012-4519; Andrew I. Derksen; 12 June 2012.) (Dr. James E. Hayden.)

***Brachyodina metzi*, a soldier fly, a new Continental USA record.** This species was previously known only from Jamaica. Its biology is unknown. It is a member of the subfamily Pachygastrinae, many of which are small, polished black flies with silvery hairs arranged in distinctive patterns. Adults are attracted to freshly fallen or cut trees where females oviposit. Larvae of most species occur under bark of dead trees, and some of them are predacious on bark beetles. (Miami-Dade County; E2014-6735; Elena Kej; 22 September 2014.) (Dr. Gary J. Steck.)

Dasyhelea azteca, a biting midge, a new Continental USA record.

Dasyhelea azteca was described in 2006 from specimens collected from Mexico in the states of Jalisco and Morelos. (Collier County; E2014-6956; Scott D. Croxton, University of Florida Southwest Florida Research and Extension Center; 9 September 2014.) (Dr. William L. Grogan, Jr.)

***Dasyhelea bifida*, a biting midge, a new Continental USA record.** Biting midges of the genus *Dasyhelea* (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae) are common inhabitants wet fresh, saline and tidal habitats with over 600 species worldwide. The three species reported here also have similar morphological characteristics. Adult females have reduced, vestigial mandibles, and therefore, do not bite humans or other vertebrates. However, adult males and females consume flower nectar as an energy source and can pollinate some plant species. *Dasyhelea bifida* is a rarely collected Holarctic species previously known from Europe, Algeria and in Canada from Ontario, Nova Scotia and the Yukon. (Collier County; E2014-6955; Scott D. Croxton, University of Florida Southwest Florida Research and Extension Center; 25 April 2014.) (Dr. William L. Grogan, Jr.)

Hedriodiscus sp., unknown species a soldier fly, a new Continental USA record.

This fly has a distinctive color pattern that clearly distinguishes it from the six other species of *Hedriodiscus* presently known to occur in the United States. Numerous other members of this genus occur in the Neotropics. Adults typically have bright yellow or green markings and can be found at flowers. Larvae are usually in aquatic habitats. (Palm Beach County; E2014-6835; Vince Golia, FSCA Research Associate; 8 June 2014.)

***Schrankia* sp., a fungus-feeding noctuid moth, a new Continental USA record.** This is an unidentified species of *Schrankia* (Erebidae or Noctuidae *sensu lato*). It is similar to the native *Schrankia macula*, but lighter in color and with genitalic differences. Its COI DNA sequence matches unidentified specimens from Central America. Larvae of *Schrankia* are poorly known. *Schrankia macula* has been reared on bracket fungus, and the Old World and Hawaiian species feed underground on plant roots. The host of this species is unknown, and it is unlikely to be an economic pest. The first specimen was collected at the same site in October 2013, but it might be more widely distributed in southern Florida. (Broward County; E2014-6199; Julio C. Garcia; 26 August 2014.) (Dr. James E. Hayden.)



Schrankia sp., a fungus-feeding noctuid moth (mm scale)
Photograph courtesy of James E. Hayden, DPI

***Xyleborinus artestriatus*, a scolytid beetle, a new Florida State record.** *Xyleborinus artestriatus* (Eichhoff) is an exotic ambrosia beetle native to Southeast Asia. In the United States, it was first reported from Georgia and Texas in 2011. Nothing is currently known about its biology outside of its native range. Notable hosts included *Syzygium cumini* (*Eugenia jambolana*), *Ficus religiosa*, *Heritiera fomes*, *Juglans regia*, *Magifera indica* and *Phyllanthus emblica*. This find is the first time the beetle has been reported from Florida. (Duval County; E2014-6151; Bradley A. Danner, CAPS, and Robert M. Leahy, USDA; 11 March 2014.) (Katherine E. Okins.)



Xyleborinus artestriatus, a scolytid beetle
Photograph courtesy of Katherine E. Okins, DPI

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 [PDF](#) or an [Excel](#) 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 Name	Plant Common Name	Arthropod	Arthropod Common Name	County	Records
<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>	mimosa	<i>Acizzia jamatonica</i>	a mimosa psyllid	Jefferson	COUNTY
<i>Ananas comosus</i>	pineapple	<i>Steneotarsonemus comosus</i>	pineapple multiple crown mite	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Ananas comosus</i>	pineapple	<i>Steneotarsonemus comosus</i>	pineapple multiple crown mite	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Ananas comosus</i>	pineapple	<i>Steneotarsonemus comosus?</i>		Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Japanese barberry	<i>Deroceras reticulatum</i>	gray garden slug	Hillsborough	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Bidens alba</i>	beggarticks, romerillo, Spanish needle	<i>Homaemus proteus</i>	a scutellerid bug	Highlands	COUNTY
<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	kale, decorative kale, flowering kale, flowering cabbage, collards, cole, borecole	<i>Bagrada hilaris</i>	Bagrada bug	Broward	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	kale, decorative kale, flowering kale, flowering cabbage, collards, cole, borecole	<i>Bagrada hilaris</i>	Bagrada bug	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	kale, decorative kale, flowering kale, flowering cabbage, collards, cole, borecole	<i>Linyphantes pualla</i>	a sheetweb weaver	Escambia	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	broccoli, cauliflower	<i>Liriomyza langei</i>	California pea leafminer	Suwannee	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	kale, decorative kale, flowering kale, flowering cabbage, collards, cole, borecole	<i>Liriomyza langei</i>	California pea leafminer	Orange	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	kale, decorative kale, flowering kale, flowering cabbage, collards, cole, borecole	<i>Liriomyza langei</i>	California pea leafminer	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	kale, decorative kale, flowering kale, flowering cabbage, collards, cole, borecole	<i>Liriomyza langei</i>	California pea leafminer	Broward	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Brassica rapa</i>	pe-tsai, chinese cabbage, napa cabbage	<i>Bagrada hilaris</i>	Bagrada bug	Suwannee	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Brassica rapa</i>	pak-choi, bok-choi, pak-choy, bok-choy, chinese mustard, celery mustard	<i>Bagrada hilaris</i>	Bagrada bug	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Brassica rapa</i>	pe-tsai, chinese cabbage, napa cabbage	<i>Liriomyza langei</i>	California pea leafminer	Suwannee	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Brassica rapa</i>	pak-choi, bok-choi, pak-choy, bok-choy, chinese mustard, celery mustard	<i>Liriomyza langei</i>	California pea leafminer	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Brassica rapa</i>	pak-choi, bok-choi, pak-choy, bok-choy, chinese mustard, celery mustard	<i>Lygus elisus</i>	pale legume bug	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Brugmansia</i> sp.		<i>Tetranychus ludeni</i>	spider mite	Putnam	HOST
<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	pepper	<i>Bactericera cockerelli</i>	potato psyllid	Palm Beach	REGULATORY INCIDENT
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<i>Cichorium endivia</i>	cultivated endive	<i>Liriomyza langei</i>	California pea leafminer	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	sweet orange, navel orange	<i>Euthera tentatrix</i>	a tachinid fly	Seminole	COUNTY
<i>Citrus x paradisi</i>	grapefruit	<i>Nacoleia charesalis</i>	a crambid moth	Orange	COUNTY
<i>Clerodendrum</i> sp.		<i>Calacarus speciosissimum</i>	eriohyd mite	Monroe	COUNTY
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	cardoon, artichoke, globe artichoke	<i>Lygus</i> sp.	a lygus bug	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Dracaena sandieriana</i>	Belgian evergreen; lucky bamboo	<i>Lepidosaphes chinensis</i>	an armored scale	Alachua	REGULATORY INCIDENT
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<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	loquat, Japanese plum	<i>Aphis eugeniae</i>	an aphid	Hernando	COUNTY
<i>Eruca vesicaria</i>	rocketsalad, arugula	<i>Rhinachloa forticornis</i>	a plant bug	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Erythrina variegata</i>	coral tree; sunshine tree	<i>Quadrastichus erythrinae</i>	erythrina gall wasp	Martin	COUNTY
<i>Eupatorium capillifolium</i>	dogfennel	<i>Texanus excutus</i>	leafhopper	Hillsborough	COUNTY
<i>Euthamia caroliniana</i>	slender flattop goldenrod, coastal plain goldentop	<i>Asteromyia euthamiae</i>	a gall midge	Putnam	COUNTY
<i>Euthamia caroliniana</i>	slender flattop goldenrod, coastal plain goldentop	<i>Craspedolepta</i> sp.	a psyllid	Indian River	COUNTY
<i>Ficus</i> sp.	fig	<i>Nacoleia charesalis</i>	a crambid moth	Miami-Dade	HEMISPHERE
<i>Fraxinus</i> sp.	ash	<i>Urocera taxodii</i>	horntail	Hendry	COUNTY
<i>Guapira discolor</i>	longleafblolly; beeftree	<i>Catorhintha viridipes</i>	a coreid bug	Monroe	HOST
<i>Hemerocallis</i> sp.	daylily	<i>Ophiomyia kwansonis</i>	daylily leafminer	Taylor	COUNTY
<i>Hibiscus</i> sp.		<i>Toxomerus boscii</i>	a syrphid fly	Leon	COUNTY
<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	lettuce, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce	<i>Acyrtosiphon lactucae</i>	lettuce aphid	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	lettuce, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce	<i>Acyrtosiphon lactucae</i>	lettuce aphid	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION

Plant Name	Plant Common Name	Arthropod	Arthropod Common Name	County	Records
<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	lettuce, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce	<i>Autographa californica</i>	alfalfa Looper	Suwannee	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	lettuce, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce	<i>Bactericera cockerelli</i>	potato psyllid	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	lettuce, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce	<i>Deltocephalus fuscinervosus</i>	a leafhopper	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
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<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	lettuce, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce	<i>Lygus hesperus</i>	a western lygus bug	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	lettuce, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce	<i>Nasonovia ribisnigri</i>	currant-lettuce aphid	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
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<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	lettuce, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce	<i>Tychius picirostris</i>	clover seed weevil	Nassau	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Mangifera indica</i>	mango	<i>Brachyodina metzi</i>	a soldier fly	Miami-Dade	CONTINENTAL USA
<i>Mangifera indica</i>	mango	<i>Cyrtophora citricola</i>	a tentweb weaver	Martin	COUNTY
<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	melaleuca; cajeput; punktree; paper-bark; white bottlebrush tree	<i>Forelius mccooki</i>		Lake	COUNTY
<i>Merremia dissecta</i>	noyau vine; alamo vine	<i>Tetranychus tumidus</i>	tumid spider mite	Martin	HOST
<i>Olea europaea</i>	olive	<i>Bactrocera oleae</i>	olive fruit fly	Orange	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	switchgrass	<i>Cedusa obscura</i>	a derbid planthopper	Highlands	COUNTY
<i>Paspalum notatum</i>	bahia grass	<i>Dasymutilla occidentalis</i>	velvet ant	Lake	COUNTY
<i>Persea americana</i>	avocado; alligator pear; aguacate	<i>Abgallaspis aguacatae</i>	an armored scale	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Persea americana</i>	avocado; alligator pear; aguacate	<i>Clastoptera</i> sp.	a spittlebug	Highlands	COUNTY
<i>Persea americana</i>	avocado; alligator pear; aguacate	<i>Liriomyza langei</i>	California pea leafminer	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>	parsley	<i>Cavariella aegopodii</i>	carrot aphid	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	date palm	<i>Solenopsis xyloni</i>	southern fire ant	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	date palm	<i>Solenopsis xyloni</i>	southern fire ant	Broward	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Pinus clausa</i>	sand pine	<i>Cnestus mutilatus</i>	camphor shoot borer	Sumter	COUNTY
<i>Pinus</i> sp.	pine	<i>Ambrosiophilus atratus</i>	a scolytid beetle	Escambia	COUNTY

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<i>Pinus</i> sp.	pine	<i>Cyrtinus pygmaeus</i>	a longhorn beetle	Hamilton	COUNTY
<i>Pinus</i> sp.	pine	<i>Phymatodes amoenus</i>	a longhorn beetle	Suwannee	COUNTY
<i>Pinus</i> sp.	pine	<i>Pseudopityophthorus pubescens</i>	a scolytid beetle	Hamilton	COUNTY
<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>	Japanese yew	<i>Neophyllaphis varicolor</i>	multicolored podocarpus aphid	Hernando	COUNTY
<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>	Japanese yew	<i>Neophyllaphis varicolor</i>	multicolored podocarpus aphid	Flagler	COUNTY
<i>Protea cynaroides</i>	king protea	<i>Delottococcus confusus</i>	a mealybug	Miami-Dade	REGULATORY INCIDENT
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<i>Protea cynaroides</i>	king protea	<i>Ochetellus glaber</i>	an ant	Miami-Dade	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Protea cynaroides</i>	king protea	<i>Ochetellus glaber</i>	an ant	Miami-Dade	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Protea cynaroides</i>	king protea	<i>Pseudaulacaspis brimble-combei</i>	an armored scale	Miami-Dade	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Pueraria montana</i>	kudzu; kudzu vine; foot-a-night-vine; vine-that-ate-the-south; ko-hemp	<i>Megacopta cribraria</i>	bean plataspid	Gulf	COUNTY
<i>Pyrus</i> sp.	pear	<i>Aphis eugeniae</i>	an aphid	Orange	COUNTY
<i>Quercus hemisphaerica</i>	Darlington's oak; laurel oak	<i>Diphyllaphis microtrema</i>	a woolly oak aphid	Alachua	COUNTY
<i>Quercus</i> sp.	oak	<i>Acrolophus walsinghami</i>	a grass tubeworm moth	Pinellas	COUNTY
<i>Quercus</i> sp.	oak	<i>Amphiareus obscuriceps</i>	a minute pirate bug	Hendry	COUNTY
<i>Quercus</i> sp.	oak	<i>Anasaitis canosa</i>	a jumping spider	Hendry	COUNTY
<i>Quercus</i> sp.	oak	<i>Clastoptera</i> sp.	a spittlebug	Glades	COUNTY
<i>Quercus</i> sp.		<i>Diploschizia kimballi</i>	a sedge moth	Hillsborough	COUNTY
<i>Quercus</i> sp.	oak	<i>Pseudopityophthorus pubescens</i>	a scolytid beetle	Suwannee	COUNTY
<i>Quercus</i> sp.	oak	<i>Trischidiias georgiae</i>	a scolytid beetle	Collier	COUNTY
<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	live oak	<i>Xyleborinus andrewesi</i>	a scolytid beetle	Seminole	COUNTY
<i>Randia aculeata</i>	white indigoberry	<i>Aleuroplatus cococolus</i>	a whitefly	Miami-Dade	HOST
<i>Rosa</i> sp.		<i>Deroceras reticulatum</i>	gray garden slug	Nassau	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	bald cypress	<i>Taxodiomyia cupressiananassa</i>	a gall midge	Suwannee	COUNTY
<i>Tillandsia usneoides</i>	Spanish moss	<i>Camponotus sericeiventris</i>	carpenter ant	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Tillandsia usneoides</i>	Spanish moss	<i>Tychius</i> sp.	a weevil	Escambia	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
		<i>Achatina fulica</i>	giant African land snail	Broward	COUNTY
		<i>Adaina simplicius</i>	a plume moth	Marion	COUNTY
		<i>Amaurochrous dubius</i>	a terrestrial turtle bug	Collier	COUNTY
		<i>Atherigona reversura</i>	bermudagrass stem maggot	Polk	COUNTY
		<i>Atherigona reversura</i>	bermudagrass stem maggot	Collier	COUNTY
		<i>Cardiocondyla wroughtonii</i>	myrmicine ant	Broward	COUNTY
		<i>Chalcis flebilis</i>	parasitic wasp	Hillsborough	COUNTY
		<i>Chrysis angolensis</i>	cuckoo wasp	Orange	COUNTY
		<i>Clastoptera</i> sp.	a spittlebug	Lake	COUNTY
		<i>Cryptognathus</i> sp.	a mite	Hillsborough	COUNTY
		<i>Curculionidae</i>	a broad-nosed weevil	Miami-Dade	REGULATORY INCIDENT
		<i>Cyclosa walckenaeri</i>	an orbweaver	Hillsborough	COUNTY
		<i>Dasyhelea azteca</i>	a biting midge	Collier	CONTINENTAL USA
		<i>Dasyhelea bifida</i>	a biting midge	Collier	CONTINENTAL USA
		<i>Dasyhelea borgmeiri</i>	a biting midge	Monroe	CONTINENTAL USA
		<i>Dicymolomia grisea</i>	a crambid moth	Broward	COUNTY
		<i>Diphleps unica</i>	a jumping tree bug	Hillsborough	COUNTY
		<i>Diphthera festiva</i>	hieroglyphic moth	Suwannee	COUNTY
		<i>Euwallacea interjectus</i>	a scolytid beetle	Nassau	COUNTY
		<i>Faiditus americanus</i>	a kleptoparasitic spider	Palm Beach	COUNTY

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		<i>Habronattus calcaratus</i>	a jumping spider	Hillsborough	COUNTY
		<i>Hedriodiscus</i> sp.	a soldier fly	Palm Beach	CONTINENTAL USA
		<i>Heteropsylla flexuosa</i>	an acacia psyllid	Polk	COUNTY
		<i>Liriomyza commelinae</i>	a leafminer	Broward	COUNTY
		<i>Loxosceles rufescens</i>	Mediterranean recluse spider	Nassau	SIGNIFICANT FIND
		<i>Loxosceles</i> sp.	a recluse spider	Indian River	SIGNIFICANT FIND
		<i>Lupaeus</i> sp.	a mite	Hillsborough	COUNTY
		<i>Microthyris lelex</i>	a crambid moth	Miami-Dade	COUNTY
		<i>Nacoleia charesalis</i>	a crambid moth	Levy	COUNTY
		<i>Nacoleia charesalis</i>	a crambid moth	Monroe	COUNTY
		<i>Peucetia viridans</i>	green lynx spider	Hendry	COUNTY
		<i>Schrankia</i> sp.	a fungus-feeding noctuoid moth	Broward	CONTINENTAL USA
		<i>Schrankia</i> sp.	a fungus-feeding noctuoid moth	Miami-Dade	COUNTY
		<i>Sephina gundlachi</i>	coreid bug	Manatee	COUNTY
		<i>Tetragnatha elongata</i>	a longjawed orbweaver	Hillsborough	COUNTY
		<i>Tetragonoderus laevigatus</i>	a carabid beetle	Hillsborough	COUNTY
		<i>Thrips madronii</i>	a flower thrips	Broward	REGULATORY INCIDENT
		<i>Verrucosa arenata</i>	an orbweaver	Palm Beach	COUNTY
		<i>Vryburgia trionymoides</i>	a mealybug	Duval	REGULATORY INCIDENT
		<i>Xanthaciura chrysura</i>	a fruit fly	Alachua	COUNTY
		<i>Xyleborinus artestriatus</i>	a scolytid beetle	Duval	STATE

Nematology Section

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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.

Nematodes of Special Interest

***Aphelenchoides besseyi* Christie, 1942, the rice white-tip nematode**, was detected in foliar tissues of the flowering herb, *Echinacea purpurea* (coneflower or echinacea). (Alachua County; N14-01351; Theresa R. Estok; 10 October 2014). This is a new host record for this foliar nematode.

Foliar nematodes of the genus *Aphelenchoides* are common parasites of ornamentals in Florida. The rice white-tip nematode, *A. besseyi*, which is a major pest in many rice-producing countries, is frequently detected on ornamentals grown in Florida such as African violet, rubber plant and verbena. This detection expands the range of hosts of this nematode in Florida. Foliar nematodes are able to parasitize a large number of plants. There are reports from Europe of infestations of another foliar nematode, the chrysanthemum foliar nematode, *Aphelenchoides ritzemabosi* (Schwartz, 1911) Steiner & Buhner, 1932, on *Echinacea purpurea* (Walton in Goodey, 1940). However, according to DPI records, this is the first known report of *A. besseyi* on this plant.

Echinacea purpurea is a popular herb commonly used to treat influenza and colds. It is in the family Asteraceae which includes many daisies. Echinacea was commonly used by Native Americans and quickly became a popular herbal remedy for many Europeans that settled in America. It is believed that Echinacea extracts stimulate the immune system and reduce many symptoms of respiratory ailments. Echinacea can be purchased over the counter as teas, liquid extracts, dried plant material or tablets. This species is native to eastern and central North America and grows well in prairies and woodlands.

The symptoms observed on the nematode-infested plants included extended leaf discoloration; blotches and necrosis of leaf areas between the veins in the upper-side of the leaves. Angular lesions were commonly visible on leaf surfaces due to nematode feeding and migration. The movement and leaf penetration of foliar nematodes is facilitated by high humidity and water condensation on plants. Ornamental plants that are infected with foliar nematodes become unmarketable. Cultural practices such as use of clean stock, reduction of excess moisture on the foliage by avoiding the use of overhead irrigation, good aeration of the plants and rigorous sanitation practices can prevent outbreaks of nematode infestations in nursery operations. Plants obtained from unverified sources should be kept isolated for at least four weeks to observe potential foliar nematode symptoms.

Sample Submissions

	September October	Year to date
Morphological Identifications	1,911	10,259
Molecular Identifications	375	1,336
Total Samples Submitted	2,286	11,595

Certification and Regulatory Samples

	September October	Year to date
Multistate Certification for National and International Export	1,385	7,057
California Certification	204	1,545
Pre- movement (Citrus Nursery Certification)	50	220
Site or Pit Approval (Citrus Nursery and Other Certifications)	0	141

Other Samples

	September October	Year to date
Identifications (invertebrate)	1	26
Plant Problems	13	126
Intrastate Survey, Random	258	1,144

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



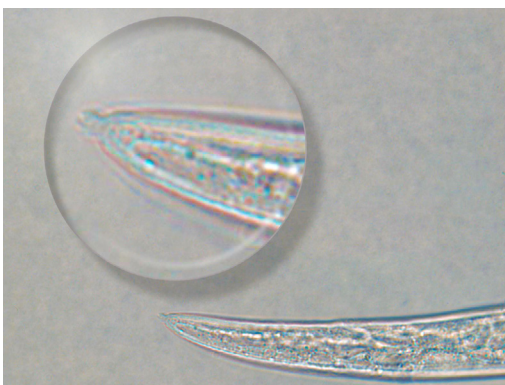
Healthy plants of *Echinacea purpurea* (coneflower)
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Leaves of *Echinacea purpurea* (coneflower) showing symptoms induced by *Aphelenchoides besseyi* infestation
 Photograph courtesy of R.N. Inserra and J.W. Lotz, DPI



Female *Aphelenchoides besseyi* (the rice white-tip nematode) collected from the infected plant *Echinacea purpurea* (coneflower)
 Photograph courtesy of J. D. Stanley, DPI



Aphelenchoides besseyi (the rice white-tip nematode), posterior portion of the body ending in a small branched spike.
 Photograph courtesy of J. D. Stanley and J. Reid Carswell, DPI.

Collectors submitting five or more samples that were processed for nematological analysis during September - October.

Anderson, J. Mikaela	20		LeBoutillier, Karen W.	109
Bailey, W. Wayne	19		Ochoa, Ana L.	64
Blaney, Richard L.	26		Southerland, Lane P.	11
Burgos, Frank A.	176		Spriggs, Charles L.	164
Clanton, Keith B.	151		Terrell, Mark R.	18
Golden, Walter W.	5		Violett, Larry L.	84
Keen, Emily I.	24		Welch, Johanna	12
Kreger, Scott D.	12		Wolfe, C. David	30

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Plant Pathology Section

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This section provides plant disease diagnostic services and conducts a citrus germplasm introduction program. The agency-wide goal of protecting Florida agriculture very often begins with accurate diagnoses of plant problems. Disease management recommendations are offered where appropriate and available. Our plant pathologists are dedicated to keeping informed about plant diseases outside Florida in order to be prepared for potential introductions of new pathogens.

The Late Summer Leaf Spot Pathogen (*Hinomyces moricola*) Appears On-Time

For many years, our clinic traditionally has marked the late summer stage of the growing season with anticipation of the unusual fungal leaf spot pathogen *Grovesinia pyramidalis* (anamorph *Hinomyces moricola*). This pathogen causes zonate leaf spots on a wide range of broadleaf plants in the hot, wet summer months, especially as the season wears on. The most common host in Florida year in and year out seems to be *Lagerstroemia indica* (crape-myrtle). This season, the pathogen appeared on two new hosts, *Hibiscus sabdariffa* (roselle) and *Phaseolus vulgaris* (Blue Lake pole bean). A sample of zonate leaf spot on *Halesia diptera* (two-wing silverbell) was submitted to DPI with this disease for only the second time.

The conidiophores of the zonate leaf spot pathogen are distinctive. During wet weather, the small white pyramidal structures can be seen with a hand lens on the surface of the lesions and on surrounding healthy tissue. These structures detach easily, and disappear within a few days after the wet weather ends. The conidiophores are illustrated below. A photograph of the typical zonate leaf spot as it appeared on the new host, roselle, is also included below. (Alachua County; P2014-81815; Robert M. Leahy, USDA/CAPS; Bradley A. Danner, DPI/CAPS; Rebecca L. Barocco, University of Florida; 23 September 2014.)

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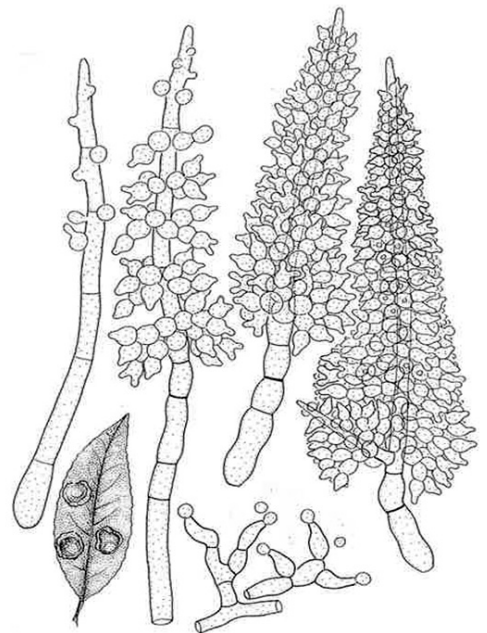
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Grovesinia pyramidalis (anamorph *Hinomyces moricola*) showing typical zonate leaf spots caused by the fungal pathogen on *Hibiscus sabdariffa* (roselle).
Photograph courtesy of Timothy S. Schubert, DPI

Sample Submissions

	September October	Year to date
Citrus black spot	7	55
Citrus canker	233	1,011
Citrus greening / HLB	42	1,526
Honeybees	17	37
Interdictions	9	45
Laurel wilt	17	77
General Pathology	497	2,411
Soil	3	20
Sudden oak death	0	13
Sweet orange scab-like disease	2	10
Texas Phoenix palm decline	0	32
Water	0	9



Grovesinia pyramidalis with distinctive conidiophores and conidia of the anamorph state (*Hinomyces moricola*) of the zonate leaf spot pathogen
Illustration from Seifert *et al.* 2011

Plant Species	Plant Common Name	Causal Agent	Disease Name	Location Type	County	Sample Number	Collector	Date	New Records	
<i>Boerhavia erecta</i>	erect spiderling	<i>Wilsonia platensis</i>	white rust on foliage	weed in citrus orchard	81755	Polk	Timothy S. Schubert	9/18/2014		This white rust pathogen was formerly classified in the genus <i>Albugo</i> .
<i>Bromeliaceae</i> (probable <i>Vriesea</i> hybrid)	probably 'Galaxia'	<i>Cylindrocladium parasiticum</i>	leaf and crown rot	commercial nursery	81606	Orange	George A. Warden	9/17/2014		Approximately 1/10 of a large crop was suffering from lower leaf decay and crown rot.
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	common boxwood	<i>Thielaviopsis basicola</i>	black root rot	commercial nursery	82112	Gadsden	Michael A. Bentley	10/14/2014	Host	The black root rot pathogen has not been reported from boxwood in Florida before. This plant was also infected with <i>Volutella buxi</i> stem blight and <i>Pythium</i> root rot.
<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	sweet orange	<i>Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus</i>	huanglongbing, citrus greening	dooryard	81746	Nassau	Certified arborist	9/19/2014	County	First record on cultivated, in-ground citrus in Nassau County
<i>Citrus unshiu</i>	satsuma	<i>Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus</i>	huanglongbing, citrus greening	dooryard	81598	Clay	Cheryl A. Jones	9/19/2014	County	This represents the first detection of HLB in established citrus in Clay County. (There have been previous detections in nursery stock at Clay County retail outlets.)
<i>Cordia sebestena</i>	geiger tree	<i>Diatractium cordianum</i>	leaf spot	on dead-end street	81738	Palm Beach	Scott A. Tedford	9/22/2014	US	Searches of the literature so far indicate this to be a new record for the continental US.
<i>Croton glandulosus</i>	Simpson's croton	<i>Pyrenochaeta</i> sp.	leaf spot	weed on edge of cotton field	82075	Levy	Robert M. Leahy, USDA/ CAPS; Brad A. Danner, DPI/ CAPS; Rebecca L. Barocco, UF	10/8/2014	Host	This common opportunistic fungus has not been previously reported from this weed in Florida.
<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i>	Marie Galante cotton	<i>Pleospora</i> sp.	leaf spot	commercial farm	81584	Hamilton	Robert M. Leahy, USDA/ CAPS; Brad A. Danner, DPI/ CAPS	9/3/2014	Host	This fungus was among several other common fungal genera occupying leaf spots.
<i>Hibiscus sabdariffa</i>	roselle	<i>Grovesinia pyramidalis</i>	target leaf spot	student garden at UF	81815	Alachua	Robert M. Leahy, USDA/ CAPS; Brad A. Danner, DPI/ CAPS; Rebecca L. Barocco, University of Florida	9/23/2014		This pathogen of hot, wet weather was active on many hosts this summer in Gainesville. Anamorph is <i>Hinomyces moricola</i> , formerly known as <i>Cristulariella pyramidalis</i> .

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<i>Mangifera indica</i>	mango	<i>Fusarium mangiferae</i>	mango malformation	dooryard fruit fly trap site	82111	Miami-Dade	Duraid I. Hanna	10/14/2014		This species of <i>Fusarium</i> is one of six known worldwide that are capable of inducing this malformation syndrome on mango. All are part of the <i>Gibberella fujikuroi</i> complex.
<i>Polystichum</i> sp.	polystichum fern, a holly fern	<i>Myrothecium roridum</i>	leaf spot	commercial nursery	81845	Lake	Mary C. Sellers	10/7/2014	Host	This represents our first DPI record of <i>Myrothecium roridum</i> on <i>Polystichum</i> fern.
<i>Sesamum indicum</i>	sesame	<i>Pseudocercospora sesame</i>	leaf spot	UF/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center - Suwannee Valley	81744	Suwannee	Robert M. Leahy, USDA/CAPS; Brad A. Danner, DPI/CAPS	9/17/2014		Another example of an uncommon late season cercosporoid fungal leaf spot
<i>Spondias dulcis</i>	otaheite, ambarella, golden apple	<i>Phomopsis</i> sp.	black spots on fruit	dooryard	81695	Miami-Dade	Haylett Cruz-Escoto	9/16/2014	Host	<i>Phomopsis</i> sp. are commonly encountered as fruit spoters and post-harvest fruit rotters. This is the first report in DPI files on this host however.