

Bugs and Blights of August
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Sirococcus shoot blight on Atlas cedars (*Cedrus*) did not actually show up until late this season. The sudden heat stress accentuated the sudden appearance of pinkish brown twigs. This seems to happen to trees each year during wet spring weather unless foliage it protected by fungicides. Many homeowners report that trees with repeated attacks do just fine. The tree pictured is at the WSU Puyallup Research and Extension Center. *Sirococcus* shoot blight also prevalent on many pines, hemlock and mountain hemlock and several spruces. For more detail and diagnostic photos see <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/fidls/sirococcus/sirococcus.htm>
Photo by Jenny Glass, WSU Puyallup

Apple leaf curl midge is now confirmed in Snohomish County, WA. Dave Pehling, WSU Snohomish County Extension, found ALC Midge in Granite Falls this spring (review Bugs and Blights of April)

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Green alder sawfly, *Monsoma pulveratum* has now been confirmed in Snohomish and Pierce counties as well as many others. An Alert from the USFS was issued this spring and the WSDA has been surveying for this pest of alder. <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/spf/fhp/pubs/MonsomaPestAlert.pdf>. Eric LaGasa, WSDA, confirmed the ID from this photo. (photo SJCollman)



The woods weevil complex (4 species of the native *Nemocestes*) begin to emerge as adults in the fall of the year. Watch for fresh feeding injury on foliage or detect by beating bushes with a box beneath it, in daytime or at night. This weevil can be very abundant in gardens in E and W. WA. It overwinters as adults, often feeding through winter. (Photo SJCollman)

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