

Technical Bulletin for: **Asian Citrus Psyllid**

Diaphorinia citri (Kuwayama) • Hemiptera, Liviidae • DIACIT





DISTRIBUTION	Asia, Middle East, South America, Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean, Ethiopia, Kenia, Tanzania, Nigeria. In the United States, ACP is found in all citrus belt.		
HOSTS	Primary hosts are citrus and closely related plants in the Rutaceae family.		
DESCRIPTION			
ADULT	Mottled brown body 3-4 mm in length. The antennae have two small light brown spots in the middle segments and black tips.		
NYMPH	Yellowish-orange in color about 0.25 mm in length, up to 1.7 mm at maturity.		
Eggs are about 0.3mm long, almond-shaped and elongate. Newly laid eggs are pale, turn yellow as they mature.			
LIFE HISTORY INVASIVE - VECTOR of HUANGLONGBING (HLB or CITRUS GRRENING) DISEAS Females lay eggs on the tips of growing shoots and between unfurling leaves and may more than 800 eggs during their lives. Nymphs pass through five instars. The total life requires up to 47 days, depending upon the season with up to 10 generations per years.			

MONITORING INFORMATION

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SUBSTRATE & FIELD LIFE	

ACP attractant (proprietary formulation) on paper coaster in peelable pouch. Field life: thirty (30) days.



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ACP Trap



MONITORING STRATEGY

Use 1 trap for every 3 acres. Traps should be placed at 1.5 m above ground on outside of tree canopy. Monitor moth flight throughout the growing season. Change trap liners every 1-2 weeks depending on moth density. Check with Cooperative Extension or Master Gardener for local information and recommendations.

CULTURAL & PHYSICAL CONTROL

Management practices can impact psyllid populations, especially those practices that promote new flush. Trees should be sprayed with a broad spectrum insecticide prior to or just after hedging and topping before any flush develops. Alternate host plants such as orange jasmine and box orange in the vicinity of the grove can serve as sources of psyllids for infestation. When possible, both of these plant species should be removed from areas surrounding commercial citrus groves.

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