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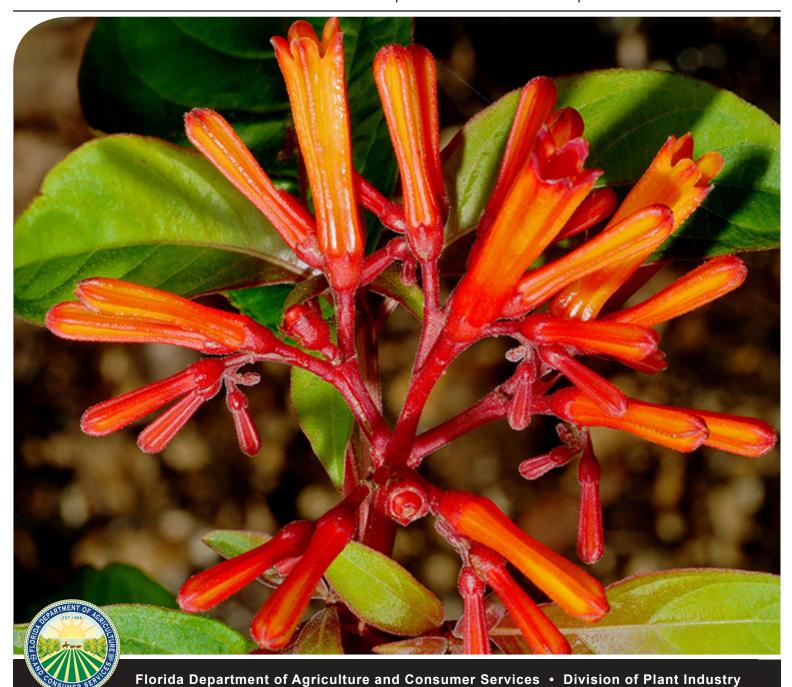
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Hamelia patens var. patens (firebush). Photo by John Park, <u>Atlas of Florida Plants</u>



HIGHLIGHTS



Hamelia patens Jacq., (firebush), is native to Florida, the West Indies, Mexico, Central America and South America. After the native firebush became a popular plant for Florida gardeners, another firebush was introduced from South Africa, called African firebush. Horticultural researchers were interested in learning more about the introduction because all other species in this genus are from the Americas. Studies of herbarium specimens, plant morphology and DNA evidence confirmed there are two varieties of this species, one of which is native to Mexico and was introduced to Europe and Africa, then re-introduced to the United States.

2 Tainarys myracrodrui Burckhardt & Queiroz, a psyllid, a new Continental USA record. This psyllid was described from Brazil and was abundant in trap samples from the state of São Paulo. This collection consists of a single specimen in a trap sample, so the host in Florida is not yet known.

3 Aphelenchoides pseudogoodeyi Oliveira et al. 2019, a species new to science, was detected on senescent strawberry (Fragaria x ananassa) leaves in Plant City, Florida and reared on fungus cultures of Monilinia fructicola.

4 Ragnhildiana pseudotithoniae U. Braun, C. Nakash., Videira & Crous (tithonia leaf spot) new Continental USA record, was identified on *Tithonia diversifolia* at the University of Florida. Ragnhildiana pseudotithoniae causes circular spot lesions surrounded by yellow halos, visible on both upper and lower leaf surfaces of infected plants.



1 - Hamelia patens var. glabra (African firebush).
Photo by Obsidian Soul, Wikimedia



2 - Tainarys myracrodrui, a psyllid. Photo by Jade Allen, DPI



3 - Fragaria x ananassa (garden strawberry). Photo by Betty Cai, <u>Wikipedia</u>



4 - Ragnhildiana pseudotithoniae (tithonia leaf spot) found on Tithonia diversifolia in Alachua County. Photo by Hector Urbina, DPI





BOTANY

Compiled by Patti J. Anderson, Ph.D.

This section identifies plants for the division, as well as for other governmental agencies and private individuals. The Botany Section maintains a reference herbarium with over 13,000 plants and 1,400 vials of seeds.

QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT

	JULY - SEPT	2019 - YEAR TO DATE
Samples Submitted by Other DPI Sections	1,659	5,010
Samples Submitted for Botanical Identification Only	191	830
Total Samples Submitted	2,850	5,840
Specimens Added to the Herbarium	197	469

Some of the samples received for identification are discussed below:

Hamelia patens Jacq., (firebush), from a genus of 16 species native to tropical America, in the plant family Rubiaceae. This species, native to Florida, the West Indies, Mexico, Central America and South America, is a shrub, 3-7 m tall, with opposite or whorled, elliptic, obovate or lanceolate leaves. The inflorescence is a terminal cyme with 20-50 flowers. Corollas are tubular, yellow-orange to red-orange, with five lobes. Fruits are about 8x6 mm and turn deep purple-black when mature. This species has become a familiar landscape plant in Florida, especially valued as an easy to grow shrub for butterfly gardens. After the native firebush became a popular plant for Florida gardeners, another firebush was introduced from South Africa, called African firebush. Horticultural researchers were interested in learning more about the introduction because all other species in this genus are from the Americas. Studies of herbarium specimens, plant morphology and DNA evidence confirmed there are two varieties of the species. Hamelia patens var. patens is native to Florida and can be recognized by usually having pubescent, opposite leaves (two per node) and flowers with pubescent, red or red-orange corollas. *Hamelia patens* var. *glabra* is native to Mexico, Central America and South America, but not Florida, and was introduced to Europe and Africa, then re-introduced to the United States. This variety has smaller, shiny, glabrous, whorled leaves (three to four per node), a more compact growth habit and flowers with yellow to yellow-orange corollas. Although it is not native to Florida, it is well adapted to our landscapes and often thought to be superior by nursery



1a - Hamelia patens var. patens (firebush).
Photo by John Park, Atlas of Florida Plants



1b - Hamelia patens var. glabra (African firebush). Photo by Obsidian Soul, Wikimedia

owners as a drought-tolerant, long-flowering ornamental shrub. (Citrus County; B2019-735; Nora Marquez; 13 August 2019.) (Elias and Pooler 2004; Huxley 1992; Mabberly 2017; Wunderlin and Hansen 2011; http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/Plant.aspx?id=2723 [accessed 10 September 2019]; https://www.floridanativenurseries.org/info/plants/the-hamelia-mess/ [accessed 10 September 2019])

• Ipomoea violacea L. (beach moonflower), from a genus of about 600 species, native to tropical and warm temperate regions, in the plant family Convolvulaceae. This species is a glabrous, twining, perennial vine with milky sap. Stems can grow to be 5–10 m long, often with a woody base. Leaf petioles are 3-16 cm long and have a gland on both sides near the base of the leaf blade. The blade is 5-16 cm long, with a deeply cordate base and acuminate apex. Inflorescences are axillary, each with one to three (occasionally four) flowers. Flowers open nocturnally, presumably to be pollinated by night-flying moths. The sepals are rounded apically, with the outer two shorter than the inner three and the apex obtuse or emarginate. The white corolla is salverform, with green or yellowish fold lines. The tube is 9-12 cm long and the limb is 6-7 cm across. The five white stamens and the pistil are not exerted beyond the corolla tube, as they are in other species. The stigma is two-lobed. Fruits are pale brown, ovoid to more or less globose, glabrous capsules, containing four black, roughly 10 mm long, densely tomentose seeds with long sericeous hairs on their edges that might help keep them afloat. Aptly named beach moonflowers grow on beaches, coastal strands and in thickets near the beach. The two new county records received this quarter are from Martin and St. Lucie counties on Florida's east coast, while most other vouchers of the species are from the west coast from Pinellas and Hillsborough counties southward to Collier County. The species is also recorded in Miami-Dade County and the Florida Keys.

Although Linnaeus gave this plant the name *Ipomoea violacea*, suggesting the color purple, the flower, as described above, is white. This botanical curiosity has led to confusion and misidentification of the plant as I. alba, a related, white-flowered species. Linnaeus might be excused because he based his name on botanical literature available to him at the time, but no physical specimens are found in his herbarium. These two species can perhaps most easily be distinguished by their sepals. *Ipomoea alba* sepals have acute tips with taillike extensions, while *I. violacea* sepals have rounded tips. To complicate matters, the species was later described as I. tricolor, but according to the rules of naming plants, the first published name has priority when a species is accidentally described by more than one author. The potential for confusion increases with the advent of horticultural varieties that differ from the species in flower color. Among the cultivars of our white-flowered I. violacea are 'Heavenly Blue' and 'Wedding Bells' described as dark sky blue and rose-lavender, respectively. This complicated story provides an example of the importance of having a complete physical sample when identifying a plant species. (St. Lucie County; B2019-662; Jeanie Frechette and Teresa Ortelli; 16 July 2019 and Martin County; B2019-661; Teresa Ortelli and Jeanie Frechette; 16 July 2019.) (Acevedo-Rodriguez 2005; Correll and Correll 1982; Der Marderosian 1965; Godfrey and Wooten 1981; Wunderlin et al. 2019.)



2a - Ipomoea violacea (beach moonflower).
Photo by Keith Bradley, <u>Atlas of Florida Plants</u>



2b - Ipomoea alba (tropical moonflower).Photo by Jim Tear, <u>Atlas of Florida Plants</u>

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Q BOTANY IDENTIFICATION TABLE

The following table provides information about **new county** records submitted in the current volume's time period. 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.

NEW RECORD	COLLECTOR NAME	COUNTY	SAMPLE NUMBER	COLLECTION DATE	GENUS	SPECIES
€	Abby Bartlett	Sumter	B2019-695	7/29/2019	Zephyranthes	grandiflora
€	Jeanie Frechette and Teresa Ortelli	St. Lucie	B2019-662	7/16/2019	Ipomoea	violacea
€	Melanie Cain	Putnam	B2019-806	9/17/2019	Arachis	glabrata
⊕	Melanie Cain	Putnam	B2019-807	9/17/2019	Carica	рарауа
€	Melanie Cain	Flagler	B2019-808	9/17/2019	Ipomoea	batatas
⊕	Melanie Cain	St. Johns	B2019-770	8/27/2019	Ipomoea	pes-caprae
€	Melanie Cain	Putnam	B2019-805	9/17/2019	Ipomoea	quamoclit
€	Nora Marquez	Lake	B2019-704	8/5/2019	Costus	pulverulentus
⊕ (Nora Marquez	Citrus	B2019-735	8/13/2019	Hamelia	patens
Θ	Nora Marquez	Lake	B2019-780	8/30/2019	Zingiber	zerumbet
Θ	Nora Marquez and Abby Bartlett	Putnam	B2019-722	8/7/2019	Clerodendrum	indicum
Θ	Nora Marquez and Abby Bartlett	Putnam	B2019-717	8/7/2019	Emilia	sonchifolia
⊕(Teresa Ortelli and Jeanie Frechette	Martin	B2019-661	7/16/2019	Ipomoea	violacea
Θ	Terrence Williams	Osceola	B2019-700	7/31/2019	Carya	glabra





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 (FSCA) with over 10 million specimens) and investigates the biology, biological control and taxonomy of arthropods.

QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT

	JULY - SEPT	2019 - YEAR TO DATE
Samples Submitted	1,723	5,412
Lots Identified	2,390	7,636
Specimens Identified	18,027	71,662

Gnathoraptus mandibularis Bright, a bark beetle, a new Continental USA record. Gnathorapus mandibularis has been collected across multiple sites in South Florida. This species was described this year (2019), from light trapping in the Caribbean island of Grenada. It can be distinguished from the similar Araptus dentifrons by the large size, from Gnathotrichus by the enlarged mandibles and from *Monarthrum* by the evenly rounded declivity without spines or granules. The biology of this genus is unknown. One specimen was collected from Funastrum clausum (Apocynaceae) (M. Deyrup, pers. comm.), and similar species in the genus Araptus are also collected from Apocynaceae vines. Specimens were compared to paratypes and photos of the holotype. This species is likely to feed only on dead vines and is not known as a pest. (Hillsborough County; E2019-4333, F. Marcos Parilla, Customs and Border Patrol; 16 April 2019.) (Dr. Andrew Johnson, University of Florida School of Forest Resources and Conservation, and Krystal Ashman.)

2 Pygmaeoborus cubensis Bright, a bark beetle, a new Continental USA record. Pygmaeoborus cubensis has been collected from two localities in Florida. The monotypic genus was also described this year. This species is diagnosed by its small size, elongate body, elytra with sparse white scales and distinctive truncate antennal club with sutures only on its apical third. The biology, host and whether it is a pest are unknown. Specimens were compared to photos of the holotype. (Collier County; E2019-4332; Jose Rincon, CAPS; 15 October 2013.) (Dr. Andrew Johnson, University of Florida School of Forest Resources and Conservation, and Krystal Ashman.)



1 - Gnathorapus mandibularis, a bark beetle. Photo by Andrew Johnson, University of Florida School of Forest Resources and Conservation



2 - Pygmaeoborus cubensis, a bark beetle.
Photo by Andrew Johnson, University of Florida School of Forest Resources and Conservation

Tainarys myracrodrui Burckhardt & Queiroz, a psyllid, a new Continental USA record. This psyllid was described from Brazil and was abundant in trap samples from the State of São Paulo. This collection consists of a single specimen in a trap sample, so the host in Florida is not yet known. The reported Brazilian host plants do not occur in Florida. Dr. Daniel Burckhardt, Natural History Museum, Basel, Switzerland, suggested that Brazilian pepper, poison ivy or sumac are possibilities. Mango, also Anacardiaceae, was not infested in Brazil. (Polk County; E2019-4857; Kenneth Branch and Robinson Lawrence; 22 August 2019.) (Dr. Susan Halbert.)

4 Eriophyes eremus Druciarek & Lewandowski, an eriophyoid mite, a new Florida State record. This species was described from Israel as recently as 2016. However, the existence of this mite has been known for some time. James W. Amrine of West Virginia University has collected this species from various locations throughout the eastern United States since the 1990s. There is no record of this mite causing any damage to its host, Rosa spp. (Gadsden County; E2019-4523; Bradley Danner, David Davison, Kelly Douglas, Michael Bentley, Morgan Byron and Robert Leahy; 14 August 2019.) (Dr. Samuel Bolton.)

5 Monelliopsis bisselli Quednau, a hickory aphid, a new Florida State record. This is the first Florida find of a species known to be native to other states, including Georgia. It is not known to be a pest and is probably native to Florida. (Polk County; E2019-5047; Kenneth Branch and Robinson Lawrence; 5 September 2019.) (Dr. Susan Halbert.)

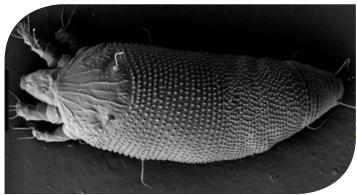
Phyllocoptes fructiphilus Keifer, an eriophyoid mite, a new Florida State record. This species, which is host-specific to *Rosa* spp., is the vector of Rose Rosette Virus (RRV). This mite is widely distributed across the United States but has not been found in Florida until now. At the time of writing, RRV has not been detected in the plants shown to be positive for this mite. In the absence of the virus, the mite appears to have caused no noticeable damage or symptoms. (Leon County; E2019-3312; James Brannin; 14 February 2019.) (Dr. Samuel Bolton.)

Psix tunetanus (Mineo & Szabó), a scelionid wasp, a new Florida State record. This species is a parasitoid wasp that attacks the eggs of stink bugs. This wasp is native throughout Africa and the Middle East and has become established in Mexico, the western United States and South America, but has not been found in Florida until now. (Miami-Dade County; E2019-4855; Felipe Soto-Adames, Jodi Hansen, Mary Yong-Cong, Muhammad 'Zee' Ahmed, Susan Halbert and Taylor Smith; 28 August 2019.) (Dr. Elijah Talamas.)

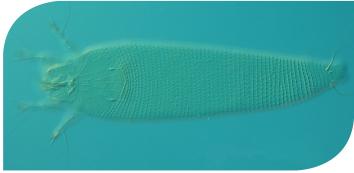
Tinocallis saltans (Nevsky), an elm aphid, a new Florida State record. This Asian species has been known from the western United States since 1986 when it appeared in Idaho in suction trap samples. For several years after the initial find, it was seen in very high numbers. We have only a single specimen from Florida, collected from a trap, so the Florida host is not known. The host in the West is Ulmus pumila, but other Florida species of Ulmus could be infested. Ulmus pumila can occur as far south as Central Florida. Winged forms of these aphids have a dark thorax and a bright yellow abdomen. As the name suggests, they jump readily. (Polk County; E2019-4857; Kenneth Branch and Robinson Lawrence; 22 August 2019.) (Dr. Susan Halbert.)



3 - Tainarys myracrodrui, a psyllid. Photo by Jade Allen, DPI



4 - Eriophyes eremus, an eriophyoid mite. Photo by Gary Bauchan and Ronald Ochoa, USDA-ARS



6 - Phyllocoptes fructiphilus, an eriophyoid mite. Photo by Samuel Bolton, DPI



7 - Psix tunetanus (Mineo & Szabó).
 Photo by Elijah Talamas, 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 <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
Acer palmatum	Japanese maple	Salina wolcotti	green grass springtail	Abby Bartlett	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Averrhoa carambola	carambola; starfruit	undetermined	minute pirate bug	Harry Morrison, Mary Sellers	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Bidens alba	beggarticks, romerillo, Spanish needle	Ferrisia malvastra	mealybug	Nora Marquez	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Bischofia javanica	bishopwood tree; Java wood; toog	Metalectra sp. cf. quadrisignata	fungus moth	Antonio Demien	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Brassica oleracea	broccoli, cauliflower	Delia radicum	cabbage root fly	Brian Alford, Catherine White, Dyrana Russell, Eric Dougherty, Logan Cutts, Samuel Hart, Scott Curry	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Brassica rapa	pe-tsai, Chinese cabbage, napa cabbage	Delia radicum	cabbage root fly	Catherine White, Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Brassica rapa	pak-choi, bok-choi, pak- choy, bok-choy, Chinese mustard, celery mustard	Lygus hesperus	western lygus bug	Catherine White	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Brassica rapa	pe-tsai, Chinese cabbage, napa cabbage	Lygus sp.	lygus bug	Catherine White, Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Camellia japonica	common camellia	Aleurodothrips fasciapennis	thrips	Matthew Borden	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Camellia sp.	camellia	Vanduzea segmentata	treehopper	Samuel Hart	NEW FLORIDA HOST RECORD
Cannabis sativa	hemp	Caliothrips phaseoli	thrips	Felipe Soto-Adames, Minjin Hao, Muhammad 'Zee' Ahmed, Susan Halbert	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Cannabis sativa	hemp	Phorodon cannabis	hemp aphid	Brian Alford, Kelly Douglas, Samuel Hart	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Cannabis sativa	hemp	Psix tunetanus	parasitic wasp	Felipe Soto-Adames, Jodi Hansen, Mary Yong-Cong, Muhammad 'Zee' Ahmed, Susan Halbert, Taylor Smith	NEW FLORIDA STATE RECORD
Cannabis sativa	hemp	Seira brasiliana	springtail	Felipe Soto-Adames, Minjin Hao, Muhammad 'Zee' Ahmed, Susan Halbert	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Cannabis sativa	hemp	Seira dowlingi	springtail	Felipe Soto-Adames, Minjin Hao, Muhammad 'Zee' Ahmed, Susan Halbert	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Capsicum annuum	pepper	Bactericera cockerelli	potato psyllid	Jeanie Frechette	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
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Capsicum annuum	pepper	Bactericera cockerelli	potato psyllid	Tavia Gordon	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Carya alba	mockernut hickory	Hyalochloria unicolor	mirid bug	John McVay	NEW FLORIDA HOST RECORD
Carya alba	mockernut hickory	Monellia hispida	aphid	John McVay	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Chamaedorea sp.	chamaedorea palm	Chaetanaphothrips orchidii	orchid thrips	Mary Sellers	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Citrus reticulata	tangerine, mandarin	Heteromeringia nitida	clusiid fly	Victor Reaume	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Citrus sinensis	sweet orange, navel orange	Idioderma virescens	treehopper	Diane McColl	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Citrus sinensis	sweet orange, navel orange	Nipaecoccus viridis	mealybug	Jason Johnson	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Citrus sp.	citrus	Nipaecoccus viridis	mealybug	Lauren Diepenbrock	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Citrus sp.	citrus	Nipaecoccus viridis	mealybug	Maria Turrubiartez, Selina Estrada, Virginia Villarreal	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD

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Citrus sp.	citrus	Nipaecoccus viridis	mealybug	Scott Krueger	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Citrus sp.	citrus	Rodolia cardinalis	ladybird beetle	Russell Mizell III	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Citrus x paradisi	grapefruit	Dikrella maculata	leafhopper	Diane McColl	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Colocasia esculenta	dasheen; wild taro; taro	Tarophagus colocasiae	taro planthopper	Melanie Cain	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Colocasia esculenta	dasheen; wild taro; taro	Tarophagus colocasiae	taro planthopper	Diane McColl, Melanie Cain	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Coriandrum sativum	coriander, cilantro, Chinese parsley, ngo	Aufeius impressicollis	scentless plant bug	Catherine White, Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Dioscorea bulbifera	air potato; potato yam; air yam	Metcalfa pruinosa	flatid planthopper	Larry 'Mo' Violett, Mary Jane Echols	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Eriobotrya japonica	loquat, Japanese plum	Erythroneura octonotata	leafhopper	Diane McColl	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Foeniculum vulgare	fennel	Lygus hesperus	western lygus bug	Eric Dougherty	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Fragaria x ananassa	garden strawberry	Lygus sp.	lygus bug	Catherine White, Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
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Gardenia jasminoides	gardenia	Nipaecoccus viridis	mealybug	Abby Bartlett	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Gardenia jasminoides	gardenia	Thrips florum	thrips	Kelly Douglas, Larry Smith	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Humulus lupulus	common hop	Corythucha gossypii	cotton lace bug	Hugh Smith	NEW FLORIDA HOST RECORD
llex cornuta	dwarf Burford holly	Fiorinia proboscidaria	armored scale	Matthew Borden	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Hyadaphis foeniculi	honeysuckle aphid	Catherine White, Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Liriomyza langei	California pea leafminer	Eric Dougherty, Scott Curry	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
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Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Nasonovia ribisnigri	currant-lettuce aphid	Catherine White	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Rhopalus tigrinus	scentless plant bug	Eric Dougherty, Scott Curry	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Lactuca sativa	lettuce	Spodoptera praefica	western yellowstriped armyworm	Eric Cohen	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Litchi chinensis	litchi, leechee	Aceria litchii	lychee erinose mite	Walter Golden	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Litchi chinensis	litchi, leechee	Thysanofiorinia leei	leei litchi scale	Jake Farnum	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Mangifera indica	mango	Belionota prasina	jewel beetle	Krystal Ashman, Kyle Schnepp	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Physalis philadelphica	Mexican groundcherry; husk tomato; tomatillo	Bactericera cockerelli	potato psyllid	Catherine White, Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Psidium guajava	common guava; apple guava	Melormenis basalis	Puerto Rican planthopper	Martha Bennett	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Psychotria nervosa	wild-coffee, seminole balsamo	Dysmicoccus radinovskyi	mealybug	Edward Putland	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Quercus sp.	oak	Sargus elegans	soldier fly	Victor Reaume	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Quercus sp.	oak	Telamona sp. nr. ampelopsidis	treehopper	Diane McColl	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Rosa sp.	rose	Eriophyes eremus	eriophyid mite	Bradley Danner, David Davison, Kelly Douglas, Michael Bentley, Morgan Byron, Robert Leahy	NEW FLORIDA STATE RECORD
Rosa sp.	rose	Phyllocoptes fructiphilus	eriophyid mite	James Brannin	NEW FLORIDA STATE RECORD



PLANT SPECIES	PLANT COMMON NAME	ARTHROPOD GENUS AND SPECIES	ARTHROPOD COMMON NAME	COLLECTOR	RECORD
Rosa sp.	rose	Scirtothrips dorsalis	chilli thrips	Bradley Danner, David Davison, Kelly Douglas, Michael Bentley, Morgan Byron, Robert Leahy	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Rosa sp.	rose	Scolothrips sexmaculatus	thrips	Bradley Danner, David Davison, Kelly Douglas, Michael Bentley, Morgan Byron, Robert Leahy	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Rubus sp.	raspberry	Amphorophora agathonica	large American raspberry aphid	Alexander Tasi	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Rubus sp.	raspberry	Rhinachloa forticornis	plant bug	Alexander Tasi	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
Salix caroliniana	coastal plain willow; carolina willow	Chaitophorus minutus	aphid	Alexander Tasi	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Tripsacum dactyloides	eastern gamagrass, Fakahatchee grass	Calx cubensis	common Cuban calx	Susan Halbert	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
Viburnum sp.		Metalectra sp. cf. quadrisignata	fungus moth	Susan Youngblood	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
		Achatina fulica	giant African land snail	Paul Skelley	REGULATORY INCIDENT
		Acizzia sp.	psyllid	Julien Beuzelin	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
		Apsectus hispidus	dermestid beetle	Catherine White, Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
		Curtara insularis	ringspot leafhopper	Catherine White, Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
		Gnathoraptus mandibularis	bark beetle	F. Marcos Parilla	NEW US CONTINENTAL RECORD
		Goes variegatus	long horned beetle	Logan Cutts	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
		Gymnaspis aechmeae	flyspeck scale	Mary Jane Echols	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
		Heliria cornutula	treehopper	Morgan Byron, Robert Leahy	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
		Helix aspersa	brown garden snail	Paul Skelley	REGULATORY INCIDENT
		Helix pomatia	escargot	Paul Skelley	REGULATORY INCIDENT
		Helix pomatia	escargot	Michael Roman	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
		Hylesinus aculeatus	bark beetle	Douglas Restom-Gaskill	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
		Lissachatina fulica	giant African land snail	Dawn Cermak, Laura Ureta	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
		Monelliopsis bisselli	hickory aphid	Kenneth Branch, Robinson Lawrence	NEW FLORIDA STATE RECORD
		Osmopleura chamaeropis	longhorn beetle	Alexander Tasi	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
		Palpita persimilis	olive shootworm moth	James Hayden	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
		Patara albida	derbid planthopper	Monica Triana	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
		Pnirontis infirma	assassin bug	Monica Triana	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
		Pygmaeoborus cubensis	bark beetle	Jose Rincon	NEW US CONTINENTAL RECORD
		Spartocera batatas	giant sweet potato bug	Mark Terrell	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD
		Tainarys myracrodrui	psyllid	Kenneth Branch, Robinson Lawrence	NEW US CONTINENTAL RECORD
		Tinocallis saltans	elm aphid	Kenneth Branch, Robinson Lawrence	NEW FLORIDA STATE RECORD
		Tropidosteptes illitus	mirid bug	Catherine White, Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
		Vryburgia trionymoides	mealybug	Catherine White, Dyrana Russell, Logan Cutts	REGULATORY SIGNIFICANT
		Zaprionus indianus	African fig fly	Homeowner	NEW FLORIDA COUNTY RECORD





NEMATOLOGY

Compiled by Renato Inserra, Ph.D., Clemen Oliveira, M.S., Janete Brito, Ph.D., Sai Qiu, M.S., Silvia Vau, Ph.D. and Johan Desaeger, 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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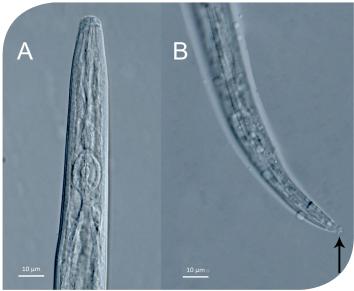
	JULY - SEPT	2019 - YEAR TO DATE
Morphological Identifications	3,703	11,622
Molecular Identifications *	301	1,121
Total Identifications	4,004	12,743

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

Nematode of Special Interest

Aphelenchoides pseudogoodeyi Oliveira et al. 2019, a species new to science, was detected on senescent strawberry (*Fragaria* x *ananassa*) leaves in Plant City, Florida, and reared on fungus cultures of *Monilinia fructicola* (Hillsborough County; N18-01001; Clemen Oliveira; 10 April 2018).

In recent years, infestations of the foliar nematode *Aphelenchoides besseyi* have been reported in strawberry fields in Central Florida. Nematode-infected strawberry plants appeared dwarfed with crinkled and distorted leaves and low numbers of flowers (Deseager and Noling 2017). The results of nematode surveys indicated that the infested fields were localized in the Plant City area of Hillsborough County, where numerous strawberry samples were collected for nematological analysis. These analyses revealed that other species of *Aphelenchoides* in addition to *A. bessey*i were associated on declining strawberry plants. One of these species was found on senescent strawberry leaves. Biological and taxomomic studies of this foliar nematode indicated it belongs



1 - Aphlelenchoides pseudogoodeyi female. A) Anterior end B) Posterior portion of the body showing a mucro with three short processes in the terminal part of the tail (arrowed).

Photo by Silvia Vau and Scott Burton, DPI.

to a new species of Aphelenchoides that has been characterized morphologically and molecularly and described with the name of Aphelenchoides pseudogoodeyi (Oliveira et al. 2019). This species has been reared successfully in cultures of the fungus Monilinia fructicola. In host studies, A. pseudogoodeyi infected neither strawberry nor gerbera daisy. Penetration of A. pseudogoodeyi into the mesophyll of soybean leaves was observed when pieces of filter paper containing specimens of the nematode were attached to soybean leaves. The portion of the leaves in contact with the filter paper became discolored and reddish. However, the lesions did not expand outside the area in contact with the filter paper. In these experiments, high population levels of the nematode were observed on desiccated leaves of both senescent strawberries and soybeans infected by the fungi Colletotrichum spp., Fusarium spp. and *Trichoderma* spp., the preferred source of nutrient for the nematode. The results of these studies show A. pseudogoodeyi does not have the phytoparasitic abilities of economically important foliar nematodes such as A. besseyi. This new species is mainly mycetophagous.



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COLLECTORS

Collectors submitting five or more samples processed for nematological analysis during July - Sept 2019.

COLLECTOR NAME	SAMPLES PROCESSED
Alford, Brian	58
Anderson, James	14
Areingdale, Ricardo	10
Bentley, Michael	36
Bloom, Richard	122
Boyar, Jillian	244
Burgos, Frank	400
Clanton, Keith	130
Dougherty, Eric	14
Landress, Craig	6
McMahan, Michael	47
Nolen, Ashley	12
Rojas, Eric	554
Russell, Dyrana	28
Serviss, Jennifer	6
Spriggs, Charles	524
St. John, Dave	25
Taylor, Donald	12
Williams, Kevin	159
Wolfe, David	116
Youngblood, Susan	16
Yu, Wangze	12

SAMPLES FOR MORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

	JULY - SEPT	2019 - YEAR TO DATE
Multistate Certification for National and International Export	1,965	6,168
California Certification	414	1,263
Pre-movement (Citrus Nusery Certification)	36	174
Site or Pit Approval (Citrus Nusery and Other Certifications)	40	152

OTHER PURPOSES

	JULY - SEPT	2019 - YEAR TO DATE
Identifications (Other Organisms)	0	1
Nematology Investigation	0	0
Plant Problems	79	136
Intrastate Survey, Random	157	496
Total	2,691	8,390

SAMPLES FOR MOLECULAR ANALYSIS

	JULY - SEPT	2019 - YEAR TO DATE
Regulatory Purposes	190	601
Other Purposes	0	0
Identifications	111	520
Surveys	0	0
Total	301	1,121





PLANT PATHOLOGY

Compiled by Hector Urbina, Ph.D.; Jodi Hansen, M.S.; Taylor Smith, B.S.; Kishore Dey, Ph.D.; Callie Jones, and Maria Velez Climent, M.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.

Ragnhildiana pseudotithoniae U. Braun, C. Nakash., Videira & Crous (tithonia leaf spot), a new Continental **USA record,** was identified on *Tithonia diversifolia* (Hemsl.) A.Gray at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. Ragnhildiana pseudotithoniae (Mycosphaerellaceae, Capnodiales) causes circular spot lesions surrounded by yellow halos, visible on both upper and lower leaf surfaces. This leaf spot was known to occur on *T. diversifolia* only in Thailand, where it was originally described as *Passalora* pseudotithoniae Crous & Cheew. Two other species in the family Mycosphaerellaceae have been reported on Tithonia. They are *Passalora stromatica* A.F. Fernandes & R.W. Barreto in Brazil and *Passalora tithoniae* U. Braun & Crous reported in 15 countries, mainly in Asia and South America. Passalora tithoniae and R. pseudotithoniae are almost indistinguishable morphologically, in that both species produce cylindrical conidia and abundant, unbranched, brown conidiophores on the leaf. The identification of R. pseudotithoniae was carried out through molecular analysis using PCR amplification of the ITS and LSU loci and megaBLAST searches, as well as through morphological and cultural characteristics. The ability of tithonia to tolerate heat and produce flowers and seeds throughout the year allow it to invade disturbed areas in tropical and subtropical regions. Due to the invasiveness of tithonia, R. pseudotithoniae has been considered as a biocontrol agent against it. This is the first report of R. pseudotithoniae occurring on tithonia in the United States. (Alachua County; 2019-100655; Robert Leahy, USDA/CAPS; 28 June 2019.)

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 Ragnhildiana pseudotithoniae (tithonia leaf spot) found on Tithonia diversifolia in Alachua County.
 Photo by Hector Urbina, DPI

QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT

	JULY - SEPT	2019 - YEAR TO DATE
Budwood Samples	0	0
Citrus black spot	12	256
Citrus canker	125	316
Citrus greening / HLB	48	1,379
Honeybees	1	2
Interdictions	19	83
Laurel wilt	3	7
Pathology, general	713	1,852
Soil	89	175
Sudden oak death	0	2
Sweet orange scab-like disease	1	7
Texas phoenix palm decline	2	112
Water	2	3
Miscellaneous	7	12
Totals	1,022	4,206



Q PLANT PATHOLOGY IDENTIFICATION TABLE

The following table provides information about samples identified between July-September 2019. 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
Adansonia digitata	baobab	Badnavirus sp. nov.	virus	botanical garden	100903	Lee	Walter Golden	7/23/2019	new species
Adansonia digitata	baobab	Badnavirus sp. nov.	virus	botanical garden	101141	Lee	Walter Golden	8/22/2019	Continenta new species
Ageratina jucunda	hammock snakeroot	Ragnhildiana perfoliati	fungus	nature preserve	99514	Duval	Robert Leahy, Brad Danner, Morgan Byron	12/4/2018	host
Cannabis sativa	industrial hemp	Cercospora cfr. beticola	fungus	UF/IFAS Mid-Florida Research and Education Center	100812	Orange	Lance Osborne, Serena Stornaiuolo, Anthony Puppelo	7/24/2019	host
Cannabis sativa	industrial hemp	Cladosporium cfr. angulosum	fungus	UF/IFAS Mid-Florida Research and Education Center	100812	Orange	Serena Stornaiuolo, Anthony Puppelo	7/24/2019	host
Cannabis sativa	industrial hemp	Rhizoctonia sp.	fungus	UF/IFAS Tropical Research and Education Center	101237	Miami- Dade	Taylor Smith, Jodi Hansen	8/28/2019	host
Cannabis sativa	industrial hemp	Sclerotium rolfsii	fungus	IFAS Tropical Research and Education Center	101240	Miami- Dade	Taylor Smith, Jodi Hansen	8/28/2019	host
Colocasia esculenta	taro	Badnavirus Taro Bacilliform CH virus	virus	business landscape	101217	Alachua	Kishore Dey, Maria Velez- Climent	8/29/2019	Continental/ State/Count (reported from Hawaii
Ficus sp.	ficus	Stagonosporopsis sp.	fungus	USDA Subtropical Research Station	100993	Miami- Dade	Juan Menendez Torres	8/7/2019	host
Gossypium hirsutum	cotton	Polerovirus Cotton leafroll dwarf virus	virus	plantation	100918	Duval	Robert Leahy, Morgan Byron		
Gossypium hirsutum	Marie Galante cotton	Polerovirus Cotton leafroll dwarf virus	virus	roadside	101139	Lafayette	Robert Leahy, Morgan Byron, Sarah Furgeson	8/22/2019	county
Gossypium sp.	cotton	Polerovirus Cotton leafroll dwarf virus	virus	farm	100679	Jefferson	Michael Bentley	7/2/2019	county
Gossypium sp.	cotton	Polerovirus Cotton leafroll dwarf virus	virus	farm	100711	Gadsden	Michael Bentley	7/9/2019	county
Gossypium sp.	cotton	Polerovirus Cotton leafroll dwarf virus	virus	farm	100873	Jackson	Robert Leahy, Morgan Byron	7/24/2019	county
Gossypium sp.	cotton	Polerovirus Cotton leafroll dwarf virus	virus	farm	100977	Alachua	Kelly Douglas	8/5/2019	county



PLANT SPECIES	PLANT COMMON NAME	CAUSAL AGENT	DISEASE NAME	LOCATION TYPE	SPECIMEN NUMBER	COUNTY	COLLECTOR	DATE	NEW RECORDS
Gymnocoronis spilanthoides	gymnocoronis	Potyvirus Bidens mottle virus	virus	nursery	100095	Broward	Justin Anto	5/15/2019	host
Hemianthus callitrichoides	dwarf baby tears	Colletotrichum sp.	fungus	nursery	100773	Hillsborough	Jose Llanos	7/16/2019	host
Hibiscus sabdariffa	roselle	Polerovirus Cotton leafroll dwarf virus	virus	Agriculture center	100966	Duval	Robert Leahy, Morgan Byron	8/2/2019	host
Hygrophila pinnatifida	dwarf hygrophila	Rhizoctonia sp.	fungus	nursery	100779	Hillsborough	Jose Llanos	7/16/2019	host
Jasminum nitidum	star jasmine, angel wing jasmine	Pelarspovirus Jasmine mosaic associated virus	virus	Sea World	100229	Alachua	Kishore Dey	9/18/2019	State/ county
Jasminum nitidum	star jasmine, angel wing jasmine	Pelarspovirus Jasmine virus H	virus	Temple complex	100229	Alachua	Kishore Dey	9/18/2019	county
Jasminum nitidum	star jasmine, angel wing jasmine	Pelarspovirus Jasmine virus H	virus	Sea World	100736	Orange	Kishore Dey	7/6/2019	county
Litchi chinensis	lychee	Moelleriella turbinata	fungus	residential	100387	Palm Beach	William Churchill	6/12/2019	host
Momordica charantia	balsam pear, cundeamor, bitter melon; papailla	Potyvirus Squash vein yellowing virus	virus	roadside	100642	Miami- Dade	Olga Garcia	6/27/2019	state
Morus rubra	red mulberry	Illavirus Prunus necrotic ringspot virus	virus	nursery	100960	Alachua	Sam Hart/ Kishore Dey	7/25/2019	host
Pilea cadierei	aluminum- plant	Fusarium solani	fungus	nursery	100781	Hillsborough	Jose Llanos	7/16/2019	host
Plumeria obtusa	white frangipani	Tobamovirus frangipani mosaic virus	virus	Roadside	101100	Miami- Dade	Juan Menendez Torres	8/12/2019	country
Plumeria sp.	plumeria	Tobamovirus frangipani mosaic virus	virus	botanical garden	101283	Collier	Scott Krueger	9/16/2019	county/ host
Plumeria sp.	plumeria	Tobamovirus frangipani mosaic virus	virus	Z00	101326	Duval	Kishore Dey	8/26/2019	county
Plumeria sp.	plumeria	Cucumovirus cucumber mosaic virus	virus	Z00	101327	Duval	Kishore Dey	8/29/2019	host
Psidium sp.	guava	Herpotrichia pinetorum	fungus	nursery	100475	Duval	Lisa Tyler	6/19/2019	host
Rhododendron sp.	azalea	Phyllosticta capitalensis	fungus	nursery	101190	Lake	Abby Bartlett	8/27/2019	host
Rhynchosia minima	least snoutbean	Begomovirus Cabbage leaf curl virus	virus	roadside	100318	Miami- Dade	Olga Garcia	6/6/2019	state
Tabebuia caraiba	yellow trumpet tree	Epicoccum sorghinum	fungus	nursery	101206	Polk	Jacob Bryan	8/27/2019	host
Tithonia diversifolia	Mexican sunflower; tithonia; tree marigold	Ragnhildiana pseudotithoniae	fungus	garden center	100655	Alachua	Robert Leahy, Morgan Byron	6/28/2019	country
Tridax procumbens	coat buttons	Puccinia emiliae	fungus	business landscape	100567	Miami- Dade	Juan Aleman Martinez	6/27/2019	host





FROM THE EDITOR

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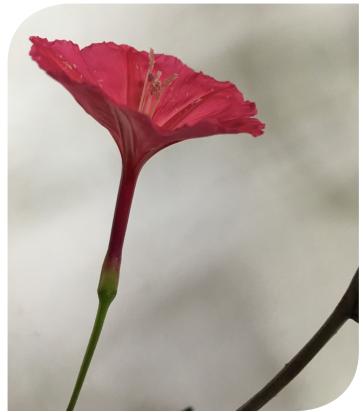
*Inquiring minds want to know...*how Florida protects endangered plant species!

This quarter, we have had questions about endangered plant species in Florida and how they are protected by the state. You might not be familiar with the state's rule 5B-40, regarding protections for Florida's native flora. This rule was developed

- To identify plants and protect them from unlawful harvesting on both public and privately-owned lands,
- To provide a procedure for restricted harvesting from the wild, to prevent exploitation or destruction and
- To encourage propagation.

This rule does not give our department authority over activities by the owners of private property or the building restrictions of cities and counties. However, our state regulates highway construction such that the Department of Transportation is required to look for endangered plants before projects begin.

Our protection for plant species is limited by state legislation, based on the traditions of private property following from English Common Law. In this tradition, there are differences in the ways animals and plants are understood to be protected by the English king and through his control, by the government. The king owned all wild animals because game animals could roam on and off his land, and the government (the king) restricted the ways animals could be harvested. Animals could not be taken from any land without the king's permission. Plants, not being able to move through the king's property, were considered part of the land—like soil or rocks—and were treated as property of landholders. In the United States, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended reflects this distinction by providing that endangered animal species can't be taken, including killed, harmed or prevented from finding shelter, while plants can't be taken from federal land. Endangered plants on state and federal lands are protected in ways plants on private property are not.



Ipomoea microdactyla, wild-potato morning-glory; man-in-the-ground, an endangered species found in South Florida.
Photo by Patti Anderson, DPI

A permit, issued by DPI, is required to harvest endangered plants and plant parts from public lands and land not owned by the harvester. If a landowner intends to sell endangered species growing on his or her own property, a permit is also required, but plants can be destroyed on private property by the property owner without a permit. DPI makes every effort to facilitate the rescue of endangered plants when we are made aware of species in imminent danger. For more information, contact the DPI helpline at 1-888-397-1517.



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