

**OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**Insect Identification Form**

**Fee: \$5.00 per Specimen**  
**Return to:**  
**OSU Extension**  
**Cuyahoga County**  
**9127 Miles Avenue**  
**Cleveland, OH 44105**  
**Telephone: 216/429-8200**

Please Print

Name Mr., Mrs., Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

(Faster response by e-mail)

The accuracy of any identification depends upon the information supplied, the specimen material selected and the condition in which the specimen arrives. **Please read the following suggestions carefully.**

- ◆ Soft-bodied insects and pests (aphids, thrips, maggots, ants, ticks, lice, grubs etc.) should be in 70% ethyl alcohol, ethanol, isopropyl alcohol or clear 100 proof liquor in a sealed jar. Caterpillars should be dropped into very hot water (boiled) before placing in alcohol to preserve their color.
- ◆ Hard-bodied insects (beetles, flies, wasps, or cockroaches) should be killed in rubbing alcohol and submitted in a dry container.

Moths should be sent dry.

- ◆ Do not tape insects to paper. **No live insects will be accepted!**

Please describe the problem:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you want:      \_\_\_\_\_ Identification      \_\_\_\_\_ Life cycle  
                         \_\_\_\_\_ Damage caused      \_\_\_\_\_ Control measures?

**Was the insect found INDOORS (see below), or OUTDOORS (see back of form).**

Where was the insect found?

- \_\_\_\_\_ bedroom
- \_\_\_\_\_ bathroom
- \_\_\_\_\_ kitchen
- \_\_\_\_\_ living room
- \_\_\_\_\_ laundry room
- \_\_\_\_\_ basement
- \_\_\_\_\_ attic

What was the insect on?

- \_\_\_\_\_ floor
- \_\_\_\_\_ wall
- \_\_\_\_\_ carpet
- \_\_\_\_\_ ceiling
- \_\_\_\_\_ furniture
- \_\_\_\_\_ window sill
- \_\_\_\_\_ in food
- \_\_\_\_\_ other

(over)

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Date:

Diagnosis

Enc:

**OUTDOORS:**

Where was the insect found?

On a structure:

garage  
 house  
 on siding  
 patio, deck, porch  
 cement  
 brick

On a plant:

tree  
 shrub  
 fruit  
 vegetable  
 lawn  
 leaf  
 flower  
 stem  
 trunk  
 roots

Name of plant

\_\_\_\_\_  
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How many were found?

1,     2 - 5,     6 - 15,     15 - 50,     more than 50

Was the insect causing damage?     no,     yes

What type of damage?

<input type="checkbox"/> feeding on plant	<input type="checkbox"/> feeding on fruit
<input type="checkbox"/> skeletonizing leaf	<input type="checkbox"/> eating holes in leaf
<input type="checkbox"/> eating entire leaf	<input type="checkbox"/> feeding on stems
<input type="checkbox"/> boring into branches	<input type="checkbox"/> feeding on roots
<input type="checkbox"/> feeding in food	<input type="checkbox"/> in structural wood or masonry
<input type="checkbox"/> in clothing	<input type="checkbox"/> on pet or livestock

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