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## Landscape IPM Advisory



Weekly Pest Update for Woody Ornamentals, Utah State University Extension, June 6, 2008



#### What's In Bloom (Salt Lake City area)

Beautybush: full bloom Black locust: full bloom Common lilac: end bloom Cotoneaster: full bloom Fringetree: full bloom Goldenchain tree: full bloom Horsechestnut: full bloom - end bloom Korean dogwood: full bloom Nannyberry viburnum: full bloom Potentilla: full bloom Snowball viburnum: end bloom Spirea (bridalwreath): end bloom Weigela: bloom Wisteria: full bloom

### Insect/Disease Information

#### **DECIDUOUS TREES**

#### Cankerworms





Cankerworms continue to slowly munch away at their preferred hosts. Localized defoliation of trees has been seen in Cache and Weber counties. Control using Bt should have been applied by now, and still can be used if larvae are less than 1/2-inch in size. Spinosad (Entrust, Success) is also effective and safe to use. Keep in mind that most trees will refoliate and not show signs of stress. The cool weather and moisture will help trees in their recovery.

#### Aphids



Aphid colonies are building on a variety of plants including maple (shown), hawthorn, roses, crabapple, and other plants. Trees can tolerate a moderate amount of feeding, but the honeydew that they excrete can be messy. A hard spray of water or insecticidal soap will knock them down.

#### **Rose Leafhopper**

Rose leafhopper is seldom a serious pest, but damage was seen in Cache County by active nymphs. Rose leafhoppers overwinter as eggs on roses and other members of the rose family. There are two generations per year,

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and sometimes, the later generation will migrate to nearby fruit trees. Feeding causes the typical sippling damage shown above. Heavy feeding by some species of leafhoppers can cause what is known as "hopper burn," but this is not the case with rose leafhopper. Damage seldom reaches levels where control is warranted.

#### **Copper Underwing**



This copper underwing (*Amphipyra pyramidoides*) was found in Salt Lake County. It is a moth whose larval stage feeds on a variety of hosts, including serviceberry (shown), oak, ash, privet, honeysuckle, rose, and others. They overwinter as eggs, and the solitary larva is green with yellow markings and black spots, and has a pyramid hump at its hind end. The adult emerges in late summer, and is a fairly large moth with copper-orange hind wings. It is native to Europe and parts of Asia, and is found throughout the United States and Canada. It is not a pest that warrants control in Utah.

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