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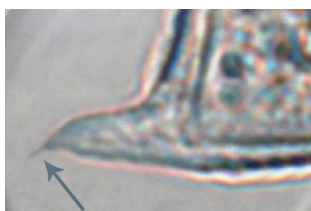
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Paratelenomus saccharalis, a parasitoid wasp
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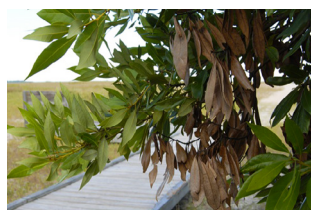
***Paratelenomus saccharalis*, a parasitoid wasp, a new Florida state record.** Researchers from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry collected the European parasitoid wasp, *Paratelenomus saccharalis*, in Florida for the first time. This species was found recently in Georgia and is a recognized parasitoid of kudzu bug, *Megacopta cribraria*.



Helicotylenchus paxilli (a spiral nematode) female posterior portion of the body. Note the ventral projection of the tail with a mucro (arrow).
Photograph courtesy of J. D. Stanley, DPI.

New County Records for Plants. The year 2014 was one of remarkable effort by DPI staff, and notably from the perspective of the botany section, those of our co-workers in the Bureau of Plant Inspection. By working together to collect and document the presence of native and naturalized plants, we have provided new county records for 77 plant species. These records are listed in the Botany section of this issue of Tri-ology.

Helicotylenchus paxilli is a species closely related to *H. pseudorobustus*, one of the most frequently reported spiral nematodes in world literature. In Florida, *H. pseudorobustus* has been implicated in growth suppression of the turfgrasses. Recent morphological and molecular analyses of putative *H. pseudorobustus* populations collected on turfgrass in Alachua and Volusia counties indicates that these populations belong to *H. paxilli* rather than *H. pseudorobustus*.



Raffaelea lauricola (laurel wilt) damage spreads to new Florida counties.
Photograph courtesy of Jeffrey W. Lotz, DPI

***Raffaelea lauricola* (laurel wilt)** appeared in two new counties (Holmes and Walton) in the Panhandle of Florida for the first time. Gaps in the geographic range of this pathogen are filling in as it moves west. Outposts of this disease are already as far west as coastal Mississippi.

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Botany Section

Compiled by [Patti J. Anderson, Ph.D.](#)

This section identifies plants for the Division of Plant Industry, as well as for other governmental agencies and private individuals. The Botany Section maintains a reference herbarium with over 11,000 plants and nearly 1,400 vials of seeds.

Some of the samples received for identification are discussed below:

The year 2014 was one of remarkable effort by DPI staff, and notably from the perspective of the botany section, those of our co-workers in the Bureau of Plant Inspection. This year, by working together to collect and document the presence of native and naturalized plants, we have provided new county records for 77 plant species. Marc S. Frank coordinated the project for the DPI herbarium and guided our inspectors as they learned the rules for collecting voucher specimens required to verify the geographic range of plants in Florida. The focus was on noxious weeds and invasive species, but more benign naturalized plants and some natives were also recorded in counties where they had not previously been documented.

How does this process work? Readers of Tri-ology might have noticed photographs of plants from the Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants website. Not only is this site a valuable source of excellent photographs of accurately identified plant species, it is a repository of plant location information. A map associated with each species of native or naturalized plants in Florida indicates each county in which the plant has been collected and vouchered (a specimen placed in a recognized herbarium to document the existence of the species at a known location). With inspectors working in every Florida county, DPI is in a unique position to improve the accuracy of distribution information on the Plant Atlas website. Understanding the distribution of plant species is important for research and for regulatory purposes. For example, knowing the geographic extent of invasive species may lead to increased funding for research on impacts and biocontrols and may also increase potential for regulation.

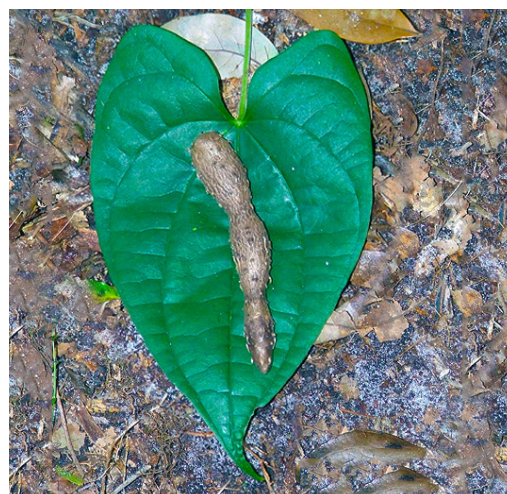
To be accepted as a new county record, the sample submission form should indicate that this plant is growing and reproducing in the wild, and not merely persisting from cultivation. Information about how to determine whether a plant has become naturalized (growing on its own without human cultivation) and how to submit a voucher specimen is available by contacting the Botany staff of DPI: [Dr. Patti Anderson](#) or [Marc S. Frank](#).

Two of the species most commonly received as part of the effort to expand our understanding of the distribution of plants in Florida are discussed below. A list of the new county records follows these descriptions. Congratulations to our hard-working staff!

***Dioscorea alata* L. (white yam, water yam)**, from a genus of about 630 species, found in the tropics and warm temperate regions worldwide. Dioscoreaceae. This stout, high-climbing vine grows from a massive tuber up to 2.5 m long. The stem is 2 to 4-winged (from which the common name “winged yam” is derived), tinged with red or purple, twining clockwise, often with small axillary bulbils (small bulbs in the angle between a leaf and stem and capable of vegetative reproduction). Leaves are mainly opposite, but often alternate leaves are found at the base of the vine. The leaf blades are broadly ovate to sagittate-cordate, 7-15 cm long, with a cordate base, palmately seven- to nine-veined and acuminate at the apex. The bulbils are generally elongated, with a rough-textured surface, growing as long as 10 cm. The plant is dioecious, with

Sample Submissions

	November December	Year to date
Samples submitted by other DPI sections	670	7,384
Samples submitted for botanical identification only	111	996
Total Samples Submitted	781	8,380
Specimens added to the herbarium	49	323



Dioscorea alata (white yam, water yam) leaf and bulbil
Photograph courtesy of Patricia Howell, Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants <http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/Photo.aspx?id=15153>



Dioscorea alata (white yam, water yam) stem and underground tuber
Photograph courtesy of Patricia Howell, Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants <http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/Photo.aspx?id=11844>



Dioscorea bulbifera (air potato, potato yam) leaf and bulbil
Photograph courtesy of Fred Nation, Atlas of Florida Vascular
Plants <http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/Photo.aspx?id=3394>



Dioscorea bulbifera (air potato, potato yam) leaf and bulbil
Photograph courtesy of Dennis Girard, Atlas of Florida Vascular
Plants <http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/Photo.aspx?id=16161>

male (staminate) flowers borne in panicles; female (pistillate) flowers, in simple spikes. The fruit is a glossy, three-winged, capsule 1.5-2 cm long and nearly 3 cm in diameter. This species is native from India to Malay Peninsula and widely cultivated in tropics, primarily as food. The boiled tubers become grayish-white and are eaten as a starch. This yam is listed as a noxious weed by the state of Florida and as a Category I invasive by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council. It differs from *Dioscorea bulbifera* (the air-potato; see below), another exotic, invasive yam, in its winged stems, opposite leaves and underground tubers as well as aerial bulbils. Native Florida yams, sporadically distributed from Hillsborough County northward, lack aerial tubers and have smaller leaves than these exotics. As of January 8, 2015, nine of 27 accepted county vouchers were held in the DPI Herbarium. (Correll and Correll 1982; Langeland *et al.* 2008; Mabberley 2008; Wunderlin and Hansen 2011; <http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/Plant.aspx?id=1750> [accessed 2015 January 8].)

***Dioscorea bulbifera* L. (air potato, potato yam)**, from a genus of about 630 species, found in the tropics and warm temperate regions worldwide. Dioscoreaceae. This robust, high-climbing, twining (counter-clockwise) vine has stems that produce numerous, smooth or warty bulbils, to about 10 cm thick. This species sometimes grows from a small underground tuber. The glossy green, alternate leaves have petioles about as long as its broadly ovate-cordate blades, 7-15 cm broad, cuspidate-acuminate at apex and usually nine curving nerves. The inflorescences may be slender, staminate spikes 3-10 cm long, or simple pistillate spikes, 10-25 cm long. The fruit is an oblong capsule, 2.5 cm long and 1.5 cm broad. The species is native to tropical Asia, but has been introduced throughout the tropics, subtropics and warm temperate climates. This yam is also listed as a noxious weed in Florida and as a Category I invasive by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council. With the success of the air potato weevil (*Liliocercus cheni*), as a biocontrol agent, the number of counties with *D. bulbifera* might eventually be reduced. As of January 8, 2015, nine of 45 accepted county vouchers were held in the DPI Herbarium. (Langeland *et al.* 2008; Wunderlin and Hansen 2011; <http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/Plant.aspx?id=1726> [accessed 2015 January 8].)

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Collector	Plant genus	Plant species	County	Sample #	Date
Albert L. Wright	<i>Colocasia</i>	<i>esculenta</i> (L.) Schott	Polk	B2014-411	May 29, 2014
Anthony Gubler	<i>Atriplex</i>	<i>cristata</i> Humb. & Bonpl. ex Willd.	Indian River	B2014-566	Jul 29, 2014
Bobbe A. Rose	<i>Aristolochia</i>	<i>elegans</i> Mast.	Pinellas	B2014-501	Jun 24, 2014
Bobbe A. Rose	<i>Solanum</i>	<i>seaforthianum</i> Andrews	Pinellas	B2014-714	Sep 16, 2014
Bryce J. Merritt	<i>Oeceoclades</i>	<i>maculata</i> (Lindl.) Lindl.	Lake	B2014-944	Nov 17, 2014
Carrie L. Karppe	<i>Solanum</i>	<i>viarum</i> Dunal	Hernando	B2014-867	Oct 28, 2014
Christopher G. Gibbard	<i>Casuarina</i>	<i>cunninghamiana</i> Miq.	Polk	B2014-427	Jun 5, 2014
Christopher G. Gibbard	<i>Cupaniopsis</i>	<i>anacardioides</i> (A. Rich.) Radlk.	Polk	B2014-555	Jul 18, 2014
Christopher G. Gibbard	<i>Leucaena</i>	<i>leucocephala</i> (Lam.) de Wit	Polk	B2014-440	Jun 6, 2014
Christopher G. Gibbard & Albert L. Wright	<i>Nymphoides</i>	<i>indica</i> (L.) Kuntze	Polk	B2014-398	May 23, 2014
Daniel Merced	<i>Cupaniopsis</i>	<i>anacardioides</i> (A. Rich.) Radlk.	Pasco	B2014-222	Apr 9, 2014
Daniel Merced	<i>Lygodium</i>	<i>microphyllum</i> (Cav.) R. Br.	Pasco	B2014-285	Apr 28, 2014
Daniel Merced	<i>Sapium</i>	<i>sebiferum</i> (L.) Roxb.	Pasco	B2014-232	Apr 10, 2014
Daniel Merced	<i>Xanthosoma</i>	<i>sagittifolium</i> (L.) Schott	Pasco	B2014-241	Apr 16, 2014
Diana E. Bozeman & Jodie Bixler	<i>Prunus</i>	<i>angustifolia</i> Marshall	Pasco	B2014-449	Jun 10, 2014
Harry L. Morrison, Mary C. Sellers & Stacey S. Simmons	<i>Imperata</i>	<i>cylindrica</i> (L.) P. Beauv.	Lake	B2014-815	Oct 15, 2014
J.Mikaela Anderson	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>bulbifera</i> L.	Santa Rosa	B2014-588	Jul 29, 2014
James E. (Eddie) Anderson	<i>Argemone</i>	<i>mexicana</i> L.	Manatee	B2014-293	Apr 30, 2014
Jason B. Sharp	<i>Bidens</i>	<i>pilosa</i> L.	Sarasota	B2014-076	Feb 12, 2014
Jason B. Sharp	<i>Chromolaena</i>	<i>odorata</i> (L.) R.M. King & H. Rob.	Manatee	B2014-943	Nov 19, 2014
Jason B. Sharp	<i>Cissus</i>	<i>verticillata</i> (L.) Nicolson & C.E. Jarvis	Manatee	B2014-322	May 7, 2014
Jason B. Sharp	<i>Crotalaria</i>	<i>lanceolata</i> E. Mey.	Manatee	B2014-056	Feb 3, 2014
Jason B. Sharp	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>alata</i> L.	Sarasota	B2014-690	Sep 10, 2014
Jason B. Sharp	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>bulbifera</i> L.	Manatee	B2014-750	Sep 30, 2014
Jason B. Sharp	<i>Krigia</i>	<i>virginica</i> (L.) Willd.	Manatee	B2014-183	Mar 18, 2014
Jason B. Sharp	<i>Paspalum</i>	<i>praecox</i> Walt.	Sarasota	B2014-445	Jun 11, 2014
Jason B. Sharp	<i>Pisonia</i>	<i>aculeata</i> L.	Manatee	B2014-311	May 5, 2014
Jason B. Sharp	<i>Randia</i>	<i>aculeata</i> L.	Manatee	B2014-751	Sep 30, 2014
Jason B. Sharp	<i>Veronica</i>	<i>peregrina</i> L.	Sarasota	B2014-074	Feb 12, 2014
Jeanie P. Frechette	<i>Capparis</i>	<i>jamaicensis</i> Jacq.	Indian River	B2014-351	May 12, 2014
Jeanie P. Frechette & Carlos Averhoff-Chirino	<i>Odontonema</i>	<i>cuspidatum</i> (Nees) Kuntze	Indian River	B2014-611	Aug 13, 2014
Larry W. Smith	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>alata</i> L.	Jackson	B2014-708	Sep 5, 2014
Larry W. Smith	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>bulbifera</i> L.	Bay	B2014-706	Sep 9, 2014
Larry W. Smith	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>bulbifera</i> L.	Gulf	B2014-889	Oct 31, 2014
Larry W. Smith	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>bulbifera</i> L.	Washington	B2014-707	Sep 5, 2014
Larry W. Smith	<i>Lygodium</i>	<i>japonicum</i> (Thunb.) Sw.	Bay	B2014-909	Nov 4, 2014
Larry W. Smith	<i>Pueraria</i>	<i>montana</i> (Lour.) Merr. var. <i>lobata</i> (Willd.) Maesen & S.M. Almeida	Gulf	B2014-888	Oct 31, 2014
LeAnn M. West	<i>Clerodendrum</i>	<i>indicum</i> (L.) Kuntze	Martin	B2014-810	Oct 14, 2014
LeAnn M. West	<i>Colocasia</i>	<i>esculenta</i> (L.) Schott	Martin	B2014-840	Oct 21, 2014
LeAnn M. West	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>bulbifera</i> L.	Martin	B2014-335	May 7, 2014
Lee Barnwell, FFS	<i>Saccharum</i>	<i>coarctatum</i> (Fern.) R. Webster	Baker	B2014-736	Sep 24, 2014
Lia Sansom, GTMNERR	<i>Schinus</i>	<i>terebinthifolia</i> Raddi	Flagler	B2014-839	Oct 23, 2014
Linda G. McRay	<i>Alysicarpus</i>	<i>vaginalis</i> (L.) DC.	Pinellas	B2014-795	Oct 14, 2014
Linda G. McRay	<i>Coccinia</i>	<i>grandis</i> (L.) Voigt	Pinellas	B2014-730	Sep 23, 2014
Linda G. McRay	<i>Eleocharis</i>	<i>equisetoides</i> (Elliott) Torr.	Pinellas	B2014-905	Nov 4, 2014
Linda G. McRay	<i>Randia</i>	<i>aculeata</i> L.	Pinellas	B2014-729	Sep 23, 2014

Collector	Plant genus	Plant species	County	Sample #	Date
Linda G. McRay	<i>Sabatia</i>	<i>stellaris</i> Pursh	Pinellas	B2014-473	Jun 17, 2014
Lisa M. Hassell	<i>Lygodium</i>	<i>japonicum</i> (Thunb.) Sw.	Nassau	B2014-310	May 5, 2014
M. 'Janie' Echols	<i>Prunus</i>	<i>caroliniana</i> (Mill.) Aiton	Baker	B2014-884	Oct 30, 2014
Michael Bentley & Cheryl A. Jones	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>bulbifera</i> L.	Jefferson	B2014-710	Sep 16, 2014
Michael Bentley & Cheryl A. Jones	<i>Jacquemontia</i>	<i>tamniifolia</i> (L.) Griseb.	Madison	B2014-595	Jul 29, 2014
Mona Lisa Payne, USDA	<i>Prunus</i>	<i>serotina</i> Ehrh.	Hardee	B2014-346	May 12, 2014
P. Karen Coffey & Kaleigh Hire	<i>Pistia</i>	<i>stratiotes</i> L.	Flagler	B2014-803	Oct 15, 2014
Roberto Delcid	<i>Macfadyena</i>	<i>unguis-cati</i> (L.) A.H. Gentry	Hendry	B2014-196	Mar 20, 2014
Shelly M. Wayte	<i>Parthenium</i>	<i>hysterophorus</i> L.	Marion	B2014-660	Aug 26, 2014
Sol F. Looker	<i>Commelina</i>	<i>benghalensis</i> L.	Putnam	B2014-836	Oct 22, 2014
Sol F. Looker	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>alata</i> L.	Clay	B2014-552	Jul 23, 2014
Sol F. Looker	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>alata</i> L.	Flagler	B2014-585	Jul 24, 2014
Sol F. Looker	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>bulbifera</i> L.	Clay	B2014-587	Jul 30, 2014
Sol F. Looker	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>bulbifera</i> L.	Flagler	B2014-553	Jul 22, 2014
Sol F. Looker	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>bulbifera</i> L.	Putnam	B2014-542	Jul 17, 2014
Sol F. Looker	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>bulbifera</i> L.	St. Johns	B2014-554	Jul 22, 2014
Sol F. Looker	<i>Eichhornia</i>	<i>crassipes</i> (Mart.) Solms	Clay	B2014-171	Mar 4, 2014
Sol F. Looker & Kaleigh Hire	<i>Ipomoea</i>	<i>triloba</i> L.	Putnam	B2014-825	Oct 20, 2014
Sol F. Looker & Kaleigh Hire	<i>Ludwigia</i>	<i>peruviana</i> (L.) H. Hara	Putnam	B2014-831	Oct 20, 2014
Stacey S. Simmons	<i>Imperata</i>	<i>cylindrica</i> (L.) P. Beauv.	Sumter	B2014-865	Oct 20, 2014
Stephen R. Jenner	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>alata</i> L.	Hernando	B2014-789	Oct 14, 2014
Susan B. Youngblood	<i>Bischofia</i>	<i>javanica</i> Blume	Manatee	B2014-817	Oct 20, 2014
Susan B. Youngblood	<i>Thunbergia</i>	<i>fragrans</i> Roxb.	Hillsborough	B2014-255	Apr 22, 2014
Susan C. Distelberg	<i>Casuarina</i>	<i>glauc</i> a Sieber ex Spreng.	Osceola	B2014-468	Jun 16, 2014
Susan C. Distelberg	<i>Smilax</i>	<i>tamnoides</i> L.	Osceola	B2014-407	May 27, 2014
Susan C. Distelberg	<i>Syagrus</i>	<i>romanzoffiana</i> (Cham.) Glassman	Osceola	B2014-824	Oct 21, 2014
Susan C. Distelberg & Christopher G. Gibbard	<i>Xanthosoma</i>	<i>sagittifolium</i> (L.) Schott	Osceola	B2014-822	Oct 21, 2014
Theresa R. Estok	<i>Lupinus</i>	<i>perennis</i> L.	Baker	B2014-223	Apr 9, 2014
Theresa R. Estok	<i>Lupinus</i>	<i>villosus</i> Willd.	Baker	B2014-224	Apr 9, 2014
W. Wayne Bailey	<i>Dioscorea</i>	<i>alata</i> L.	Dixie	B2014-948	Nov 19, 2014
W. Wayne Bailey	<i>Imperata</i>	<i>cylindrica</i> (L.) P. Beauv.	Dixie	B2014-949	Nov 19, 2014
W. Wayne Bailey	<i>Pueraria</i>	<i>montana</i> (Lour.) Merr. var. <i>lobata</i> (Willd.) Maesen & S.M. Almeida	Levy	E2014-6056	Aug 29, 2014

Sample/Specimen Submissions

November	
Samples Submitted	361
Specimens Identified	7,675
December	
Samples Submitted	369
Specimens Identified	7,100
Year to Date	
Samples Submitted	8,316
Specimens Identified	157,132



Dryadaula sp., a dryadaulid moth male habitus, immersed in alcohol
Photograph courtesy of James E. Hayden, DPI



Dryadaula sp., a dryadaulid moth male genitalia, which are asymmetrical and distinctive
Photograph courtesy of James E. Hayden, DPI



Paratelenomus saccharalis, a parasitoid wasp
Photograph courtesy of Kevin A. Williams, DPI

Entomology Section

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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 with over 9 million specimens), and investigates the biology, biological control and taxonomy of arthropods.

Acarhynchus filamentus, an eriophyid mite, a new Florida state record.

This mite was found on *Arundinaria gigantea*, giant cane, in Guana Tolomato Matanzas Estuarine Research Reserve, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. This mite originally was described from this host in Virginia by Keifer in 1959, and it was reported from the same host in Georgia by Barké and Davis in 1971. This mite is a leaf vagrant and not of economic importance. (St. Johns County; E-2014-7319; W. C. 'Cal' Welbourn, James E. Hayden, Kyle E. Schnepf, Ian C. Stocks, Marc S. Frank, Lia K. Sansom, University of North Florida, Nicole 'Nikki' G. Dix, University of North Florida, and Alicia A. Zeluff, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; 21 October 2014.) (Dr. W. C. 'Cal' Welbourn.)

Dryadaula sp., a dryadaulid moth, a new Florida state record.

This moth could be an undescribed native or an adventive tropical species. It probably feeds on fungi. There are two known species of *Dryadaula* in Florida: the adventive *D. terpsichorella* (Busck) and an undescribed native species (see E2014-8087). This specimen appears to be neither. (Miami-Dade County; E2014-8293; Misael E. Igarza; 22 December 2014.) (Dr. James E. Hayden.)

Paratelenomus saccharalis, a parasitoid wasp, a new Florida state record.

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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 [PDF](#) or an [Excel](#) 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 Name	Plant Common Name	Arthropod	Arthropod Common Name	County	Records	
<i>Abies fraseri</i>	Fraser's fir, southern balsam fir	<i>Fiorinia externa</i>	an armored scale	Duval	Lisa M. Hassell	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Abies fraseri</i>	Fraser's fir, southern balsam fir	<i>Otiorynchus rugosostriatus</i>	rough strawberry root weevil	Escambia	Randal E. St. Louis	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Abies procera</i>	noble fir	<i>Tachygyna ursina</i>	a dwarf sheetweaver	Escambia	Randal E. St. Louis	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Abies procera</i>	noble fir	<i>Xanthochilus saturnius</i>	Mediterranean seed bug	Escambia	Randal E. St. Louis	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Ananas comosus</i>	pineapple	<i>Steneotarsonemus comosus</i>	pineapple multiple crown mite	Escambia	Johanna K. Welch; Randal E. St. Louis	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Ananas comosus</i>	pineapple	<i>Steneotarsonemus comosus</i>	pineapple multiple crown mite	Escambia	Johanna K. Welch; Randal E. St. Louis	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Annona cherimola</i>	cherimoya	<i>Tetranychina californica</i>	a spider mite	Escambia	Randal E. St. Louis	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Arundinaria gigantea</i>	giant cane; canebrake bamboo; southern cane; switch cane	<i>Acarhynchus filamentus</i>	an eriophyid mite	St. Johns	W. C. 'Cal' Welbourn; James E. Hayden; Kyle E. Schnepf; Ian C. Stocks; Marc S. Frank; Lia K. Sansom; Nicole 'Nikki' G. Dix; Alicia A. Zeluff	STATE
<i>Arundinaria gigantea</i>	giant cane; canebrake bamboo; southern cane; switch cane	<i>Aceria</i> sp.	an eriophyid mite	St. Johns	W. C. 'Cal' Welbourn; James E. Hayden; Kyle E. Schnepf; Ian C. Stocks; Marc S. Frank; Lia K. Sansom; Nicole 'Nikki' G. Dix; Alicia A. Zeluff	HOST
<i>Arundinaria gigantea</i>	giant cane; canebrake bamboo; southern cane; switch cane	<i>Schizotetranychus</i> sp.	a spider mite	St. Johns	W. C. 'Cal' Welbourn; James E. Hayden; Kyle E. Schnepf; Ian C. Stocks; Marc S. Frank; Lia K. Sansom; Nicole 'Nikki' G. Dix; Alicia A. Zeluff	COUNTY
<i>Brassica juncea</i>	mustard greens; leaf mustard; indian mustard; brown mustard	<i>Lygus elisus</i>	pale legume bug	Suwannee	Harrell Randolph	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Cichorium endivia</i>	cultivated endive	<i>Erasmoneura variabilis</i>	western grape leafhopper	Escambia	Randal E. St. Louis	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Citrus</i> sp.		<i>Camponotus sexguttatus</i>	carpenter ant	Martin	Jorge P. Gomez	COUNTY
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	cardoon, artichoke, globe artichoke	<i>Lygus hesperus</i>	a western lygus bug	Escambia	Randal E. St. Louis	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Erica</i> sp.		<i>Lygus</i> sp.	a lygus bug	Miami-Dade	Ives Lopez	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Euthamia caroliniana</i>	slender flattop goldenrod, coastal plain goldentop	<i>Vanduzeeae segmentata</i>	a treehopper	Alachua	Susan E. Halbert; Jeffrey D. Capehart	HOST
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	eastern red cedar	<i>Sufetula diminutalis</i>	palm rootworm moth	Seminole	Jesse M. Krok	COUNTY
<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	romaine lettuce	<i>Ceratagallia californica</i>	a leafhopper	Escambia	Randal E. St. Louis	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	romaine lettuce	<i>Empoasca setata</i>	a leafhopper	Escambia	Randal E. St. Louis; Johanna K. Welch	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	lettuce, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce	<i>Lygus elisus</i>	pale legume bug	Escambia	Johanna K. Welch; Randal E. St. Louis	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	romaine lettuce	<i>Lygus elisus</i>	pale legume bug	Escambia	Randal E. St. Louis	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Olea europaea</i>	olive	<i>Lepidomys irrenosa</i>	devilwood leaf-tier	Volusia	Jennifer L. Gillett-Kaufman	HOST
<i>Olea europaea</i>	olive	<i>Nacoleia charesalis</i>	a crambid moth	Marion	Jennifer L. Gillett-Kaufman	COUNTY
<i>Olea europaea</i>	olive	<i>Palpita persimilis</i>	olive shootworm	Marion	Jennifer L. Gillett-Kaufman	COUNTY and HOST
<i>Persea americana</i>	avocado; alligator pear; aguacate	<i>Abgrallaspis aguacatae</i>	an armored scale	Seminole	Ian C. Stocks	REGULATORY INCIDENT

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<i>Persea americana</i>	avocado; alligator pear; aguacate	<i>Encarsia noyesi</i>	aphelinid wasp	Broward	Olga Garcia	COUNTY
<i>Persea americana</i>	avocado; alligator pear; aguacate	<i>Menemerus bivittatus</i>	gray wall jumper	Hendry	Roberto Delcid	COUNTY
<i>Persea americana</i>	avocado; alligator pear; aguacate	<i>Stethoconus praefectus</i>	a lace bug predator	Martin	LeAnn M. West	COUNTY
<i>Persea palustris</i>	swamp bay	<i>Trioza magnoliae</i>	red bay psyllid	Santa Rosa	J. Mikaela Anderson	COUNTY
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	date palm	<i>Phoenicococcus marlatti</i>	red date scale	St. Johns	Theresa R. Estok; Kaleigh Hire	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	date palm	<i>Phoenicococcus marlatti</i>	red date scale	Suwannee	Roaida C. Said Gonzalez	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION
<i>Pinus</i> sp.	pine	<i>Xyleborus intrusus</i>	a scolytid beetle	St. Lucie	Brian D. Saunders	COUNTY
<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	sycamore	<i>Xyleborus similis</i>	a scolytid beetle	Duval	Bradley A. Danner; Robert M. Leahy	COUNTY
<i>Protea cynaroides</i>	king protea	<i>Delottococcus confusus</i>	a mealybug	Miami-Dade	Ives Lopez	REGULATORY INCIDENT
<i>Pueraria montana</i>	kudzu; kudzu vine; foot-a-night-vine; vine-that-ate-the-south; ko-hemp	<i>Megacopta cribraria</i>	bean plataspid	Liberty	Larry W. Smith	COUNTY
<i>Pueraria montana</i>	kudzu; kudzu vine; foot-a-night-vine; vine-that-ate-the-south; ko-hemp	<i>Megacopta cribraria</i>	bean plataspid	Bay	Larry W. Smith	COUNTY
<i>Quercus</i> sp.	oak	<i>Anotia bonnetii</i>	a derbid planthopper	Volusia	Lauren L. Dorval	COUNTY
<i>Quercus</i> sp.		<i>Diploschizia kimballi</i>	sedge moth	Manatee	Kevin E. Everhart	COUNTY
<i>Rhizophora mangle</i>	red mangrove, american mangrove	<i>Myllocerus undecimpustulatus</i>	Sri Lankan weevil	Martin	Eduardo Solis	HOST
<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>	saltmarsh cordgrass, smooth cordgrass	<i>Ogmotaronemus erepsis</i>	a tarsonemid mite	St. Johns	W. C. 'Cal' Welbourn; James E. Hayden; Kyle E. Schnepf; Ian C. Stocks; Marc S. Frank; Lia K. Sansom; Nicole 'Nikki' G. Dix; Alicia A. Zeluff	COUNTY
<i>Tabebuia</i> sp.		<i>Rabela tabebuiae</i>	tabebuia leafhopper	Orange	Jesse M. Krok	COUNTY
<i>Terminalia catappa</i>	tropical-almond	<i>Dryadula</i> sp.	a dryadulid moth	Miami-Dade	Misael E. Igarza	STATE
<i>Tridens flavus</i>	purpletop tridens	<i>Hyalopteris pruni</i>	mealy plum aphid	Citrus	Olga Garcia	HOST
X <i>Citrofortunella mitis</i>	calamondin	<i>Bothriocera datuna</i>	a cixiid planthopper	Hillsborough	Kathleen A. Miller	COUNTY
		<i>Carposina sasakii otawana</i>	peach fruit moth	St. Johns	James E. Hayden; W. C. 'Cal' Welbourn; Kyle E. Schnepf; Ian C. Stocks; Mark S. Frank; Lia K. Sansom; Nicole 'Nikki' G. Dix; Alicia A. Zeluff	COUNTY
		<i>Diploschizia kimballi</i>	sedge moths	Pinellas	Douglas A. Restom-Gaskill; Kevin E. Everhart	COUNTY
		<i>Dryadula</i> n. sp.	tineid moth	St. Johns	James E. Hayden; W. C. 'Cal' Welbourn; Kyle E. Schnepf; Ian C. Stocks; Mark S. Frank; Lia K. Sansom; Nicole 'Nikki' G. Dix; Alicia A. Zeluff	COUNTY
		<i>Dryadula terpsichorella</i>	dancing moth	St. Johns	James E. Hayden; W. C. 'Cal' Welbourn; Kyle E. Schnepf; Ian C. Stocks; Mark S. Frank; Lia K. Sansom; Nicole 'Nikki' G. Dix; Alicia A. Zeluff	COUNTY
		<i>Glena plumosaria</i>	inchworm moths	St. Johns	James E. Hayden; W. C. 'Cal' Welbourn; Kyle E. Schnepf; Ian C. Stocks; Mark S. Frank; Lia K. Sansom; Nicole 'Nikki' G. Dix; Alicia A. Zeluff	COUNTY
		<i>Hylocurus binodatus</i>	a scolytid beetle	Duval	Robert M. Leahy; Bradley A. Danner	COUNTY
		<i>Ischnodemus conicus</i>	a lygaeid bug	Escambia	J. Mikaela Anderson	COUNTY
		<i>Ischnodemus variegatus</i>	West Indian marsh grass bug	Collier	Scott D. Croxton	COUNTY
		<i>Nacoleia charesalis</i>	a crambid moth	Alachua	James E. Hayden	COUNTY
		<i>Paratelenomus saccharalis</i>	parasitoid wasp	Alachua	Andrew Santa Cruz; Julio C. Medal	STATE
		<i>Parmarion martensi</i>	semi-slug	Broward	Ives Lopez	REGULATORY INCIDENT
		<i>Phoenicococcus marlatti</i>	red date scale	Suwannee	Roaida C. Said Gonzalez	INTERDICTION INTERCEPTION

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		<i>Rhinacloa cardini</i>	a plant bug	Miami-Dade	Haydee I. Escobar	COUNTY
		<i>Rhytidoporus compactus</i>	a burrowing bug	Collier	Scott D. Croxton	COUNTY
		<i>Smeringopus pallidus</i>	a longlegged spider	Seminole	Homeowner	COUNTY
		<i>Spodoptera pulchella</i>	Caribbean armyworm moth	Manatee	Kevin E. Everhart	COUNTY
		<i>Sufetula diminutalis</i>	palm rootworm	St. Johns	James E. Hayden; W. C. 'Cal' Welbourn; Kyle E. Schnepf; Ian C. Stocks; Mark S. Frank; Lia K. Sansom, Nicole 'Nikki' G. Dix, Alicia A. Zeluff	COUNTY

Nematology Section

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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.

Nematodes of Special Interest

***Helicotylenchus paxilli* Yuen, 1964, a spiral nematode**, was found in the rhizosphere of sourgrass, *Paspalum conjugatum* P. J. Bergius. (Volusia County; N14-01557; Charles L. Spriggs; 15 December 2014.)

Helicotylenchus paxilli is a species closely related to *H. pseudorobustus* (Steiner, 1914) Golden, 1956, which is one of the most frequently reported spiral nematodes in world literature. In Florida, *H. pseudorobustus* has been implicated in growth suppression of the turfgrasses Bermudagrass (*Cynodon dactylon* (L.) Pers. x *C. transvaalensis* Burt Davy) and seashore paspalum (*Paspalum vaginatum* Elliott) (Crow *et al.* 2013). Recent morphological and molecular analyses of putative *H. pseudorobustus* populations collected from seashore paspalum and sourgrass (*P. conjugatum*) in Alachua and Volusia counties, respectively, indicates that these populations belong to *H. paxilli* rather than *H. pseudorobustus*. The molecular characteristics of Florida populations of *H. paxilli* matched those of topotype specimens collected from unidentified grasses in a hard wood forest in England and those of another population, also from undetermined grasses, in California. Morphologically, *H. paxilli* can be differentiated from *H. pseudorobustus* in having the ventral projection of the tail with a mucro (a short, sharp point at the end of the tail projection), which is lacking in *H. pseudorobustus*. The geographical distribution of *H. paxilli* includes England, the United States and New Zealand, where a population morphologically similar to Florida *H. paxilli* has been reported from a native Australian shrub, *Hymenanthera* sp. The finding of this spiral nematode in Florida validates an unconfirmed record (B-5235, 1969) of *H. paxilli* in Lake County and provides evidence of the potential economic importance of this spiral nematode as a damaging parasite of turf.

Sample Submissions

	November December	Year to date
Morphological Identifications	1,315	11,574
Molecular Identifications	246	1,764
Total Samples Submitted	1,561	13,338

Certification and Regulatory Samples

	November December	Year to date
Multistate Certification for National and International Export	853	7,910
California Certification	202	1,747
Pre- movement (Citrus Nursery Certification)	12	232
Site or Pit Approval (Citrus Nursery and Other Certifications)	47	188

Other Samples

	November December	Year to date
Identifications (invertebrate)	1	27
Plant Problems	16	142
Intrastate Survey, Random	184	1,328

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



Helicotylenchus paxilli (a spiral nematode) female recovered from *Paspalum conjugatum* (sourgrass)
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Paspalum conjugatum (sourgrass).
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Helicotylenchus paxilli (a spiral nematode) female posterior portion of the body. Note the ventral projection of the tail with a mucro.
Photograph courtesy of J. D. Stanley, DPI.

Collectors submitting five or more samples that were processed for nematological analysis November - December 2014.

Burgos, Frank A.	93		LeBoutillier, Karen W.	51
Clanton, Keith B.	22		Ochoa, Ana L.	56
Echols, Mary J.	5		Southerland, Lane P.	11
Keen, Emily I.	13		Spriggs, Charles L.	87
Krueger, Scott D.	12		Violett, Larry L.	42

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Plant Pathology Section

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This section provides plant disease diagnostic services and conducts a citrus germplasm introduction program. The agency-wide goal of protecting Florida agriculture very often begins with accurate diagnoses of plant problems. Disease management recommendations are offered where appropriate and available. Our plant pathologists are dedicated to keeping informed about plant diseases outside Florida in order to be prepared for potential introductions of new pathogens.

Brief Updates on Recent Important Pathogens in Florida

During this reporting period, three diseases that have been the subject of considerable attention in recent years continue to surface:

***Raffaelea lauricola* (laurel wilt)** appeared in two new counties in the Panhandle of Florida for the first time. Gaps in the geographic range as the pathogen moves west are filling in. Outposts of this disease are already as far west as coastal Mississippi. (Walton County; 82694; Larry W. Smith; 26 November 2014 and Holmes County; 82848; Larry W. Smith; 2 December 2014.)

Potyvirus passionfruit woodiness virus turned up again in plants at a butterfly farm in Bradford County in North Florida. This potyvirus, one of three known on this host, can be very damaging. The virus was unknown in the United States until popularity of this plant as a fruit crop and forage plant for butterfly larvae increased in the 1980s and 1990s. A survey for the virus in 1991 was negative; however, in 2009, *Passiflora* samples from a Broward county butterfly garden tested positive for the virus. Since that discovery, we now have additional reports from Bradford, plus Miami-Dade, Duval, Alachua, Polk, Nassau, Collier and Palm Beach counties. (Bradford County; 82491; M. Jane Echols; 7 November 2014.)

***Pseudomonas* sp. (undescribed)**, the new bacterial canker and gall on stems of *Loropetalum chinense* caused by an undetermined or undescribed species of *Pseudomonas* continues to show up at low, but steady, levels. By careful attention to the health of propagation materials and roguing of symptomatic liners, this disease will decline to minor levels quickly. Several growers note poor growth and some mortality of infected plants as they age. In a few cases, older plants installed in landscapes before the disease was recognized show some potential to perform satisfactorily when given optimal care. Taxonomic work on this bacterial pathogen continues. (Nassau County; 82409; Lisa M. Hassell; 4 November 2014 and St. John's County; 82655; Kaleigh N. Hire and Sol F. Looker; 25 November 2014.)

Sample Submissions

	November December	Year to date
Citrus Black Spot	3	58
Citrus Canker	167	1,178
Citrus greening HLB	36	1,562
Honey Bees	17	54
Interdictions	3	48
Laurel Wilt	4	81
General Pathology	414	2,835
Soil	3	23
Sudden Oak Death	0	13
Sweet Orange Scab-like Disease	2	12
Texas Phoenix Palm Decline	0	32
Water	0	9
Miscellaneous	3	41
Total	652	5,946

Plant Species	Plant Common Name	Causal Agent	Disease Name	Location Type	Sample Number	County	Collector	Date	New Records	Comments
<i>Ajuga reptans</i>	creeping bugleweed	unidentified Potyvirus	leaf stunt and thickening	nursery	82458	Duval	Theresa R. Estok	11/4/2014		The potyvirus detected here will require more work to identify with certainty.
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	common boxwood	<i>Thielaviospsis basicola</i>	black root rot	nursery	82513	Gadsden	Michael A. Bentley	11/4/2014	Host	Black root rot is a new record on this host in Florida. Only California in the US has reported it before. This plant was also infected with <i>Volutella buxi</i> . Boxwood is under regulatory scrutiny for the boxwood blight pathogen <i>Cylindrocladium pseudonaviculatum</i> , known from host range farther north, but not present in Florida.
<i>Canna</i> sp.	canna	<i>Puccinia thaliae</i>	leaf rust	nursery	82443	Orange	Jodi L. Hansen, Carlye A. Baker, David A. Davison, Susan E. Halbert, Ian C. Stocks, Anthony Puppelo and George A Warden	11/4/2014		This rust also infects the wetland plant <i>Thalia geniculata</i> (bent alligator flag) and plants in the Marantaceae. An invalid name for the pathogen is <i>Puccinia cannae</i> .
<i>Cassia fistula</i>	golden shower cassia	<i>Phyllachora canafistulae</i>	tar spot	landscape	82523	Orange	Property owner	11/6/2014		This tar spot pathogen is restricted to this particular host genus. Defoliation can occur if severe.
<i>Fragaria x ananassa</i>	strawberry	<i>Xanthomonas fragariae</i>	bacterial leaf spot	IFAS breeding and variety trial plots	82892	Marion	Janine M. Razze, University of Florida	12/16/2014		Unusually severe bacterial leaf spot was accompanied by the red stele pathogen of strawberry, <i>Phytophthora fragariae</i> . Both pathogens are host specific and have the potential for serious damage.

Plant Species	Plant Common Name	Causal Agent	Disease Name	Location Type	Sample Number	County	Collector	Date	New Records	Comments
<i>Ilex cassine</i>	dahoon holly	<i>Sphaeropsis tumefaciens</i>	Sphaeropsis gall witches' broom	nursery	82451	Collier	Scott D. Krueger	11/5/2014		The Sphaeropsis gall and witches' broom fungal pathogen infects at least 33 genera of woody plants in Florida. It is particularly damaging to <i>Ilex</i> and <i>Callistemon</i> spp.
<i>Loropetalum chinense</i>	Chinese fringe bush, loropetalum	<i>Pseudomonas</i> sp.	Loropetalum stem gall and canker	nursery	82409; 82655	Nassau; St. Johns	Lisa M. Hassell; Kaleigh N. Hire and Sol F. Looker	11/4/2014; 11/25/14		Taxonomic work to assign or describe a new species continues on this new bacterial pathogen of loropetalum.
<i>Musa</i> sp.	ornamental banana	<i>Deightonella torulosa</i>	leaf spot and necrosis	nursery	82138	Orange	Lance A. Brown	11/5/2014		An occasionally encountered fungal leaf spotter of <i>Musa</i> sp.
<i>Passiflora</i> sp.	passion vine	<i>Potyvirus Passionfruit woodiness virus</i>	leaf mottle and distortion	butterfly display farm	82491	Bradford	M. Janie Echols	11/7/2014		This serious virus of <i>Passiflora</i> is transmitted by aphids and especially by careless asexual propagation of infected plants.
<i>Persea palustris</i>	swamp bay	<i>Raffaelea lauricola</i>	laurel wilt	natural areas	82694; 82848	Walton; Holmes	Larry W. Smith (both samples)	11/26/14; 12/2/14	County (both)	New fill-in counties in the Panhandle for laurel wilt incidence in Florida
<i>Pilocereus robinii</i>	Key tree cactus	<i>Botryosphaeria dothidea</i>	stem canker	nursery	82906	Miami-Dade	Owner	12/16/2014		Attempts to propagate this threatened cactus of the Florida Keys is hampered by this fungal pathogen which takes advantage of vigorously growing well-watered plants.
<i>Psychotria nervosa</i>	wild-coffee	<i>Pseudocercospora</i> sp.	leaf spot	dooryard	82723	Miami-Dade	Olga Garcia	12/3/2014		Fungal pathogen appears to be an undescribed species of <i>Pseudocercospora</i> on this host
<i>Punica granatum</i>	pomegranate	<i>Pseudocercospora punicae</i>	leaf spot	farm	82520	Hardee	Scott D. Berryman and Richard T. Bloom	11/13/2014		This fungal pathogen is usually restricted to leaf spot, but was blighting new shoots in this case.