



Eastern NC Nursery News

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Register Now for the Feb. 15 Eastern NC Nursery Conference!

Registration is open for this ornamental nursery production meeting in Wilson, NC featuring red headed flea beetle, weed, irrigation, and conifer disease mgt. information. Pre-registration is \$25 and is available through Feb. 8. Help me plan ahead and save yourself some money by registering early. Click the link below for full agenda and registration information.



Wilson County Agricultural Center

[Eastern NC Nursery Conference Registration Flyer](#)

Tea Scale Crawlers

Although many growers focus on ambrosia beetles in late winter and early spring, don't forget about tea scale on camellias and hollies. Eggs can be found now by flipping female scales as shown on the right. The emergence of first generation tea scale crawlers occurs about the same time as the beginning of bloom for honeysuckle or tulip poplar, the time of 50% bloom for Chinese wisteria or when the weeds henbit and chickweed are blooming. A total of up to 4 generations overlap throughout the growing season so management is difficult and may require up to 8 applications a year with heavy infestation. Monitor crawlers with black tape placed sticky side out on branches near adults. Make the first application when crawler emergence begins and the second 2 weeks later. Insect growth regulators (pyriproxyfen/Distance or buprofezin/Talus) and horticultural oil work well on crawlers. Continue monitoring for increases in crawler emergence and treat following this schedule through early fall. More information at [IPM of Shrubs in SE US Nursery Production](#) in the Camellia Chapter.



Tea scale. Test removed (black arrow) to show eggs (green arrow). Body of female showing through the "pupal skin" (white arrow).

Photo by J.R. Baker

The Eastern Region Nursery and Greenhouse Program at NC Cooperative Extension is your source for research-based production information for greenhouse and nursery crops in Eastern North Carolina.

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