## Chinavia marginata (Hemiptera: Pentatomidae)

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Why

Identified in the EPPO tomato study. It was identified based on a record in CABI CPC (2013), but little information was found in the literature. The name Acrosternum marginatum is used in many publications, although it seems that the current name is Chinavia marginata (Rider, 2011).

Where

EPPO region: absent

North America: USA (Arizona, California, Florida, Texas), Mexico (Rider, 2011)

Central America: Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama (Rider,

2011)

Caribbean: Dominica, Dominican Rep., Grenada, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands (St. Croix) (Rider, 2011); CABI CPC (2013, based on Schotman et

al., 1989) also mention Antigua and Barbuda, Trinidad and Tobago (CABI CPC).

South America: Bolivia, Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul), Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru,

Venezuela (Rider, 2011)

Doubtful record: Brazil. Schwertner and Grazia (2007), in a study on *Chinavia* spp. in Brazil, note that the presence of C. marginata in Brazil was reported in the literature, but did not find specimens confirming this record and, in one case, the record was a misidentification of C. ubica (which has tomato as a potential host, but a more tropical distribution: Dominican Rep., Bahamas, Grenada, Panama, Suriname, Guiana, Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia).

Climatic similarity

Medium. 7 common climates considering the countries listed above, possibly lower (occurring in specific areas of the countries mentioned).

On which plants

Soybean, Jatropha curcas, beans (Panizzi et al., 2000); legumes, tomato, various crops and weeds (King and Saunders, 1984); Abelmoschus esculentus, Capsicum annuum, Glycine max, Nicotiana tabacum, Phaseolus, Solanum lycopersicum (CABI CPC).

Damage

King and Saunders (1984) note that the biology is similar to that of N. viridula (eggs on leaves, nymphs and adults feed on fruit, pods, seeds and young tissues. (for C. hilaris, eggs are also laid on stems, and occasionally fruit). They are mobile, and adults fly. In Central America, C. marginata is a minor pest that may be serious locally (King and Saunders,

Dissemination

Eggs may be associated mostly to green parts associated to fruit, while nymphs and adults may also be associated with fruit (but are mobile). Adults fly.

Pathway

Plants for planting, fruit?, vegetables?, of host plants from countries where C. marginata

Possible risks

The climatic similarity according to the EPPO Study between the area where it occurs and the EPPO region is medium. In areas of its distribution which have higher climatic similarity with part of the EPPO region (e.g. southern USA), and where both C. marginata and C. hilaris occur, records were found only for C. hilaris as a pest. This may indicate that C. marginata is less important than C. hilaris in these areas.

Categorization Sources

None found.

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