

Preparing for the Inevitable:

A Pre-emptive Strike Against Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter

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Biocontrol for Conservation

- Well familiar to NZ biosecurity practitioners
- Particularly suitable
- Current focus: weeds

A gap: Invasive environmental arthropods











What is Pre-emptive? Why Go There?

- Target potential pests prior to invasion
- Cost-effectiveness
- Some ecological damage irreversible

Pre-emptive Biocontrol

- Biocontrol is most effective at early stages of invasion
- Biocontrol: Long process
- Initiate early stages in anticipation
- How far???

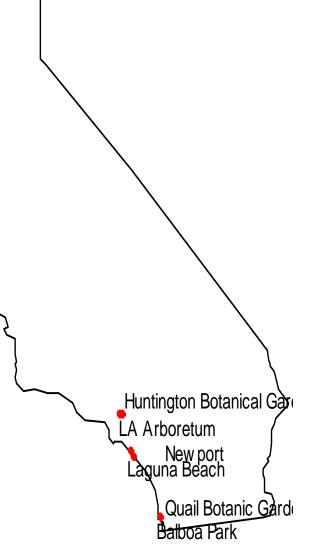
Why Now? Why Us?

- Everyone is talking about it
- Pressing conservation needs
- World-leading regulatory system
- Vast experience (weeds)
- Society not risk-averse

Glassy-winged Sharpshooter



Sampling Sites in Southern California





Plant Species	Comm Name	Plant Family	N Taken	N Diseased
Agathis australis	Kauri	Araucariaceae	2	1
Alectryon excelsus	Titoki	Sapindaceae	5	2
Brachyglottis sp.		Asteraceae	1	1
Coprosma spp.	Taupata	Rubiaceae	9	5
Cordyline sp.		Asparagaceae	2	1
Corokia cotoneaster	Korokio	Argophyllaceae	2	2
Corokia macrocarpa	Hokataka	Argophyllaceae	1	1
Corynocarpus laevigatus	Karaka	Corynocarpaceae	2	2
Haloragis erecta	Toatoa	Haloragaceae	1	1
Hebe sp.	Hebe	Plantaginaceae	6	5
Melicope ternata	Wharangi	Rutaceae	1	1
Meliycytus ramiflorus	Mahoe	Violaceae	1	1
Meryta sinclairii	Puka	Araliaceae	4	2
Metrosideros excelsa	Pōhutukawa	Myrtaceae	12	6
Myoporum laetum	Ngaio	Scrophulariaceae	8	1
Phormium spp.	Harakeke	Xanthorrhoeaceae	3	2
Pittosporum spp.		Pittosporaceae	21	11
Vitex lucens	Puriri	Lamiaceae	2	1



Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Symptoms



Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Egg Parasitoids



What's Next

- Review Ufens safety & climate match
- Find out if Xylella is in NZ
- Apply to release parasitoids???

