

# TRADESCANTIA

*Tradescantia fluminensis*  
Commelinaceae



Leaf beetle damage

Three agents have been released to attack tradescantia so far. The tradescantia leaf beetle (*Neolema ogloblini*) damages the foliage, the tradescantia stem beetle (*Lema basicostata*) attacks the stems, and the tradescantia tip beetle (*Neolema abbreviata*) attacks the growing tips. All three beetles have established and are showing early promise. The beetles cause extensive damage to tradescantia in their native range and it is hoped they will do the same here. A yellow leaf spot fungus (*Kordyana* sp.) will also be released here soon. The fungus is expected to complement the beetles, especially since it will likely do better at sites that flood since it can re-establish more quickly.