



Turfgrass Pest Alert October 2009

Cranberry Girdler Information:

We have identified a new pest damaging the turf in our area. This pest the “cranberry girdler” has been uncommon in our region until this year.

The cranberry girdler insect has been linked to damaged lawns in your neighborhood. Heavy infestations can kill grass, with peak turfgrass injury occurring in late summer and early fall. Cranberry girdler typically feeds at or below the thatch layer. The larvae are clear in appearance with an orange-brown head.

If you see unfamiliar brown patches in your turf, ***where the grass is loosely attached to the soil***, call us so we can confirm infestation and treat as needed. The recommended treatment for cranberry girdler infestation is an insecticide application.

Other sources of information on the cranberry girdler:

<http://extension.usu.edu/files/factsheets/subterr2.pdf>

<http://hyg.ipm.illinois.edu/pastpest/200816e.html>

<http://www.turfgrasstrends.com/turfgrasstrends/article/articleDetail.jsp?id=158931>

http://www3.hcs.ohio-state.edu/turfwiki/index.php/Cranberry_Girdler