

**CTENARYTAINA SPATULATA TAYLOR: NEW PEST ON EUCALYPTUS IN
NORTHWEST SPAIN**

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Ctenarytaina eucalypti Mask belonging to the family *Psyllidae* was first reported in Northwest Spain in the first half of the 70's causing damages on eucalyptus. In January 2003 another species of the same family, *Ctenarytaina spatulata* Taylor was found on a stand of Pontevedra province attacking adult foliage and producing necrotic lesions and an irregular growth on shoots. Since it was first reported, a survey was performed to know the distribution of the disease in the province. The results obtained showed an expansive distribution (its presence has been also reported in the four Galician provinces and in Asturias), but the actual extent of its damages is difficult to assess. A preliminary study about its biology has also been performed. The results obtained with this study showed that this insect was active along the year with higher densities of population in Spring and Summer seasons. Regarding biological control measures of possible implementation, predators that could be efficient for the biological control of this insect were also found in our survey.

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