



# PLANE LACE BUG (*Corythucha ciliata*)

The bug is native to North America and is now widespread in mainland Europe. It has recently been identified on plane trees in central London.

## IMPACT ON PLANE TREES



The Plane lace bug feeds on leaves of plane trees (*Platanus* species) causing them to show chlorotic stippling.

Large populations can cause the whole leaf to become bronzed and drop off the tree earlier than normal.

## PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Large populations of this pest can become a public nuisance.
- In large numbers (seen in Europe), the pest has occasionally fallen from trees and caused itchy bites to some.
- It can spread by flying or being blown onto new trees.
- It can also hitchhike on vehicles, clothing, or bags.



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Hitchhiking on vehicles, clothing, or bags

## IF YOU SEE SIGNS OF THIS PEST YOU CAN REPORT IT

We ask you to remain vigilant for signs of this pest and to be aware if you are sitting under or standing near plane trees. You can report any suspected findings using our online portal [TreeAlert](#).

Scan the QR code to access more detailed information and resources on the plane lace bug.



*Corythucha ciliata* is not a regulated pest which means there is no requirement to take statutory action.