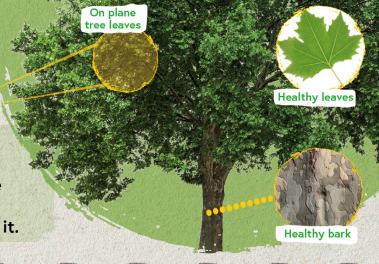


PUBLIC INFORMATION

NO.

You may notice plane lace bugs in your area or while travelling through London. The pest is widespread in mainland Europe and, in large numbers, can have an impact. The following information may help if you're unfamiliar with it.





IMPACT ON PLANE TREES

- Plane lace bug is an insect pest of plane trees (Platanus species), it feeds on leaves 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.



Spreading by flying or being blown onto new trees



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. Report any suspected findings using our online portal TreeAlert.



Scan the QR code for more information on the plane lace bug (Corythucha ciliata).

*For more information on how to report signs of the plane lace bug (Corythucha ciliata), please visit:

