

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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.



On plane tree leaves



Healthy leaves



Healthy bark



The plane lace bug  
(*Corythucha ciliata*)



Adult bugs are  
up to 4mm

## 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



Chlorotic stippling  
(light coloured marks)

## 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:

