



# CITRUSWATCH



Asian citrus psyllid (*Diaphorina citri*)

## Information for citrus growers

A number of exotic citrus pests have the potential to significantly impact Australia's industry. One of the most concerning pests is the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), a vector for the devastating citrus disease huánglóngbìng (HLB).

In recognition of the biosecurity threats to Australian citrus, the citrus industry has invested in the national program: CitrusWatch (2021 - 2026). As project partners, the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade is conducting targeted surveillance for exotic pest species in the Northern Territory and areas of north Western Australia and Queensland.

### Citrus surveillance in northern Australia:

Commercial citrus growers are invited to register for both visual inspections and sticky trapping at your orchards. Over the next 5 years, this targeted surveillance will take place twice a year.

### Visual surveillance at commercial orchards:

- Plant Biosecurity Officers will conduct tree inspections at participating orchards.
- Plant and insect samples will be diagnosed by lab staff at Berrimah Farm, with results reported back to the grower.
- Target pests include: Asian citrus psyllid, African citrus psyllid; glassy winged sharpshooter, HLB, citrus canker and Xylella.

### Sticky trapping:

- Trapping kits containing everything required (including reply-paid envelopes to make trap return easy) will be delivered to participants.
- Sticky traps are accompanied by a scent lure that is attractive to ACP. They are left in place for 2 weeks, and replaced with a second one.



Sticky trap with ACP scent lure  
Credit: Citrus Australia

### For more information or to register

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