

Pest Profile



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Common Name: Candy-Striped Leafhopper

Scientific Name: *Graphocephala coccinea*

Order and Family: Homoptera: Cicadellidae

Size and Appearance:

	Adult	Egg	Larva/Nymph	Pupae (if applicable)
Length (mm)	8-10mm		6-8mm	
Appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Brightly colored with alternating bands of Magenta and Green or Blue-Legs are Yellow-Head is Yellow with a Black “racing stripe” through the eyes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Eggs are deposited between leaf layers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Similar coloration and pattern as adults-Color is softer/lighter	

Type of feeder (Chewing, sucking, etc.): Sucking

Host plant/s: Blackberry, Raspberry, Roses, Rhododendrons

Description of Damage (larvae and adults): The adult female leafhoppers will lay their eggs between the layers of the leaves which in turn results in scars on the leaves that appear as small blisters.

The nymphs and adult leafhoppers will suck the “juices” from the plant leaves and flowers until they are discolored and unable to recover from the damage.

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