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SUCTION-TRAPPING RESULTS



The information below relates to suction-trap samples collected during **Bulletin** Week 3: 04/4 - 10/4.

- A small increase in overall aphid flight activity this week. At this stage, aphids appear to be flying a couple of weeks earlier than forecast back in March
- The bird cherry—oat aphid was caught at seven suction-trap sites from the far south all the way up to Newcastle. The grain aphid made its first appearance of the year at Hereford.
- Field reports suggest cereal aphids are still easy to find in winter cereals
 in southern England and BYDV is suspected in both winter wheat and
 winter barley in many southern and western areas. Most winter crops
 have now reached GS31, after which little economic benefit is thought
 to accrue from additional spraying to reduce BYDV.
- A field report has been received of mealy cabbage aphids (*Brevicoryne brassicae*) in winter OSR in the west midlands.
- Spring drilling has been delayed on heavier land, but elsewhere emerging spring cereals and OSR will need close monitoring.
- No peach–potato aphids have been caught in the suction-trap this week.
- Two willow–carrot aphids were caught this week, both were first arrivals, one at York and one at Writtle, the latter being three weeks earlier than the 10-year average.

The tables below show species of importance which have appeared for the first time at specific sites, together with forecast dates where available, their time of first arrival last year and the average time of their first arrival over the last ten years.

Rose-grain aphid (Metopolophium dirhodum)

Rose–grain aphid	FIRST ARRIVALS			
	2016	forecast	2015	2006-15
D= Dundee	0	4/6	1/6	23/5
G= Edinburgh	0	24/5	9/6	21/5
N= Newcastle	0	27/5	11/6	26/5
Y = York	0	N/A	16/4	N/A
P = Preston	0	30/4	27/5	27/4
K = Kirton	0	30/4	4/5	10/5
BB = Bury St Edmunds	30/3	6/5	22/5	2/5
We = Wellesbourne	8/4	25/4	13/5	3/5
H = Hereford	0	11/5	30/5	19/5
RT = Harpenden	0	3/5	20/5	6/5
WR = Writtle	25/3	15/4	17/5	30/4
SP = nr Ascot	0	26/4	20/4	24/4
W = Wye	0	19/4	7/5	1/5
SX = nr Exeter	22-28/2	20/3	15/4	10/4

Six rose—grain aphids were caught this bulletin week, one at Broom's Barn, three at Writtle and two at Wellesbourne which included a first arrival almost four weeks earlier than the 10-year average.

Bird cherry-oat aphid (Rhopalosiphum padi)

Bird cherry–oat aphid	FIRST ARRIVALS			
	2016	forecast	2015	2006-15
D= Dundee	0	21/5	23/5	20/5
G= Edinburgh	0	17/5	14/6	15/5
N= Newcastle	4/4	17/5	27/5	14/5
Y = York	0	N/A	22/4	N/A
P = Preston	0	27/4	3/6	6/5
K = Kirton	8/4	2/4	27/4	18/4
BB = Bury St Edmunds	25/3	23/4	22/5	27/4
We = Wellesbourne	12/3	6/4	21/5	18/4
H = Hereford	4/4	12/4	16/4	20/3
RT = Harpenden	0	28/4	4/5	29/4
WR = Writtle	1/4	14/4	4/5	10/4
SP = nr Ascot	8/4	23/4	10/5	27/4
W = Wye	0	3/4	5/3	4/4
SX = nr Exeter	1-7/2	10/3	22/1	12/3

The bird cherry—oat aphid was caught in low numbers at seven sites this bulletin week, four of which were first arrivals.

Grain aphid (Sitobion avenae)

Grain aphid	FIRST ARRIVALS			
	2016	forecast	2015	2006-15
D= Dundee	0	6/6	2/6	4/6
G= Edinburgh	0	28/5	11/6	26/5
N= Newcastle	0	25/5	4/6	2/6
Y = York	0	N/A	11/5	N/A
P = Preston	0	12/5	4/6	19/5
K = Kirton	0	30/4	3/6	20/5
BB = Bury St Edmunds	0	5/5	30/5	14/5
We = Wellesbourne	30/3	13/4	20/6	26/4
H = Hereford	8/4	2/5	12/5	18/5
RT = Harpenden	0	3/5	7/6	21/5
WR = Writtle	3/4	23/4	15/4	25/4
SP = nr Ascot	0	6/5	23/5	8/5
W = Wye	0	24/4	21/6	25/5
SX = nr Exeter	0	8/4	1/5	13/4

A single grain aphids was caught this week, a first arrival at Hereford, almost six weeks earlier than the 10-year mean.

Peach-potato aphid (Myzus persicae)

Peach-potato aphid	FIRST ARRIVALS			
	2016	forecast	2015	2006-15
D= Dundee	0	14/6	8/7	16/6
G= Edinburgh	0	11/6	4/6	24/6
N= Newcastle	0	6/6	25/5	13/6
Y = York	0	N/A	4/6	N/A
P = Preston	0	14/5	10/6	30/5
K = Kirton	0	28/4	30/4	13/5
BB = Bury St Edmunds	0	4/5	7/5	13/5
We = Wellesbourne	22-28/2	8/4	18/5	1/5
H = Hereford	0	9/5	2/5	24/5
RT = Harpenden	0	1/5	7/5	22/5
WR = Writtle	2/4	20/4	9/5	1/5
SP = nr Ascot	30/3	7/5	13/5	9/5
W = Wye	0	19/4	9/5	23/4
SX = nr Exeter	0	11/4	10/5	15/4

No peach-potato aphids were caught this bulletin week.

Willow-carrot aphid (Cavariella aegopodii)

Willow-carrot aphid	FIRST ARRIVALS		
	2016	2015	2006-15
D= Dundee	0	23/5	21/5
G= Edinburgh	0	23/4	9/5
N= Newcastle	0	24/5	20/5
Y = York	10/4	4/5	N/A
P = Preston	0	8/5	8/5
K = Kirton	17/3	21/4	2/5
BB = Bury St Edmunds	22/3	4/5	30/4
We = Wellesbourne	1-7/2	19/4	30/4
H = Hereford	0	11/5	25/4
RT = Harpenden	0	23/4	29/4
WR = Writtle	4/4	7/5	29/4
SP = nr Ascot	0	1/5	30/4
W = Wye	0	7/5	1/5
SX = nr Exeter	0	30/4	26/4

Two willow–carrot aphids were caught this week, both were first arrivals, one at York and one over three weeks early at Writtle.

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