

Pest Profile



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Common Name: Willow Redgall Sawfly

Scientific Name: *Pontania proxima*

Order and Family: Hymenoptera, Tenthredinidae

Size and Appearance:

	Adult	Egg	Larva/Nymph	Pupae (if applicable)
Length (mm)	3.5 - 5.0 mm		5.0 - 7.0 mm	
Appearance	Adults are small, shiny, black wasps. They have asymmetric mandibles, shortened cerci, black pronotum and pale margins.	Eggs are laid singly within the gall	Yellowish-green in color, caterpillar like, with a shiny black head. Legs are present on thorax and prolegs on each abdominal segment.	

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

Host plant/s: Willow tree

Description of Damage (larvae and adults): Adults form a reddish bean-shaped swelling on the leaves, caused by injecting a fluid into the leaf along with the eggs. This gives the tree an unattractive appearance and can lead to a reduction in growth.

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