

Pest Profile



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Common Name: Gouty oak gall wasp

Scientific Name: *Callirhytis quercuspunctata*

Order and Family: Hymenoptera; Cynipidae

Size and Appearance:

	Length (mm)	Appearance
Egg		
Larva	Galls will be up 50 mm in diameter	-Develop within a gall -Gall will not have spikes
Adult	3 mm	-Black body with lighter legs -Typical wasp appearance with thread waist
Pupa		

Type of feeder: Galls formed by larval infestation. Larvae feed within gall.

Host plants: Oak trees (*Quercus* spp.) are all prone to infection from Gouty oak gall wasp.

Description of Damage: Galls are not aesthetically pleasing, but only very severe infestations may cause any damage through nutrient loss.

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