

Pest Profile

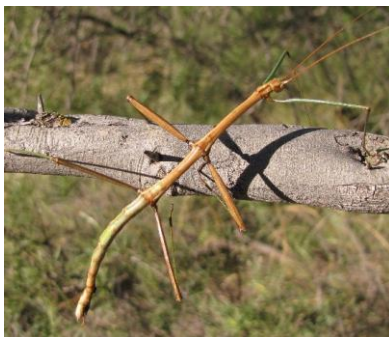


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Common Name: Prairie Walkingstick

Scientific Name: *Diaperomera velii*

Order and Family: Phasmatodea; Diaperomeridae

Size and Appearance:

	Length (mm)	Appearance
Egg	~3mm	-seed-like
Nymph	<75 mm	-Similar to adults
Adult	75 mm	-Highly variable in color and may be nearly pure green, gray or brown, or mottled

Type of feeder: Chewing

Host plant/s: Oak, black cherry, elm, basswood, and black locust are favored host plants. Paper birch, aspen, dog-wood, and hickory are occasional hosts.

Description of Damage (larvae and adults): Nymphs and adults chew leaves. Damage is usually minor, but occasional outbreaks in forests cause significant defoliation.

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