



Help to protect Australia's citrus industry - host a sticky trap in your garden

Do you have a citrus tree or orange jasmine (*Murraya paniculata*) in your garden? Your tree could host an insect trap, helping to keep Australian citrus safe, and adding crucial data to our national surveillance program.

CitrusWatch is a five-year program that aims to protect the Australian citrus industry. As part of CitrusWatch, we are conducting surveillance for exotic citrus pests. One of these is the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP). This insect is having a serious impact on overseas orchards, so we are keeping a constant look out for it.

Exotic pests such as ACP can travel to Australia via busy trade or passenger routes. If they evade border biosecurity inspections, the next stop is often home gardens. Early detection of pests through programs like CitrusWatch, improves the chances of a swift and successful response if an exotic pest is detected.



Sticky trap in a citrus tree
Credit: Citrus Australia

Want to get involved?

We're looking for volunteers to place a sticky insect trap in a tree, and contribute to an early warning system for our commercial citrus industry.

All you need to do is place the provided trap in an ACP host plant (citrus, curry leaf or *Murraya paniculata* work well) and leave it in place for two weeks. After that, it's a simple case of removing the trap and putting it in the post for checking by entomologists in Darwin. We'll provide everything you need including sticky traps, instructions and pre-paid envelopes for trap return.

For more information and to register

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