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Plant Assessment of the potential of the psyllid Trioza anthrisci to vector 'Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum' (Lso) in Scotland



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'Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum' (Lso)







ZEBRA CHIP SYMPTOMS IN POTATO SYMPTOMS IN CARROT







A CONCERN FOR SCOTLAND?

United Kingdom

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MANY UNKNOWNS









NEW POTENTIAL VECTORS AND LOCATIONS DETECTED

Psyllid Species	Location	Haplotype
Trioza anthrisci	Elgin, UK	С
Trioza anthrisci	Hellfreda, Sweden	С
Trioza urticae	Quedlinburg, Germany	U

New Disease Reports (2017) **36**, 4. [http://dx.doi.org/10.5197/j.2044-0588.2017.036.004]

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First report of '*Candidatus* Liberibacter solanacearum' in the United Kingdom in the psyllid *Trioza anthrisci*

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Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum' detected in *Trioza urticae* using suction trap-based monitoring of psyllids in Germany

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AIMS OF THIS PROJECT

- To examine the distribution of *Trioza anthrisci* across Scotland in relation to carrot and potato growing areas
- To upskill relevant PHC staff by delivering a psyllid identification workshop
- To secure a live colony of *Trioza anthrisci* for Lso transmission studies and host plant choice bioassays
- 'Co-ordinate activities, skills and knowledge across Scotland'
- 'Enhancing Scotland's capacity and capability to respond to threats'





STEP 1 – CO-ORDINATED SAMPLING EFFORT



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STEP 2 – PSYLLID WORKSHOP

SASA - Helping scotland Grow













STEP 3 – REARING COLONIES OF SCOTTISH TRIOZA ANTHRISCI

 All *T. anthrisci* collected on carrot in Elgin (n= 16) tested positive for Lso (Hap C) in real-time PCR assays





Adult *Trioza anthrisci* $\stackrel{\frown}{_+}$ from SASA insectary colony with egg attached to leaf surface inlaid (top left).







OUTCOMES

- 13 sites sampled crops and vegetation
- Field finding of *Trioza anthrisci* in Scotland by FR – carrot crop near Elgin on 1 August
- Successful training workshop and networking opportunity
- Lab culture of *T. anthrisci* for further work

POOLED RESOURCES

INCREASED KNOWLEDGE

IMPROVED CAPABILITY

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The use of mobile technology to enhance plant health monitoring and awareness

Sebastian Raubach & Jennie Brierley The James Hutton Institute





Pest and disease alerts Pest and disease identification guides Report/notification links Pest and pathogen distribution maps Control options







- The diversity of the plant health sector is reflected in the range of mobile tools available.
- There are existing tools in use in the UK which could be adapted for other sectors / specific threats.
- Underpinning resources to secure the usability, sustainability and value of the system are essential.

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Sharing solutions between sectors: methods deployed for tackling pests and disease







Eric Boa and Steve Woodward University of Aberdeen







Understanding change

- How have 'distinctive and different' pest management methods arisen?
- Define user groups and create a typology of methods and approaches
- Survey methods adopted by different groups and compare approaches
- Consider possible drivers of change from growers, agrochemicals companies, new technologies
- Review our understanding of the dynamics of change



Barley leaf rust





What we did

- Created six General Types of users of pest management methods and six Main Categories of methods
- Held a public event at RBGE (Vox Pop Plants) and tested a questionnaire for assessing methods used



Wheat rust

Further details can be found on the poster

Full details of categories available in final report





Main Findings, next steps

- Categories of users and methods:
 - a consistent approach for analysing patterns and dynamics of pest management methods deployed
- General Types and Main Categories:
 - require validation by others
- Questionnaire approach to surveying methods deployed has limited value





Main Findings, next steps

- Target key users of pest management methods:
 - commercial
 - advisors, consultants
- Make a clear distinction between:
 - general *information* about pest management methods
 - general *recommendations* and
 - specific *advice*









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If this was your plant, what would you do?



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Network analysis – where do people get their plant health information?

Rehema White, Althea Davies & Robbie Fitzpatrick



James Robinson and Mariella Marzano



Elliot Meador and Henry Creissen







Context for plant health

- Climate change
- Globalisation
- Trade
- Gardening and recreation intensity
- Focus on plant health science







Methods

- Literature review & annotated bibliography
- Stakeholder mapping of Vectors, Governors, Managers, Monitors or Networkers (Dandy et al 2017) plus Plant enthusiasts
- Interviews with 6 key informants
- Survey of 24 people involved with potato farming
- Emerging views on knowledge sources from horticultural trade
- Collaboration with SRUC on twittersphere





- Information is objective 'facts', but if it is to effect change, it must be interpreted, absorbed and is subject to social relationships – hence we consider knowledge.
- Action on knowledge requires changes in behaviour or societal structure: we have a knowledge gap.

2015/06/02/join-us-for-steps-to-sustainability-20th-june-poetry-of-change/

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Who wants change?

Who wants to change?







The contested nature of knowledge and new roles for science



02012 Union of Concerned Scientists





What knowledge flow is required?

Stakeholder engagement e.g. type of stakeholder, resource, form Pest or pathogen risk e.g. UK Risk register

> Required knowledge flows

Stage of invasion

e.g. Endemic or an outbreak trajectory requires Specific awareness, Alert awareness or Crisis management.





"..it's a very small percentage of arable farmers that really know the pests and diseases ... [most] are not really that interested. They want someone to come along, look at the crop, write them a script or tell them the chemical straight away ..."

"the older ones want to see you and speak to you over a cup of tea in the kitchen, the younger ones ae quite happy with a WhatsApp"

Results: interviews

- In Agriculture (and hort) prediction and prevention of pests are common, and chemicals widely used, more than in Tree Health (including forestry/ natural environment).
- There are key figures eg agronomists
- Organisations are key for training and knowledge exchange
- Social media was important for some organisations, but was less used /trusted by individuals; face to face preferred

"my gosh all these sources of information." "We've got nuanced arguments to get across" "Relatively low-level biosecurity becomes a cultural change" "we've still got a way to go to ...a genuine two-way process"





Results: survey of 24 potato people







Results: horticultural sector

In the horticultural sector, government departments and key institutions were important sources of knowledge. Academic research was rarely directly accessed.

"really aware of plant health as a business liability"






Key conclusions & recommendations

Knowledge production, exchange and implementation is complex across many stakeholders. We recommend:

- Develop a stakeholder engagement strategy including different knowledge exchange approaches for stakeholder types and contexts, sectors, pests and stages of outbreak and that includes (and maintains existing) collaborations and partnerships as well as creating specific knowledge channels.
- Further research is required on knowledge flows in relation to plant health specifically, in Scotland, and in relation to other sectors.
- **Translating and distributing academic knowledge** for practitioners who trust but do not access this knowledge source is needed.

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Plant Health in the Twittersphere: Identifying new approaches to rapid dissemination of plant health information in Scotland

Led by Dr Elliot Meador (SRUC) & Dr Henry Creissen (SRUC)



Special thanks to Andrew Duncan and Aaron Reeves at the SRUC Epidemiology Research Unit for allowing us to use the RStudio Server for this research.



Overview

Project looks at how information on plant health issues is discussed online using Twitter.

Approach

- 1. Data obtained using *network jumping* approach.
- 2. Gathered nightly.
- 3. Data analysed using text mining and social network analysis.

The tip of the Twittersphere Top 2.18% of users discussion issues related to plant health



Classifying users

Number of UK Users by Country

Category	England (n =381)	North Ireland (n =5)	Scotland (n =2,723)	Wales (n =18)
Farmer	22.3%	100%	57.3%	44.4%
Scientist	59.8%	0.0%	27.5%	33.3%
Pathologist	7.9%	0.0%	4.7%	0.0%
Rural	10.0%	0.0%	10.5%	22.2%

^a Approximately 2.97% of stakeholders reported their country.

Trends over time



Current issues





Future studies

- Research is ongoing (with data being collected nightly).
- 2. Will revisit this Autumn for changes over the summer and Brexit.
- 3. Future work will centre on further classification of users in the database.

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New online resource: Plant Diseases in the Natural Environment Katy Hayden, Joanne Taylor (RBGE)



Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh





www.planthealthcentre.scot/plant-diseases







Plant Diseases in the Natural Environment



Threats

Disease causing organisms include fungi, bacteria and viruses, and also insect pests and nematodes. View a list of high priority threats to Scottish native plants alphabetically, or sort by plant or habitat type.

View Threats

Recommended Sources

View a curated list of plant health institutions, newsletters and other resources.

- Biosecurity
- Diagnostic Services
- Field Guides & Self-Diagnostics
- Treatment & Management
- Newsletters
- Further Information
- <u>Reporting & Regulatory</u>
 Information
- Outreach & Education

View All Sources

Prevention & Control



The best approach to disease management is to avoid the introduction of a disease, to contain any outbreaks and to prevent movement of disease-causing organisms. Implementing careful <u>biosecurity measures</u> can reduce the risk of the introduction and spread of diseases. However, where there is evidence of disease this requires action to diagnose the causal organism, to implement <u>control</u> <u>measures</u> where possible and to <u>report notifiable diseases</u> when encountered.

View Prevention & Control







Habitat Ty	pe 🗸	Betula (Birch)	\sim	Keyword
Apply	Clear Filters			

Disease Agent	Habitat Type	Host	Information	Control
Alder Rust (Melampsoridium hiratsukanum)	Broadleaved, mixed and yew woodland	Alnus (Alder) Betula (Birch)	<u>NOBANIS – Invasive</u> <u>Alien Species Fact Sheet</u>	Problems of Leaves, Twigs and Branches
Asian Longhorn Beetle (Anoplophora glabripennis)	Bogs Boundary and linear features Bracken Broodloaved mixed	Acer (Maple, Sycamore) Betula (Birch) Populus (Poplar, Aspen)	NOTIFIABLE ORGANISM Forest Research fact page Opal fact page	Notifiable Diseases





Prevention & Control

Prevention - Biosecurity



An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Good biosecurity practice prevents the arrival and spread of disease-causing organisms, and is essential for safeguarding the health of plants in propagation and natural systems.

Read More

Control



What to do when disease strikes? We outline advice suitable for the natural environment for treatment and control of different categories of plant diseases.

Read More





Recommended sources

Field Guides & Self Diagnos 🗸		Keyword
Apply	Clear Filters	

Resource	Details
CABI	<u>CABI</u> provies comprehensive cross sector information including plant health via the Plantwise portal
CABI online book	Fieldguide for the identification of Damage on Woody Sentinel plants. This guide is recommended as the first step in disease identification of trees and shrubs
DEFRA - pest and disease factsheets	Fact sheets on notifiable and non-notifiable pests and diseases





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Integration of Plant Health planning into the new Scottish Biodiversity Strategy

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Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh









Known threats to Scottish biodiversity: The Plant Health Risk Register



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Known threats to Scottish biodiversity: The Plant Health Risk Register

Potential distribution of PRR pests on BAP (2007) priority species hosts







Yet-unknown threats to Scottish biodiversity: risk ranking



Photos: RBGE; Aberdeen Journals Ltd; Forestry and Land, Scotland





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Impact of climate change on the spread of pests and diseases in Scotland

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Project partners: Prof. Crawford Revie and Dr Oleg Sheremet (University of Strathclyde); Dr Glyn Jones (FERA and University of Newcastle); Dr Matt Castle (University of Cambridge).













Objectives

- Effects of climate change on spread of pests and pathogens
- Assess how the key parameters and values at risk are expected to vary with climate change
- Use a model to study epidemiological and economic outcomes for selected pests and pathogens

Time (years)



Sample run for months with temperatures over 21.5°C Scotland's Plant Health Conference - 28th May 2019 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Edinburgh Airport, EH28 8LL



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Potential impacts arising from pesticide withdrawals to Scotland's plant health

Andy Evans, SRUC

Objectives

- Assesses the risk of withdrawal of the main pesticides used in Scotland across the agriculture, horticulture, natural environment, forestry and amenity sectors
- Provide an assessment of the impact of losses of key pesticides in each of the above sectors



Cereals & Oilseed rape













Loss of chlorothalonil, azoles, neonicotinoids – resistance to alternatives

Legumes & Potato









Loss of iprodione, thiram, chlorothalonil, linuron – peas & beans

Loss of mancozeb, fluazinam resistance, diquat, aphicides - potatoes



Loss of myclobutanil, azoles, bupirimate, iprodione – few alternatives available

Loss of chlorpyrifos, abamectin, spinosad, thiacloprid, deltamethrin – few alternatives

Soft fruit production could become uneconomic

Field Vegetables









Loss of metribuzin, glyphosate, linuron, pendimethalin and clomazone – few alternatives

Loss of pymetrozine, thiacloprid, spinosad, pyrethroids – few alternatives

Some field vegetable production could become uneconomic

Forestry









Loss of glyphosate, pendimethalin and asulam – few alternatives available

Loss of urea – few alternatives available

Loss of alpha-cypermethrin and cypermethrin – few alternatives available

Amenity & Natural Environment











Loss of glyphosate, mancozeb, propiconazole – few alternatives available

Fewer pesticides to target invasive species



Key outputs and recommendations

- For all sectors, the loss of key substances will have a significant impact on the ability to manage pests, weeds and diseases effectively and economically
- In particular for the soft fruit and field vegetable sectors, production will be significantly affected, and may become uneconomic
- All sectors, where plant health management is required, will need to adapt to pesticide losses





Key outputs and recommendations

- Available pesticides will need to be conserved and their use targeted within an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) framework
- The cost of production is likely to increase as alternative approaches for managing crops are utilised
- Engagement with stakeholders in all of the sectors where plant health management is required should be a priority




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The future threat of Potato Cyst Nematodes (PCN) in Scotland

















PCN situation in seed land



G. rostochiensis

G. pallida

<i>G. rostoch.</i>	<i>G. rostoch.</i>	<i>G. rostoch.</i>	<i>G. pallida</i>	<i>G. pallida</i>	<i>G. pallida</i>
in 2010 (Ha)	in 2017 (Ha)	increase	in 2010 (Ha)	in 2017 (Ha)	increase
13,453	14,217	6%	2,411	5,214	116%





What can be done?

- Seed free from cysts
- Resistant varieties
- Tolerant varieties
- Rotation
- Groundkeepers
- Nematicides
- Biofumigants
- Trap crops
- Biosecurity
- Knowledge





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- Where we have come from and where we are going?
- What are we going to do about it?
- Who is driving and do we have any control of the vehicle?



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Identifying modelling approaches of Emerald Ash Borer invasions for Scotland's needs

Project lead: Adam Kleczkowski (Uni. Of Strath.)

Project partners: Vincent Keenan (Uni. Of Strath.); Glenn Marion (BioSS)











Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer is native to East Asia and requires Ash trees to complete its lifecycle.

Currently absent from the UK.

Estimates \$20 – 282 billion damage within the U.S.A.

Would be devastating to Scotland's Ash populations.





Ash mortality from Emerald Ash Borer







What do we do if Emerald Ash Borer arrives in Scotland?







What do we do if Emerald Ash Borer arrives in Scotland?

Use methods from elsewhere?

Run a contained experiment?

Do nothing?



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Develop predictive models?







Mathematical modelling

Predictive modelling is a cost-effective method for tracking invasion progress.

We conducted a review of bark beetle modelling methods.

- Beetle spread
- Beetle life cycle
- Economic impacts of infestation
- Climatic impacts on infestations



Plant Health Spread of Emerald Ash Borer Centre

All satellite populations detected before 2010

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Great Lakes infestation 2010 – 2020

Estimate a basic rate from detection data

Use data to estimate spread rate.





Growth of Emerald Ash Borer



Including life cycle data makes models more realistic





Data sources available for models

















Model Transplant?

Not straight forward

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Review progress

We found modelling articles for high priority species:

- 78 articles on Eurasian spruce bark beetle *lps typographus*
- 66 articles on Emerald ash borer (EAB) -- Agrilus planipennis
- 1 article on Great spruce bark beetle *Dendroctonus micans*
- 0 articles were on Bronze birch borer Agrilus anxius

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