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PEST ALERT

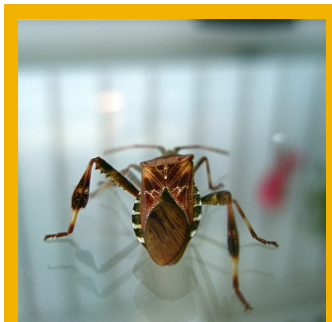
BANNOCK, BINGHAM, BONNEVILLE, CASSIA, FREMONT, JEFFERSON, AND MADISON COUNTIES

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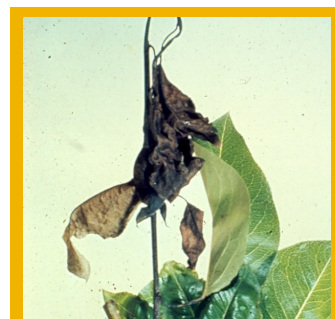
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CODLING MOTH

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Spring Bulbs

By Ron Patterson, Extension Educator

Spring bulbs don't just show up in the spring, they are the product of forward-thinking people. Now is the time to plant spring bulbs. They need time to establish their roots and the soil temperatures to cool.



Select high quality bulbs. Look for large bulbs that have the covering on them and are free of damage or disease. Avoid bulbs with mold, gouges and cracks.

Plant deep. Bury them at least twice as deep as the bulb is round. For tulips this will be at least six inches to the bottom of the hole. Crocus don't need to be as deep.

Plant in groupings. Rows are not as impressive as grouped bulbs. An easy way to plant the bulbs is to dig out the area you want to plant to the desire depth,

place the bulbs in the area and cover them all up again. They can be planted almost touching. This will provide a very nice "pop" of spring color.

Water. They only need to be watered in once after planting—whether in the ground or in pots.

Potted bulbs can be kept in the garage until they begin to poke out of the soil in the spring. At this point garage-stored bulbs can be watered again.

Do some prior preparation for a spring surprise.



Winter Grass Molds

If you have had problems with winter molds on your lawn in past years— the white powdery or flaky stuff that appears on your grass once the snow melts, there are things you can do now to prevent it from happening again this year. For more information:

<https://extension.usu.edu/pests/research/diseases-turf>

https://digitalcommons.usu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1950&context=extension_curall

Western Conifer Seed Bug

By Ron Patterson, Extension Educator

I've had the Western Conifer Seed Bug (*Leptoglossus occidentalis*) brought into the office a couple of times this fall. It is not really a pest, more of a nuisance. You may find them trying to invade your home this time of year.

The nymphs and adults feed mostly on seeds of conifers, preferring Douglas fir. Damage to the needles is insignificant.

There are two features that help to identify this true bug. The lower rear leg has a flattened tibia that makes it resemble a leaf blade (they are in the leaf-footed group). To distinguish it from other leaf-footed bugs



there is a zigzag line across its body about halfway down its back.

Photo: Ron Patterson

If they are bothering you, the best thing to do is improve the seals around your windows and doors and put them back outside when they come to visit. A vacuum cleaner can help pick them up. You probably don't want to smash them as they do produce an offensive odor.

Photo: Boris Latimer



Fire Blight

At this point, prune out any new fire blight strikes as they happen. Don't wait until fall or wintertime.

Remember to disinfect your tools between each cut.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 27 IDAHO HOME GARDEN TIPS

FALL LAWN CARE

RON PATTERSON, EXTENSION EDUCATOR

7:30 PM PLANT TALK

OCTOBER 11 IDAHO HOME GARDEN TIPS

DIVIDING PERENNIALS

OCTOBER 25 IDAHO HOME GARDEN TIPSWINTER PROTECTIONS OF ROSES,
GRAPES, CANE BERRIES ETC.BRACKEN HENDERSON, EXTENSION
EDUCATOR

7:30 PM PLANT TALK

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

BEGINNING AFTER THANKSGIVING FOR 2023

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DOING THE MASTER
GARDENER CLASSES AND/OR PROGRAM EMAILLENA, LALLEN@UIDAHO.EDU, FOR MORE
INFORMATION!!

PHOTO OF THE WEEK: Photo credit: Lena Allen

PHOTO OF THE WEEK:

This is a camas lily. The camas lily is a spring bulb that's native to Idaho! In fact, you can head to Camas County in late spring to the Camas Prairie Centennial Marsh to see a whole meadow blooming with the blue purple flowers. It's a sight you have to see! The birds at the refuge there also usually have their brand new chicks running around while the lilies are blooming. You could also consider planting this native flower in your own back yard for unique spring color.

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