

Interception of Cicadellidae, *Typhlocyinae sp.* with a Shipment of *Chrysanthemum sp.* from Colombia



According to the Smithsonian Specialist, Stuart McKamey" *Typhlocyinae sp.* ", this particular species is regarded as undescribed. Typhlocyinae is a subfamily within Cicadellidae. The subfamily includes major pests such as the potato leafhopper (*Empoasca fabae* Harris), white apple leafhopper (*Typhlocyba pomaria* McAtee), grape leafhopper (*Erythroneura comis* Say) and related species (Blame 2007). This find represents the first record of this species nationwide. Many species within this subfamily are considered highly host -specific to species of woody and herbaceous plants. In some cases, the plant pathogens distributed by leafhoppers are also pathogens of the insects themselves, and can replicate within the leafhoppers' salivary glands. Leafhoppers are also susceptible to various insect pathogens, including dicistroviridae viruses, bacteria and fungi.