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November - Monthly Newsletter

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>>> Roses: Before Winter

Roses may not be fully dormant yet, but now is the perfect time to give them a little attention before the deep freeze sets in. By trimming taller roses back by roughly a third, you can prevent storm damage through winter. A light trim keeps branches from snapping and makes major February pruning much easier when they are fully dormant.

Tips For Fall Care:

- Clean up fallen leaves to prevent fungal diseases
- Mulch 2-3" around the base to insulate roots
- Hold off on fertilizing as new growth will be especially tender.

With a little prep now, your roses will reward you in spring!



Cassia bicapsularis up close

Cassia bicapsularis

(Also known as the Butterfly Bush)

If your garden could use some sunshine this fall, Cassia will bring a burst of golden color to fall and early winter landscapes. Whether grown as a shrub or small tree, this tropical beauty lives up to its nickname, its bright yellow blooms attract butterflies and light up the garden just as many blooms are beginning to fade.

With a naturally slender growth habit, Cassia will stand between 6 to 12 feet tall, its stems will begin cascading once in full bloom. They are highly adaptable to pruning and shaping. If you are wanting a more compact bushy shape, be sure to prune your Cassia late winter, early spring for more compact blooms. Alternatively, they can also be trained into a specimen tree by removing most of the stems, leaving only two to four central leaders, creating a look ideal for focal points in the garden.

Beware of frost!

Cassia is not a fan of freezing temperatures; they thrive in warm climates. While they can tolerate a light frost, a hard freeze can kill main stems, and the plant will dieback to the ground. However, if the roots remain intact and damaged stems are removed, Cassia will begin to sprout profusely from the ground by spring.



Cassia bicapsularis in bloom

A New Threat

Two Spotted Cotton Leafhopper (Cotton Jassid)

There's a new pest in town, and it's bad news for growers. The Two Spotted Leafhopper has been detected in parts of the Southeast, including South Carolina and Texas, raising serious concerns for the country's cotton industry and ornamental plants alike.

These tiny but mighty insects are invasive and will reproduce quickly, capable of destroying 50% of an infested field. Feeding on the undersides of leaves, they can turn a healthy crop into a total loss within two weeks.

Originally, infestations were linked to nursery shipments and row crops. While they pose no direct threat to animals or humans, their impact on plants is devastating. Both adults and nymphs feed on plant sap. Injecting toxins that cause a distinct injury called 'Hopper Burn'.

How to recognize:

- Yellowing at leaf tips and edges
- Upward curling of leaves
- Reddish brown discoloration
- Eventual leaf death (necrosis)

Why does this matter?

Beyond direct crop damage, these widespread reports may affect shipping regulations for plant material entering outside states, so growers and suppliers should stay alert and inspect incoming plant material carefully.

Early detection is always the best defense.

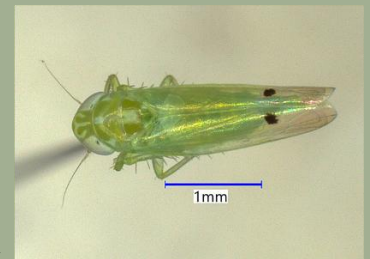
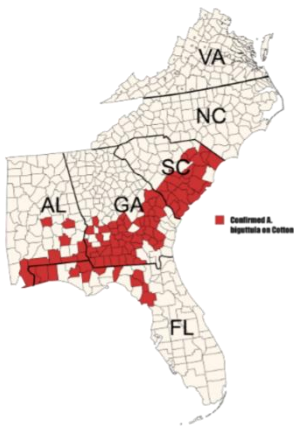


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Counties where Cotton Jassid have been confirmed



>>> Timeline on the spread of Cotton Jassid:

April 23' - First sighting in Puerto Rico at a plant nursery feeding on cotton. This is the *1st detection* of them in the Western Hemisphere.

May 23' - Sighting on eggplant and wild growing cotton in Puerto Rico.

November 24' - First sighting in Florida. This is the *1st detection* in the U.S.

September 25' - Reported sightings in over 40 counties in Florida

July 25' - First sighting in Georgia on Okra

August 25' - First sighting in South Carolina. Multiple farms with Okra, eggplant, and sunflowers. Seen throughout the lower half of South Carolina.

26th August 25' - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension reported on Hibiscus from Costa Rica being sold at retail stores like Home Depot and Lowes.

28th August 25' - TDA (Texas Department of Agriculture) does blitz market inspections on retail stores

8th September 25' - TDA released a report on immediate action in the detection on the Cotton Jassid



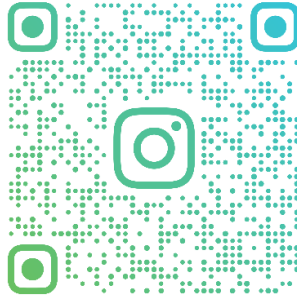
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Camellia

Q: Why are my Camellia buds dropping before they open?

A: Camellias are known for their southern charm, they come in a variety of colors and sizes, making them a wonderful choice for winter gardens, but when buds drop early, it is often a sign of stress. If your plant produces more buds than it can support, it may shed some before opening.

If buds are dropping consistently, it may be time to look at other potential causes:

- Cold snaps during bud development
- Inconsistent watering or overly dry soil
- Improper placement

Tip: Keep your soil evenly moist, protect from frost, and avoid transplanting if buds are forming. (Sasanqua prefer more sun, while Japonica prefer shade)

November in the Garden

As leaves fall, your garden chores don't stop, they just shift gears. Cooler soil temperatures make November one of the best months for planting, giving roots time to settle in before the deep freeze.

Reminder: Many pollinators overwinter in leaf litter or hollow stems. Leave some debris undisturbed to support beneficial insects!

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What is in Bloom?

Snapdragon- Thrive in cooler weather and come in a variety of colors.

Pansy- Hardy and vibrant, perfect for beds or containers.

Camellia- Winter bloomer that bring southern charm

Holly- Evergreen with festive berries (just in time for the holidays!)



Snapdragon in Bloom



Fatsia Japonica