



Black Fig Fly (*Silba adipata*) New Invasive Pest in California



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Identification, Life Cycle and Damage



Females deposit eggs into the eye of green/unripe figs



Developing larvae feed internally on the fruit, leaving a distinct feeding trail



Larvae exit fruit and pupate in the soil, leaving a small hole (1 mm)

Monitoring and Management in the Garden



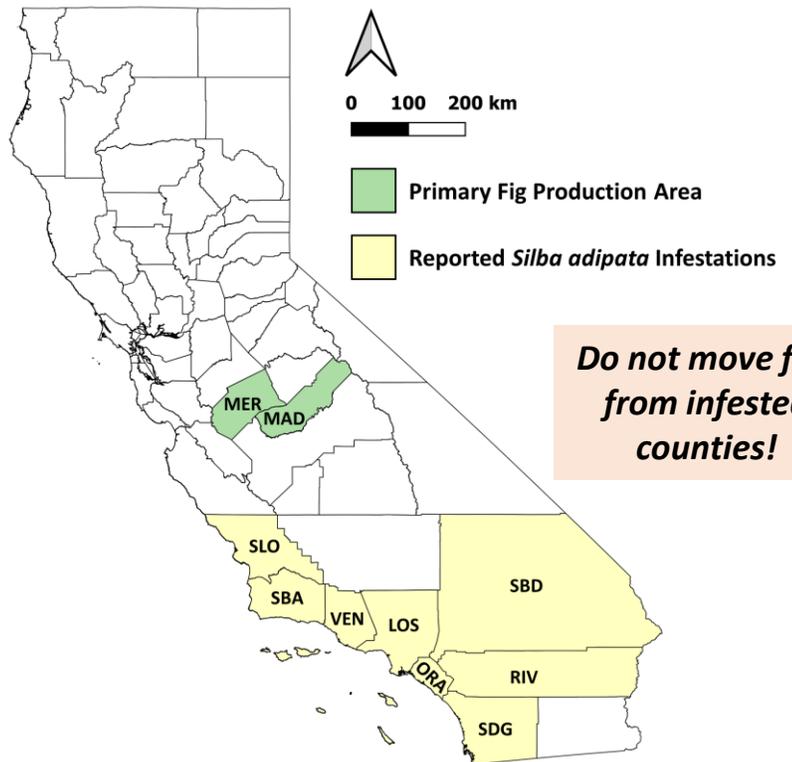
Monitor populations using a McPhail-type trap baited with torula yeast



Infested fruit will prematurely drop from the tree. Make sure to remove and destroy all infested fruits



Small mesh bags can be used to protect individual fruits



Do not move figs from infested counties!

Reporting the Pest

If you find infested fruit or suspect that black fig fly may be attacking fruits in your orchard or yard, please contact your local UCCE Farm Advisor and County Agricultural Commissioner. You can also report this pest to CDFA's Pest Hotline: 1-800-491-1899 (<https://www.cdфа.ca.gov/plant/reportapest/>)

