

BOXWOOD PSYLLID

(Psylla buxi)

These small, grey, sucking insects cause cupping on terminal leaves, and slowing of twig growth. Foliage becomes covered with honeydew and sooty mould, giving the plant a dirty appearance. Adults are about 3 mm long, greyish-green and winged; nymphs are wingless, flat and covered with a white, cottony excretion. Nymphs emerge from eggs in spring, becoming adults by May or June.



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