

The bronze bug *Thaumastocoris peregrinus*: a new insect recorded in Italy, damaging to *Eucalyptus* trees

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Abstract

The bronze bug *Thaumastocoris peregrinus* Carpintero et Dellape (Heteroptera Thaumastocoridae) is reported for the first time from Italy infesting *Eucalyptus* spp. in several urban and rural sites of the Latium region. The host plants are very common in Italy as ornamental and forest trees. This is the first record of a member of the family Thaumastocoridae from Europe and the Mediterranean region. Preliminary observations on general biological aspects and distribution of *T. peregrinus* have been conducted.

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