

HACKBERRY BUDGALL PSYLLID—*Pachypsylla celtidisgemma*; HACKBERRY PETIOLEGALL PSYLLID—*P. venusta*

HOST: Hackberry

IDENTIFICATION, LIFE CYCLE, AND DAMAGE: Adults of these psyllids are similar in appearance to the hackberry nipplegall maker. Budgalls are small, round, multi-celled deformities of the bud. Petiolegalls are large deformities of the base of a leaf and/or leafstalk.

Nymphs overwinter inside the galls. Adults appear in late June and lay eggs on young leaves. Nymphs feed on newly formed buds, leaves, or leafstalks throughout the summer and cause the formation of galls around them.

Damage is generally not severe because some buds usually escape infestation. However, damage is unsightly because the galls become woody and persist after leaf drop, sometimes for several years.

CONTROL: Control is usually not needed. No insecticide is currently registered for this insect. Contact your local extension service for more information.



Galls of hackberry budgall psyllid