



# SCALE INSECTS

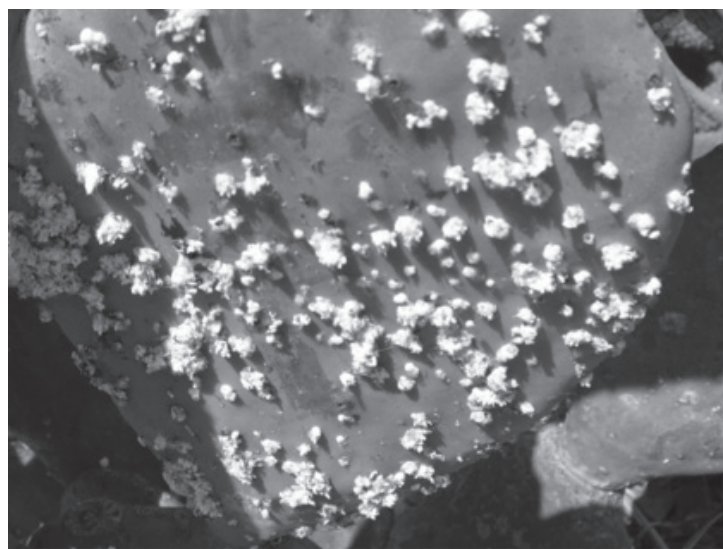
Scale insects are divided into two basic categories- soft scales and hard, or armored, scales. Soft scales produce a soft, thin, cottony, powdery, or waxy covering that cannot be separated from their body. They also produce a lot of honeydew (a sweet, sticky substance excreted by some insects). Hard scales produce a hard, shield-like covering made of shed skins and wax that conceals their body but is not attached to the body.



*Hard Scale*

Scale insects lay eggs which hatch into crawlers. Eggs are usually hidden under the female's body, but some may be placed under a cottony or waxy covering secreted by the female. The first instar is called a "crawler" because when they emerge from the egg, they move around on the plant to locate a place to settle down and feed. Crawlers may be transported to other plants by wind, people, or animals such as birds. After they choose their spot, the insects typically do not move for the rest of their life.

Scale insects cause damage to plants by puncturing and removing plant juices via their piercing-sucking mouthparts. This can lead to



*Soft Scale*

yellowing, wilting, leaf drop, or sometimes killing sections of the plant. Soft scales produce honeydew which can lead to growth of a black fungus called sooty mold that can further stress your plant. Depending on the type of scale, they may be found on foliage, stems, or even roots of the plant.

#### **Tips for managing scale insects:**

- Prune sections that contain scales from the plant and discard in sealed bags.
- Try spraying the plant with a high pressure water spray to knock the insects from the plant.
- Try treating the plant with insecticidal soap or horticultural oil.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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# WHAT'S LIVING IN MY CHIMNEY?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



If you're hearing twittering followed by rapid, high-pitched chirps in your fireplace, you've got Chimney Swifts but before you call an exterminator to have them removed, it's important to know that the birds have the law on their side. They are protected by federal law under the Migratory Bird Treaty

Act. It is illegal to remove or disturb their nests, eggs or young during the breeding season. Any knowledgeable, respected exterminating company won't touch them. Once the babies are old enough to chirp, they'll only be around for a couple of weeks before they leave the nest so hang in there and leave them alone. They cause little to no damage.

Sadly, according to the North American Breeding Bird Survey, Chimney Swift populations have decreased by 72% since 1966. Their favorite nesting places are old hollow trees and masonry chimneys. With urban sprawl many of the trees are being removed and newer homes and buildings are being constructed without fireplaces. If fireplaces are being built, newer materials such as metal liners are being used making it impossible for the Swifts to cling to the sides.

Once a nesting site has been found, Mom and Dad Swift construct

a half saucer-shaped nest made of twigs. The twigs are held together by glue-like saliva from a gland under the bird's tongue. The nest is "glued" to the side of the chimney.

Chimney Swifts fly almost constantly except when roosting overnight and nesting. They even bathe while flying. They fly down to the water, hit the surface with their body, bounce up and shake off the water. When it is time to rest, they don't sit on perches. They have long claws that cling to textured walls and other textured vertical surfaces such as the walls of your chimney.

Swifts are very beneficial. They gobble up thousands of mosquitoes, flies and other insects while in flight. Two parents along with their nestlings will consume up to 12,000 flying insects every day.

Come fall the birds migrate back to the Amazon River Basin.

Chimney Swifts are admitted to TWRC Wildlife Center every year. As part of our mission, we want to educate the public to the laws regarding this species as well as many other migratory species. If you have Chimney Swifts in your chimney, please leave them alone and don't risk the fines and possible jail time associated with disturbing them. If you have questions, please give us a call at 713-468-8972 or check our website at [www.twrcwildlifecenter.org](http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org).

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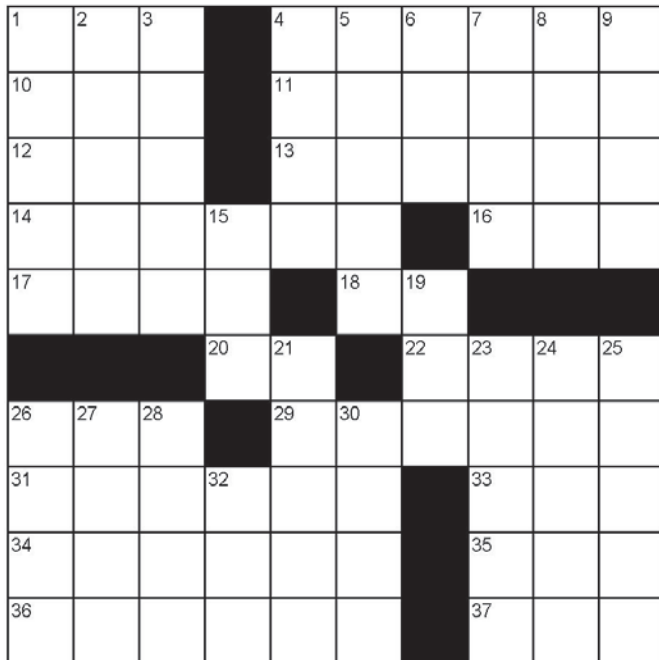
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### ACROSS

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11. Hide (2 wds.)
12. Rowing tool
13. City in the former USSR
14. Incomparable
16. Supersonic transport
17. Meat alternative
18. "\_\_\_ Mice and Men"
20. Cincinnati locale
22. Stretched car
26. Dined
29. Entertained
31. Delete
33. Type of partnership
34. Musical speeds
35. Elver
36. Seize
37. Sample

### DOWN

1. Regarding
2. Lotto
3. Character part
4. Thousand (abbr.)
5. Cowboy show
6. Bullfight cheer
7. Dining hall
8. Domestic cat
9. Lovers quarrel
15. Status \_\_\_
19. Respiratory disease
21. Trouble
23. Small island
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"Men often forego yearly physical exams, but early detection is key to avoiding many of the diseases that affect our mortality and quality of life. Sometimes, all it takes is a simple discussion of prevention and treatment of illnesses like heart disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes with a family doctor for people to get on a better health track," says Adan Alvarez, M.D., a family medicine physician with Memorial Hermann Medical Group Copperfield.

Dr. Alvarez emphasizes the importance of basic screening and patient education to help patients prevent more serious interventions down the line.

"If you're seeing your physician annually, you'll be more involved with tracking your overall health—simple things

such as changes in your blood pressure and weight are good indicators. Monitoring risk factors, getting appropriate lab work, and making lifestyle modifications now will go a long way and may spare you the need for medications or even surgery down the line," says Dr. Alvarez.

Family medicine physicians with Memorial Hermann Medical Group treat patients of all ages for a variety of conditions, including routine physicals, chronic disease management, and immunization. All clinics are staffed by board-certified physicians and offer X-ray and lab services on-site.

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# HISTORY OF AMERICAN FLAG.

*For more than 200 years, the American flag has been the symbol of our nation's strength and unity. It's been a source of pride and inspiration for millions of citizens. And the American Flag has been a prominent icon in our national history. Here are the highlights of its unique past.*

On January 1, 1776, the Continental Army was reorganized in accordance with a Congressional resolution which placed American forces under George Washington's control. On that New Year's Day the Continental Army was laying siege to Boston which had been taken over by the British Army. Washington ordered the Grand Union flag hoisted above his base at Prospect Hill. It had 13 alternate red and white stripes and the British Union Jack in the upper left-hand corner (the canton).

In May of 1776, Betsy Ross reported that she sewed the first American flag.

On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

Between 1777 and 1960, Congress passed several acts that changed the shape, design and arrangement of the flag and allowed for additional stars and stripes to be added to reflect the admission of each new state.

- Act of January 13, 1794 – provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.

- Act of April 4, 1818 – provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state, signed by President Monroe.

- Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912 – established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.

- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated January 3, 1959 – provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.

- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated August 21, 1959 – provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically.

Today the flag consists of thirteen horizontal stripes, seven red alternating with 6 white. The stripes represent the original 13 colonies, the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic as well: Red symbolizes Hardiness and Valor, White symbolizes Purity and Innocence and Blue represents Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice.

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