

Step into our Time machine and dial it back to June 11, 2004 Cicada Watch:

Mark Schlossberg, ProLawn Plus, reported flagging on red oak in Owings Mills and hundreds of cicadas on boxwood in Baltimore City. Flagging is becoming noticeable on Dawn Redwood in Ellicott City.

Reported from the University of Maryland Home and Garden Information Center: We have observed or received in emails from clientele reporting cicadas feeding and ovipositing on a large number of woody plants including: lilac, Viburnum, Rhododendron, azalea, Kerria, holly, rose, Japanese barberry, spicebush, rose of sharon, blueberry, Forsythia, Arborvitae, bald cypress, dawn redwood, and even Leyland cypress (very little damage). We have also received reports and personal observations of them ovipositing on herbaceous plants including zinnia, strawflower, goldenrod, Delphinium and various weeds including annual fleabane. In Pennsylvania, they even seem to enjoy asparagus. Apparently no one told the cicadas that they were only supposed to oviposit on shade trees! Oaks and redbuds are frequently damaged by the female cicadas laying eggs into the stems. Large trees appear to recuperate later in the season.