# Know your pests: Foliage-feeding insects and mites Richard S. Cowles

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#### **Overview**

Spruce spider mite
Hemlock rust mite
Elongate hemlock / cryptomeria scales







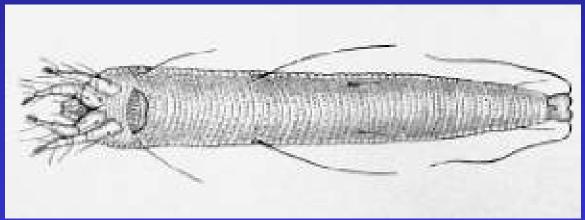
#### Many selective miticides are available

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Savey DF *
Avid 0.15 EC
Floramite SC or WP = Apollo *
Tetrasan = Zeal *
Horticultural oil
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Eriophyids = rust mites

Overwinter as eggs
Active in cold weather
Different spectrum
of miticides active



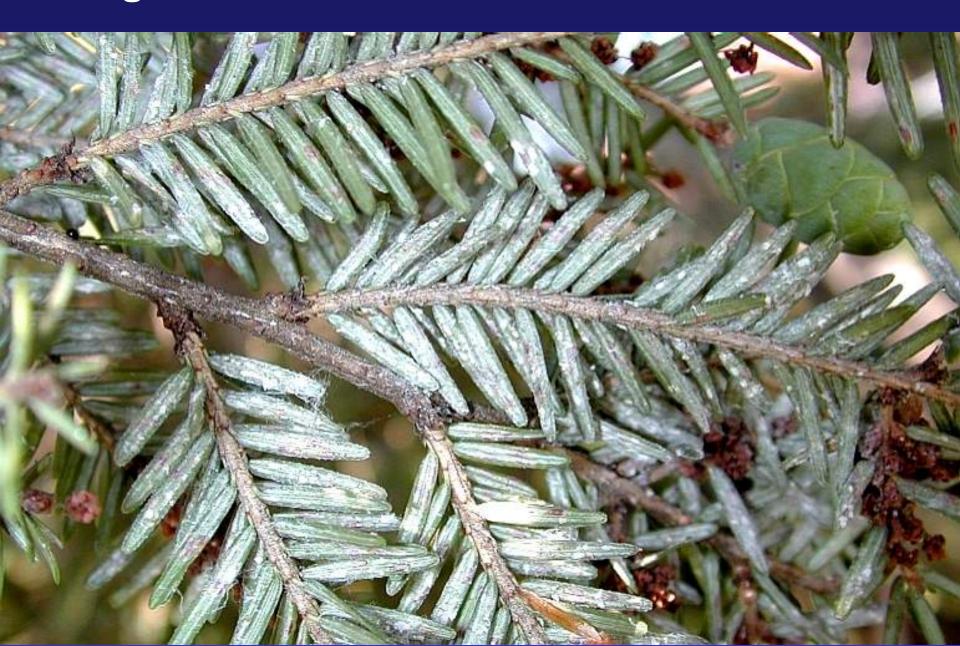
**Envidor 2SC Forbid 4F** 

Dimethoate Sulfur Sevin



Elongate Hemlock Scale = Fiorinia externa

## Elongate hemlock scale



Male elongate hemlock scales produce fluffy white wool that rubs off onto surrounding foliage.

Growers sometimes think that trees have adelgids, because of the wool.

Wool production makes an easy method to determine whether scales are alive (winter assessments).





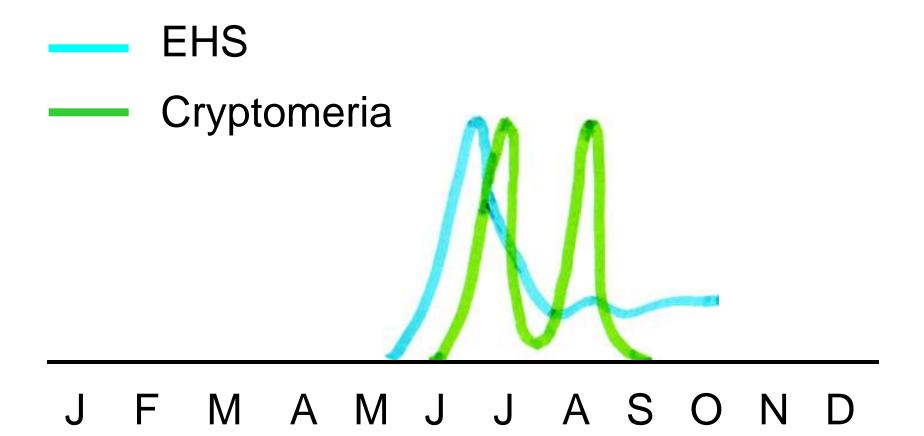








#### Life cycles, activity of crawlers



#### **Scale predator**

# Twice-stabbed lady beetle Chilocorus spp.





Photos: Jillian Cowles

### Other predators

Cybocephalus nipponicus















Encarsia citrina, armored scale parasite







#### Conclusions

Oil does not always provide satisfactory control

Onyx Pro (Biflex) or Safari are effective in a single crawler spray, timing should be 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June

Use a crawler trap to precisely time spray

Mist blower technology or systemic may be required



#### Scale management options

Buy clean nursery stock (not from PA?)
Inspect nursery stock for scale
Eradicate scale during planting year
Clear-cut blocks before replanting
Reduce nitrogen fertilization