THE TROPICAL BEDBUG ESTABLISHED IN FLORIDA

Since 1938 the tropical bedbug, *Cimex hemipterus*, has been collected in human habitations in several widely separated localities in Florida by students studying entomology at the University of Florida, indicating that this species has become established and is widely distributed in the state.

The identity of this species was tentatively confirmed by George M. List of Colorado State College in 1940 and specifically confirmed recently by R. I. Sailer of the National Museum.

Records of collections indicating the distribution and establishment of this species are as follows:

Gainesville, March 1938. All stages were collected in a student’s room by F. J. Bartlett.

Largo, April 1939. All stages were taken in the house of a negro by Kelsey Privett.

Lakeland, December 1939. Immature and adults were taken by George Dillard.

Rochelle, December 1939. Adults were taken by Wallace Dekle.

Sarasota, June 1940. Adults were taken by Norman Hayslip.

Gainesville, December 1942. Adults were taken by H. C. DuBose.

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