Bronze bug

Insect name: Bronze bug

Causal agents: Thaumastocoris peregrinus

Trees affected: Eucalyptus spp.

Feeding: Sap-sucker

Symptoms: Yellowing and early senescence of leaves; stunted growth; active

small bugs (2-5 mm) and small black eggs (singly and in clusters) on leaves and stems; discomfort and irritation on skin when in contact

with bugs



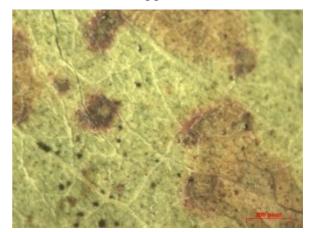
Adults



Minor damage on leaf



Eggs



Close-up of damage on leaf



Infestation on eucalypts



Very severe infestation on eucalypts