

Problem: Oak Gall Midge (Contarinina spp.)



Hosts: Pin Oak

Description: The adults lay eggs in the flower bracts of pin oaks. The tiny larvae hatch and feed on the flowers and may crawl to the leaves. Leaves remain undamaged and the larvae drop from oaks in April to pupate in the soil. People often describe these larvae as "raining" from the tree. There is one generation per year.

Recommendations: No damage occurs and controls are unnecessary.

Reference:

1. [Raining Maggots](#), Buckeye Yard and Garden onLine, May 1, 2008
2. [Oak Gall Midges](#), Texas A&M, AgriLIFE Extension, Insects in the City

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