

Auckland City of Incursions: Where the show never stops

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Not surprisingly for a large city, Auckland features significantly as a locality for records of New to New Zealand organisms. Auckland's airport and sea port process large volumes of passenger and commodity traffic, there is a high density of facilities receiving containerised imports, it is home to the International Mail Centre and numerous private vessels arrive from Australia, neighbouring Pacific islands and further afield. In the last 32 years there have been approximately 170 new insect records reported to the Ministry, 94 (55%) from Auckland. This is an average of three per year. This presentation reviews an historical selection of these insect incursions, discusses similarities and lessons learnt.

