



UCCE Master Gardener's of Glenn County Newsgram

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House Plants

UC IPM has published a new pest note about house plant problems. We have had a few questions about house plants at the plant clinic this pest note should help us in the plant clinic answer questions. The pest note states “Decline in houseplant health is most commonly associated with improper watering (too much or too little water provided), improper fertilization amounts, root diseases, poor sanitation, and adverse environmental conditions, such as low light intensity or low relative humidity”.

Visit the UC IPM website to see the pest note.



Praying mantid in a butterfly bush. Out of camera shot is a bee.

Praying mantids

Praying mantid adults are 2 to 4 inches (5-10 cm) long and are usually yellowish, green, or brown. Mantids have incomplete metamorphosis and one generation per year. Overwintering eggs are laid in groups in hard, grayish egg cases which are glued to wood, bark, or other plant material. Adults and immatures have an elongated thorax and grasping forelegs, which they have the habit of holding up while waiting for prey. Mantids are wholly predaceous, feeding on many kinds of insects including beneficial insects and other mantids. They often wait for prey at flowers where they capture nectar- and pollen-feeding insects. Mantids grasp their prey with spined front legs and hold them while they eat. As mantids consume both pests and beneficials, they are difficult to use reliably for biological control. Above information from UCIPM.



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Master Gardener Business

Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting will be on November 4 at 1:00. The meeting will be outside in the Demo Garden at the UCCE Office in Orland. Bring a lawn chair.

UCCE Office Status

Due to Glenn County being on the State's Monitoring List the UCCE office is in Stage 1 remote work status. The office is closed to the public but the public can contact the offices by phone or email. Master Gardeners should not be going into the office. Work in the demonstration can be done but it is limited to one employee at a time in the garden.

Statewide Conference

The Statewide Conference has been postponed again.

Save-the-Date:

UC Master Gardener Conference

Oct. 2 - Oct 6, 2023



This photo is from Sycamore Park in Willows. The sprinklers that water the grass are located behind the tree. The placement of the tree results in the irrigation water hitting the tree, it creates this elongated patch of dry grass that does not get watered.

It is also not good for the tree. Water hitting the trunk runs down and collects on the ground next to the root collar which should remain dry during irrigation. This can cause root rot.

