Herbivore2Damage



A tool for studying invertebrates that eat plants







Introduction

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Scope of the document:

BugWise Herbivore2Damage has been prepared by Australian Museum staff who work on invertebrate behaviour, taxonomy and ecology. The method's underlying assumption is that the amount and different 'signs' left by invertebrates that eat plants are closely linked to the abundance and diversity of the herbivorous invertebrates that made those signs. Herbivore2Damage has been designed so that:

- (1) users do not need an expert knowledge of invertebrate taxonomy;
- (2) specialised equipment is not required; and
- (3) it is a cost effective way of surveying damage by invertebrates.

Herbivore2Damage can be easily modified and applied to meet any number of project objectives and/or educational aims.

If you wish to comment on Herbivore2Damage, please visit our site at <u>www.australianmuseum.net.au /bugwise</u>

On the website, you will also find more information about herbivores and their role in the environment. Information on other invertebrates can also be found via links on the BugWise page.

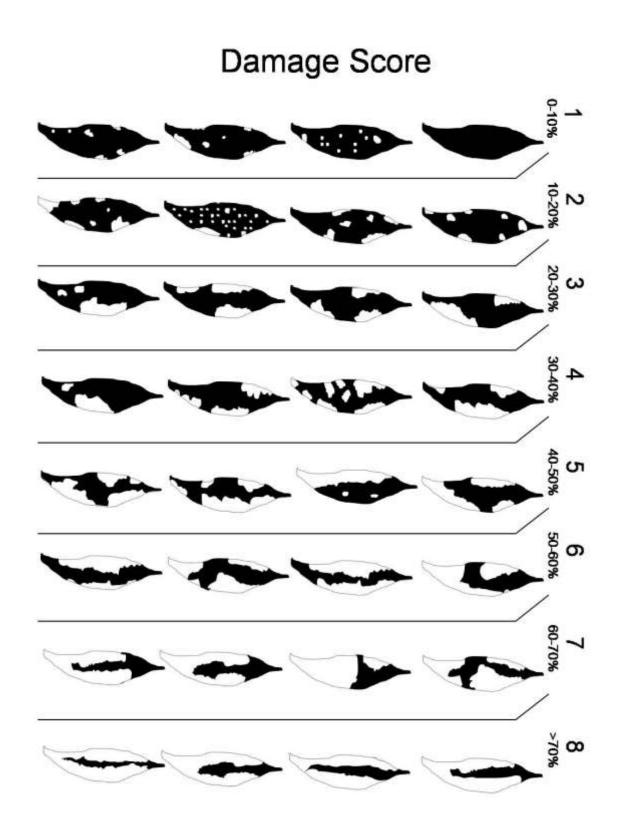
Happy Hunting!

The BugWise Team















Types of plant eaters and their signs -Chewers



cutters



grazers



miners



skeletonisers







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Types of plant eaters and their signs -Suckers





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