

UK pest status report for *Ripersiella hibisci*

Field	Detail
Pest species name	<i>Ripersiella hibisci</i> (Kawai & Takagi,1971)
Pest taxon (order, family)	Insecta: Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae
Synonyms	<i>Rhizoecus hibisci</i> : Kawai & Takagi,1971
Pest common name	Hibiscus root scale
Regulatory status	Great Britain: Regulated quarantine pest Northern Ireland: Regulated quarantine pest
Pest status in UK (as per ISPM 8¹)	Absent: pest not recorded No interception records
Global distribution	North America: Puerto Rico; United States of America (Florida; Hawaii). Asia: China; Japan; Taiwan. Europe: Denmark; France; Germany; Italy; Spain; Switzerland
Main hosts	<i>Cuphea hyssopifolia</i> , <i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> , <i>Pelargonium x hortorum</i> , <i>Phoenix canariensis</i> , <i>Serissa foetida</i> , but other hosts include: <i>Areca</i> ; <i>Calathea</i> ; <i>Callistemon</i> ; <i>Camellia sinensis</i> ; <i>Carex</i> ; <i>Caryota mitis</i> ; <i>Celtis</i> ; <i>Chamaedorea seifrizii</i> ; <i>Chamaerops humilis</i> ; <i>Crassula</i> ; <i>Crinum asiaticum</i> ; <i>Cryptanthus</i> ; <i>Dichorisandra thyrsiflora</i> ; <i>Dieffenbachia</i> ; <i>Dieffenbachia maculate</i> ; <i>Ficus benjamina</i> ; <i>Goeppertia makoyana</i> ; <i>Hakonechloa macra</i> ; <i>Howea forsteriana</i> ; <i>Hydriastele</i> ; <i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i> ; <i>Melaleuca citrina</i> ; <i>Nerium oleander</i> ; <i>Phoenix roebelenii</i> ; <i>Punica granatum</i> ; <i>Ravenea rivularis</i> ; <i>Rhapis</i> ; <i>Rhapis excelsa</i> <i>Rhododendron</i> ; <i>Sabal</i> ; <i>Sageretia thea</i> ; <i>Serissa foetida</i> ; <i>Trachycarpus fortune</i> ; <i>Ulmus</i> ; <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> <i>Zelkova serrata</i>
Likelihood for establishment in UK	Likely, but only in botanical gardens or other specialist collections
Website(s)	https://scalenet.info/catalogue/Ripersiella%20hibisci/

<https://gd.eppo.int/taxon/RHIOHI>

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R2285>

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2020/9780348213706/schedule/1>

<https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/pests-and-diseases/uk-plant-health-risk-register/viewPestRisks.cfm?csIref=18156>

References

¹ International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) 8 Determination of pest status in an area: <https://www.fao.org/3/x2968e/x2968e.pdf>