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IPM Popillia

Integrated Pest Management of Japanese Beetle

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The **IPM-Popillia project** involves the Biotechnology Center of Azores (CBA) and other 11 European partners, that aim to address the challenge of a new risk to plant health in Europe, the invasion of the Japanese beetle, *Popillia japonica*.

This pest was introduced accidentally in the Azores in 1970 and to mainland Europe in 2014 (EPPO 2014) and can easily spread in the course of trade and the movement of goods and people.

While it **does not harm humans** or animals, this insect has the potential to greatly impact the entire agricultural sector, urban landscapes, and biodiversity in invaded areas.

Adults of *Popillia japonica* can be found during the hottest periods of the day in the summer months in the leaves of plants especially in *Rubus*.



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