Plum Fruit Moth (PFM) Grapholita funebrana



Identification on pheromone traps

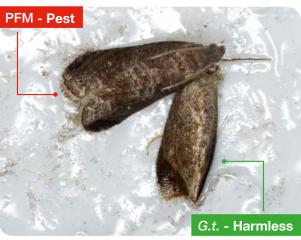
More non-target species appear on plum fruit moth traps than for most other moth traps. The most common contaminant species is *Grapholita tenebrosana (G.t.)*. Although it is harmless, it looks very similar to PFM and is frequently wrongly recorded. Several other species are also regularly found on PFM traps.



On a sticky base correct identification is difficult but the main features of PFM and G.t. are illustrated below:

PFM:

- Usually slightly larger, but size does vary
- Usually grey/brown
 in colour
- Has an indistinct darker cross band
 ²/₃ down the back
- Has more rounded end to wings



G.t.:

- Most common in early catches
- Slightly smaller
- Uniform brown or grey/brown in colour
- From above the end of the wings make a 'v' shape

Some other common contaminants are shown below - PFM are ringed in RED:





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