

CHRYSOMELLID ATTACK ON EUCALYPTUS LEHMANNII, HAMEL.

Bald Island Marlock

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It is of interest to record an attack of a common chrysomellid beetle, (Paropses sp.), (to be confirmed), on small trees of Eucalyptus lehmannii at the Hamel forest settlement.

The infestation was first observed on the 23rd. February, 1965. Trees affected range from about 2' - 4' tall and are about 12 months old.

The attack is typical of the leaf eating insects, leaves being eaten around the edges in irregular fashion.

Size of the insects found was about $3/16$ " x $1/4$ " and are typically hemispherical in the elevation view. Colour is a pale yellow with orange tints overlying the background colour.

CONTROL:

Recommended control is 1% D.D.T. solution in repeated dosages if necessary to clean up the infestation (W.A. Agriculture Dept. recommendation).

It has been observed that Blue Cross Dieldrin dust is also rapidly effective against them.

Other occurrences would be of interest if anyone has spotted them, as this is a species of which large quantities are being sold as seedlings particularly in the Esperance area.
