

CONIFER SAWFLIES

Neodiprion spp.

- Natural range -** Conifer forests of North America, Europe, Asia
- Species affected -** Pines, spruce
- Type of damage -** Colonies of larvae feed on foliage. Large numbers of larvae can strip trees.
- Importance -** Several species are important pests of young trees, others are pests of mature trees.
- Remarks -** These insects, which resemble caterpillars in the larval stage, are actually members of the bee and wasp family. They can, on occasion be pests of ornamental trees.



Left – Defoliation on ponderosa pine by pine sawflies
Upper right – Colony of pine sawflies feeding on pine
Lower right – Individual sawfly larva on ponderosa pine