

Recovery and Distribution of *Anthribus nebulosus*, a Scale Predator Introduced into Virginia in 1981

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ABSTRACT

Anthribus nebulosus Förster (Coleoptera: Anthribidae) is a scale predator native to Eurasia that was imported from Hungary in the 1970s and released in Virginia Beach, Virginia, in 1981 as a potential biological control against soft scale insects. First recovery of *A. nebulosus* in Virginia Beach occurred in 2010, 29 years after release. Subsequent surveys of soft-scale infested oaks over a 3-year period indicated that *A. nebulosus* had spread up to 32 km from the initial site in multiple cities and directions, but further spread was limited by geographic barriers.

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