

# A Bug's Life

## Fun facts

- Camouflaged when actively feeding
- A bag may have up to 1000 eggs
- Caterpillar disperse by wind
- Female bagworm spends entire life in the bag
- 1 generation per year: Injury June through August



## Identification

Caterpillar: Covered in plant material with head and thoracic legs visible when feeding

Moth: Female is wingless, male is furry, gray moth



# Bagworm

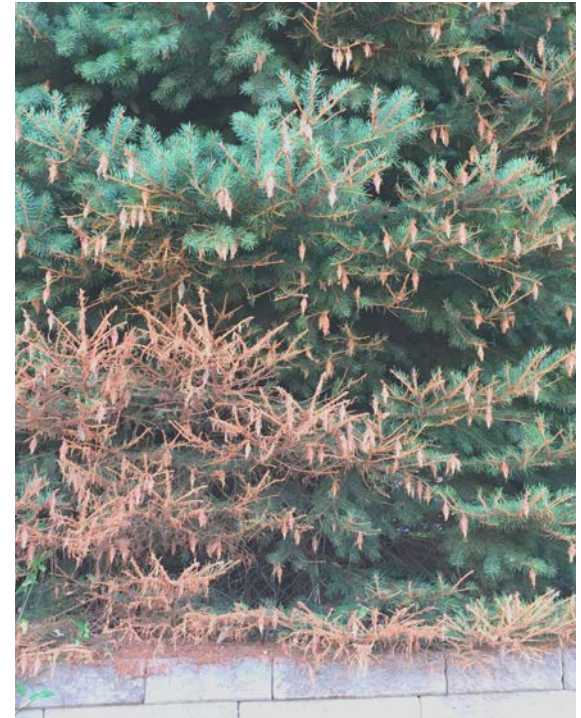
*Thyridopteryx ephemeraeformis*

## Host plants

- Various, but can cause death to evergreens

## Management

- Handpick before end of Oct to May
- Insecticide treatment in June when caterpillars are young



Photos: J. Green