



[Golden Gate Media](#)

San Mateo County, California

Invasive Beetle That Could Decimate Trees Detected in Wealthy Coastside California County

2024-11-08

An invasive beetle known as the invasive shothole borer (ISHB) has been detected in Redwood Shores, Redwood City, marking the first confirmed case in San Mateo County, the Department of Agriculture reports. These tiny beetles, about the size of sesame seeds, are a severe threat, capable of damaging or killing a variety of tree species by introducing a disease-causing fungus.

Previously confined to Southern California, ISHB infestations have now surfaced in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties as well. Local officials are expanding surveys and setting traps to assess the beetle's spread, urging residents to inspect trees for small entry holes, resin, or other signs. Suspected sightings can be reported via the ISHB Detection Assessment or by calling (650) 363-4700.



Invasive Beetle Threatens San Mateo County Trees Photo by County of San Mateo