

# Fruit Flies

## Stakeholder Update #21

**08 November 2019**

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### **Latest Situation**

Biosecurity New Zealand would like to thank all stakeholders and the Northcote community for their continued support during the current baiting operations. The 12-week long spring baiting programme in the Northcote controlled area has been ongoing since 19 August in an effort to kill any fruit flies that may have overwintered. All properties in the controlled area were baited every week according to their proximity to fruit fly finds. Today is the last day of planned baiting activity (8 November).

Although baiting has finished, the Controlled Area Notice in the Northcote area remains in place, which restricts the movement of certain fruits and vegetables. With baiting completed, the focus of the operation remains on intensive trapping and movement controls. As we progress into the warmer months, the response will also be preparing for a range of scenarios.

Trap inspections will continue to be carried out weekly. The last Queensland fruit fly, a single male, was detected on 15 July. This find took the total number of QFF found in the Northcote area to ten, and there has still been no evidence of larvae, pupae, eggs or female flies found.

More information about the Queensland fruit fly and the current response can be found on our website:

<https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/protection-and-response/responding/alerts/fruit-flies/queensland-fruit-fly/>

The Export Restriction Zone also remains in place. More information is available here: [Find out about the ERZ and what it means](#)

### **Movement Controls Reminder**

Just a reminder that the movement controls on home-grown produce remain in place, so please do not move any home-grown whole fruits and vegetables (except for leafy or root vegetables) outside of the wider controlled area boundaries. If you want to take fruit fly host material (such as garden waste) out of the controlled area, you will need a movement permit. More details on movement controls are available on our [website](#).

Application for movement permits is free and can be requested by emailing [MCPermitting@asurequality.com](mailto:MCPermitting@asurequality.com) or by ringing on 0800 80 99 66.

By controlling movement of host materials, Biosecurity New Zealand is controlling the potential spread of any Queensland fruit fly that may remain in the area.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have further questions the information will likely be available on our website ([www.biosecurity.govt.nz/fruitfly](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/fruitfly)) or if you'd like to speak to someone, please call 0800 80 99 66 or email [info@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:info@mpi.govt.nz)

## Timeline: Fruit flies found in Auckland, 2019

- **February 14** - Single male Queensland fruit fly located in Devonport, on the North Shore. A Controlled Area Notice is put in place (February 15).
- **February 18** - A different species of fruit fly, a male facialis, discovered in Ōtara, south Auckland. A Controlled Area Notice is put in place (February 19).
- **February 20** - Another single male Queensland fruit fly found on the North Shore, this time in Northcote. A Controlled Area Notice is put in place (February 21).
- **February 21** - A second single male facialis detected in Ōtara, only 70 metres from the first find.
- **February 23** - Another single Queensland fruit fly found in Northcote.
- **February 28** - A third single male Queensland fruit fly detected in Northcote, 270 metres from where the last was found.
- **March 4** - A fourth male Queensland fruit fly detected in Northcote, approximately 80 metres from where the last was found.
- **March 5** - A third single male facialis detected in Ōtara, 630 metres to the North of the last find.
- **March 10** - A fifth single male Queensland fruit fly is found in Northcote, 60 metres from where the last was found.
- **March 14** - A sixth single male Queensland fruit fly is found in Northcote 650 metres south of the original find. The operational response was stepped up to include baiting.
- **March 22** – The Controlled Area Notices for Devonport and Ōtara are lifted after no further fruit flies were detected. Enhanced trapping continues as a precautionary measure.
- **April 12** – The Controlled Area Notice for Northcote is lifted after no further fruit flies were detected. Enhanced trapping continues as a precautionary measure.
- **April 25** – A seventh single male Queensland fruit fly is found in Northcote 460 metres away from where the cluster of male flies were found over a three week period (February 20 – March 14). A Controlled Area Notice is put in place (April 26).
- **May 10** – An eighth single male Queensland fruit fly is found within the Northcote Controlled Area. The CAN is expanded westwards to include the new find.
- **May 29** – A zone restrictions were removed from the area close to Northcote with this are becoming part of the B zone. A zone restrictions are still in place for the area near Birkenhead.
- **May 31** – A ninth single male Queensland fruit fly is found in the current controlled area in Northcote, 80 metres from where the last was found.
- **July 15** – A tenth single male Queensland fruit fly is found in the current controlled area in Northcote, 350 metres from where the last was found.
- **August 19** – Spring baiting and trapping in the controlled area in Northcote begins.
- **November 8** – Spring baiting ends in Northcote. CAN and movement restrictions remain in place, and trapping continues.

## Compensation

Anyone who believes they have been affected by the issuing of the Controlled Area Notice (CAN) is entitled to apply for compensation for losses incurred as a direct result of the imposition of these legal powers.

The process for applying for compensation will be advised in due course.

For more information about compensation under the Biosecurity Act visit the MPI website:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/legal-overviews/biosecurity/biosecurity-act-compensation/>