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Fruit Driller Caterpillar

The New Zealand Macadamia Society Inc. in conjunction with other fruit producing groups, is entering a research project spear-headed by the NZ Tree Crops Association to research the Fruit Driller Caterpillar (FDC) previously known as Guava Moth. This is a serious pest to Macadamias.

Part of the research criteria is positively identifying the insect and its distribution through New Zealand.

Anyone willing to help in this research who finds a caterpillar in their macadamia nuts or in their orchard please send it to John Clearwater for identification.

Samples for identification must be sent to John within four days of picking the nuts so the caterpillar is still viable. They must be put into a semi rigid plastic container with a piece of paper as a buffer to stop the nut rolling around and then sealed in a plastic bag to stop the little blighter escaping.

Complete the attached form, and send with the sample to:-

**John Clearwater,
63 Peter Buck Rd,
New Windsor Heights,
Auckland 0600**

The grower will be sent the results and a copy will be sent to the NZMS coordinator to identify and collate the spread of infestation of FDC.

MEMBERS

There will be no charge for this to NZMS members and they can claim the cost of postage from the NZMS treasurer.

NON MEMBERS

Will be charged a nominal fee of \$5 by the NZMS for each sample sent in. On Completion the research will be made available to the public.

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Enclose this form with your sample and post to:
**John Clearwater, 63 Peter Buck Rd,
New Windsor Heights, Auckland 0600**
Please write clearly.

Name Date

Orchard Name

Postal Address

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Physical address of orchard

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Phone No. Mobile

Email address

Sample enclosed NZMS Member Non Member Paid

Non Members

Payment can be made by:

Direct Credit to **NZMS a/c 12 3051 0336421 00**

Please put your name under *Particulars* and FDC ID under *Reference*.

or

Send cheque to:

Duncan Worthington, Treasurer NZMS, McKinley Rd, RD 9, WHANGAREI

If you would like to become a member of NZMS and have full access to the research before it is available to the public please go on line to obtain an application form www.macadamia.co.nz or write to:- The Secretary NZMS, 1742 Kaipara Coast Highway, R D 4, Warkworth.