

2019 Summary:

As in prior years, 2019 saw tamarisk beetles expand in some areas and decline in others. The beetles continued to move southward down the Colorado River to Yuma, appeared in the Verde watershed for the first time, and were also found in western Mexico, just across the border south of Organ Pipe National Monument.

For the first time since 2013, there were very large populations of beetles in central and west Texas, but population sizes along the Rio Grande in New Mexico decreased dramatically.

As populations ebb and flow, it is even more important to track where the beetles are found and where they are absent. Monitoring is proving to be more and more important as the beetle has not been present in the system for long and the dynamics of population movement and stability are not yet understood.

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