

**MASS DAMAGE OF HORSE CHESTNUT'S
LEAVES (*AESCULUS HIPPOCASTANUM*) BY OHRID LEAFMINER
(*CAMERARIA OHRIDELLA*) ON THE TERRITORY
OF PENZA IN 2019**

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Mass settling and damage of horse chestnut leaves (*Aesculus hippocastanum* L., 1753) by invasive species of Microlepidoptera from the family Gracillariidae – ohrid leaf miner (*Cameraria ohridella* Deschka et Dimić, 1986: Gracillariidae: Lepidoptera), was revealed by the authors in 2019 in the city plantings of Penza. The examined trees were colonized fully from lower tiers to the crone. The number of mines pro leaf reach 13, an average of 4 – 8, and the total design coverage of damaged leaves is from 60 to 80%. Damage specificity and the number of mines pro leaf indicate deep and already prolonged spread stage, distribution and damage culture of chestnut on the territory of Penza city and covers not less that 5 – 7 years.

Key words: horse chestnut, *Aesculus hippocastanum*, landscaping planting, leaf damage, horse-chestnut leafminer, *Cameraria ohridella*, Middle Volga Region, Penza city.

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