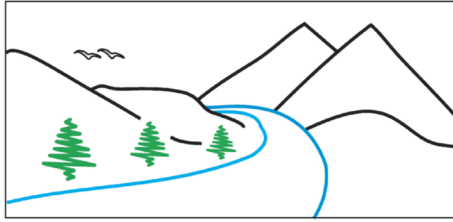


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Cone and Seed Pests in BC Conifer Seed Orchards: a Research Update

BC's conifer seed orchards produce high-quality seed for use in reforestation programs. A major production obstacle is the depredation of seeds by cone and seed insects. The BC Ministry of Forests and Range seed pest management research program seeks to resolve ongoing seed loss resulting from intractable pest problems. Facing the loss of registration of the few insecticides available to orchard managers, we are searching for alternative means of pest management. In many cases, even the basic biology and taxonomic status of the pests are not clear. By examining the biological, ecological, and population dynamics processes underlying cone and seed pest problems, we expect to devise novel integrated pest management protocols. This lecture will discuss the research programs and recent findings for several of our main cone and seed pests.