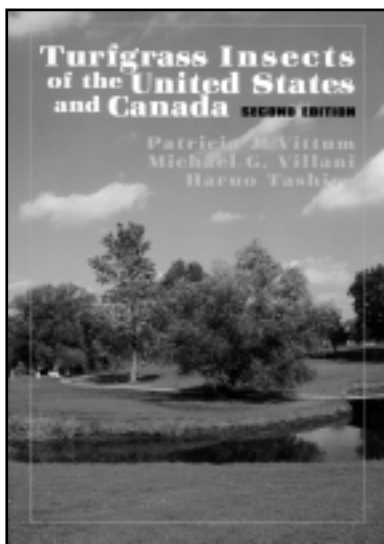




## Short Cutts

*Rave reviews are being received from the turfgrass community about the new edition of Dr. Haruo Tashiro's "Turfgrass Insects of the United States and Canada."*



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### Insect Bible Revised by the Killer V's

Up until 1987 there were few if any reference books on turfgrass insects. As a result, many students in turfgrass science and professional turf managers were utilizing general insect texts to learn about issues that were very different from what they were reading. Fortunately, Dr. Haruo Tashiro ("Tash"), devoted the years just prior to retirement to providing the definitive turfgrass insect reference text, or insect bible in 1987. In short order, *Turfgrass Insects of the United States and Canada*, became the choice of turf managers from Pebble Beach to the National Golf Links. However, in recent years, Tash knew that the advances in biocontrol and IPM warranted a new edition and some assistance from leading entomologists.

It seemed a natural to enlist Drs. Pat Vittum and Mike Villani (*the Killer V's*) for the second edition. Dr. Vittum was Tash's last graduate student and Dr. Villani was the person who assumed the position vacated by Tash. According to Villani, "The book was a true collaboration. Pat Vittum was the first author because she tended to tackle those distasteful tasks that go with the glory and responsibility of first authorship." Next, the three sent the original chapters out for review by other leading entomologists. As the reviewed chapters returned, the "Killer V's" improved readability, reorganized and added new citations. In addition, graduate students and Cornell Turfgrass Team Members, Paul Robbins and Jennifer Grant, provided significant input in their areas of expertise.

Still, in Tash's own words, he is "most pleased" with the new color photographs that were shot by himself, Joe Ogronick, a photographer at the Experiment Station in Geneva, and from images provided by leading entomologists. The new edition contains over 550 color images of the various insect life stages. Almost every insect found in North America, north of the Rio Grande, Hawaii and southern Canada is covered by the book.

Rave reviews are being received from the turfgrass community about the new edition. "It's a must have for any serious turfgrass manager." "If you only have one book as a reference for turfgrass insect management, this should definitely be the one." The book is "extremely readable." The second edition is available from Cornell University Press; New York State Turfgrass Association members receive a special discount.

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