



First report of *Drosophila suzukii* in Uruguay

During summer 2013, studies on drosophilids were conducted in Montevideo city and in a rural area (Empalme Maldonado) in the department of Canelones, Uruguay. In Montevideo, flies were collected using banana-baited traps. In the rural area, over-ripened, decayed or damaged blueberries (*Vaccinium ashei*) were collected from the ground and taken to the laboratory. Trapped and emerging flies were then identified. As a result, several specimens of *Drosophila suzukii* (Diptera: Drosophilidae - EPPO A2 List) were found. In traps, *D. suzukii* represented only a small percentage among drosophilid species (0.5%) but was the most abundant species (96%) emerging from blueberries. This is the first time that *D. suzukii* is reported from Uruguay.

The situation of *Drosophila suzukii* in Uruguay can be described as follows: **Present, first found in 2013 in the southern part of the country (Montevideo city, department of Canelones).**

Sources

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