

PINE BARK BEETLES

Since arriving in Thomas County in November, I have received many calls about pine bark beetles. The southern pine beetle actually causes more damage to southern forests than any other pest. In this article, I'm going to discuss what types of beetles attack trees, what the damage looks like, and what landowners can do.

Pine trees in the eastern United States are attacked by different species of bark beetles. Three of these are native in our southern pines: The Southern pine beetle, Ips engraver beetle, and Black turpentine beetle.

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