

## Ayudas taxonómicas en internet

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### *Diabrotica* ID

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USDA•PPQ•Science & Technology's Identification Technology Program (ITP) is pleased to announce the release of its latest identification tool, "*Diabrotica* ID: Identification of *Diabrotica* species (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae) from North and Central America".

*Diabrotica* ID is designed to support identification by non-experts of *Diabrotica* species that originate from North and Central America. The tool offers a number of options to the user for supporting their particular identification process: 1) a filterable image gallery, 2) an interactive matrix key, 3) searchable fact sheets with a variety of images and diagnostic, distribution, and host plant information, and 4) an extensive glossary. For the tool, the authors recognize 112 valid *Diabrotica* species and subspecies in North and Central America.

*Diabrotica* is considered to be one of the most economically important genera of leaf beetles. Species within this genus feed on flowers, leaves, and roots of a wide variety of agricultural crops, vegetables, fruits, and ornamentals and are vectors of viral and other lethal plant diseases. Many species are commonly intercepted at U.S. ports of entry.

Attached to this email is an announcement containing an overview of ITP's new identification tool for PPQ and its collaborators, cooperators, and partners. Please feel free to forward this email and/or the attachment to your colleagues.

*Diabrotica* ID can be accessed at: <http://idtools.org/id/beetles/diabrotica>

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