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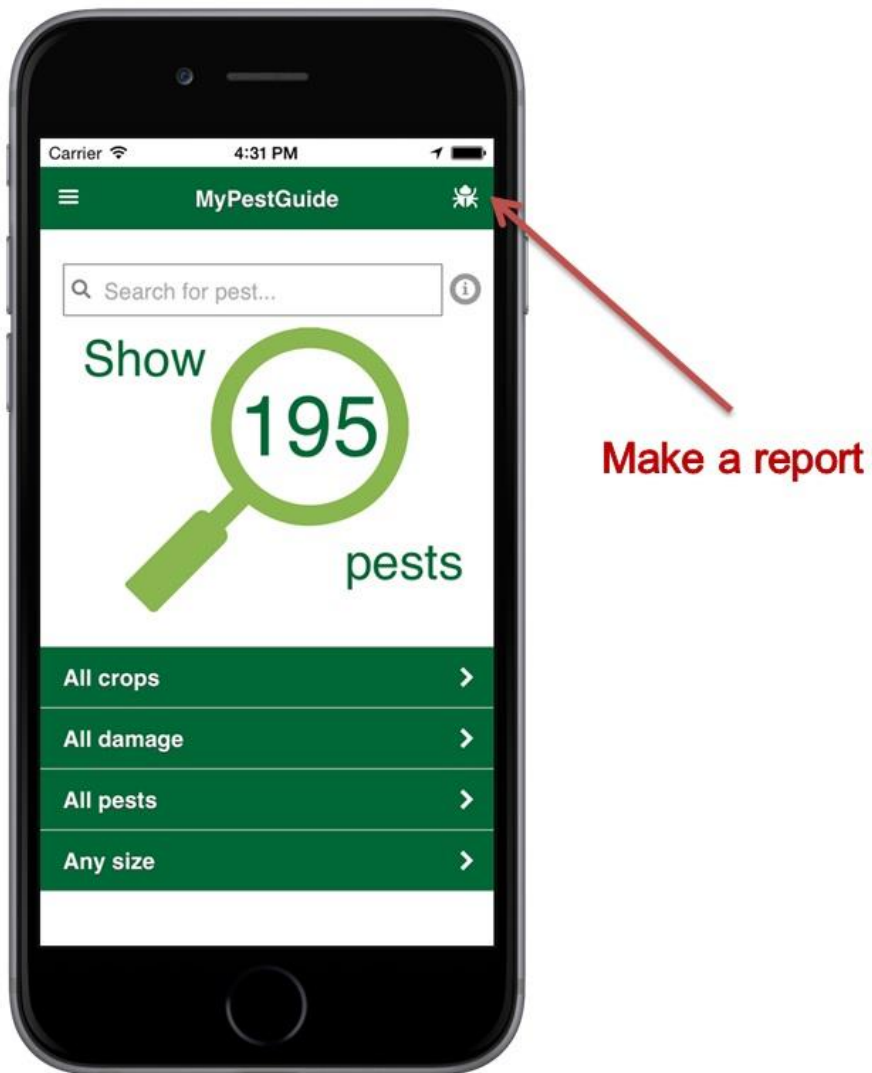
## Let's get digital

If you can talk, text, type or take a photo – you are what we need to help monitor for unfamiliar plant and animal pests, weeds and diseases. The Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australia (DAFWA) needs your help.

There are many biosecurity issues happening across Australia at the moment: [myrtle rust](#), [blueberry rust](#), [Panama disease](#), [CGMMV](#), Asian honey bees, [red imported fire ants](#), [codling moth](#) and brown marmorated stink bug ... just to name a few. These threats are very real and we need your help to detect them before it's too late to eradicate. As such, we can't stress enough how important the community is in the early detection of exotic pests and diseases.

One way DAFWA is working to encourage community reporting of unfamiliar insect pests, is through the free MyPestGuide app, developed with funding from Council of Grain Grower Organisations (COGGO) and made possible by Royalties for Regions. Download the app, take a clear and in focus photo of the unfamiliar or damaging insect/pest, say where you found it and hit 'send' to have it identified. The app records your location and we do the rest!

If you don't have a smartphone, you can make reports online: [mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au](http://mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au) or email [mypestguide@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:mypestguide@agric.wa.gov.au). You can also contact us at the Pest and Disease Information Service (PaDIS) on 1800 084 881. To learn more about MyPestGuide search our website or google 'mypestguide' and you'll find the page.



Showing how to report using the MyPestGuide app



Brown marmorated stink bug, exotic to Australia (Photo credit: cbaff.org.nz)