

## Wandering broadhead planarian

### *Bipalium adventitium*

#### Description

Introduced to the United States from Asia. Commonly found in suburban areas and nurseries where exotic plants are prevalent. Carries the neurotoxin, Tetrodotoxin, which may be used as a defense mechanism.

#### Identification

Grow to 5-8 cm. (2.0-3.1 in.) long, head is fan-shaped, yellow to tan in color with on dark dorsal stripe that does not extend over the head.

#### Habitat

Native to Asia. Can be found in gardens and woodlands under objects like leaf litter, where soil is moist.

#### Reproduction

Reproduces sexually with one breeding season



per year. Eggs are deposited in capsules and after 3 weeks, 1-6 juveniles are released.

### **Impact**

Preys on earthworms.

### **Similar**

Arrowhead flatworm (*Bipalium kewense*).

### **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

### **Credits**

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