

Tree Health in Wayne County

Per a June 28, 2017, conversation with Ryan Brown (570 906-4024), a forester with the Forest Health Division of the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

GYPSY MOTH



DCNR anticipates that gypsy moths will not be too bad this year, as the wet spring 'knocked them'. Fungus and virus killed many gypsy moths at the caterpillar stage.

For more information, see the DCNR web site [HERE](#).

EMERALD ASH BORER

Lake Henry (about 15 miles away) has infestation of Emerald Ash Borer, so it is definitely in our area. Ash trees will see serious destruction in the next year or two. EAB start at the top of the tree, and by the time you see bark damage at eye level, the tree is fully infected. The adult EAB exits a hole in the bark and flies around to spread to other trees. Individuals may treat EAB with Safari, a powder Insecticide from Valent (sold by AGWAY). Professionals use TREE-äge by ARBORjet (this insecticide ***might possibly*** be available for use by an individual tree owner as well.)



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HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID



This insect is very aggressive – it won't slow down. When we experience temperatures of 0°-5° F for several days in a row, some are killed off, but otherwise the HWAs survive.

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EASTERN TENT CATERPILLAR

The Eastern Tent Caterpillar is native to the area. This is not a 'break out year' for the ETC, however. Although these pests defoliate ornamental trees, damaged trees typically recover and refoliate in several weeks.

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