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YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

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Since our last update, the Plant Protection Division (PPD) has remained actively engaged in Yellow-Legged Hornet (YLH) surveillance and response. Between April 17 and April 30, 2025, 12 hornets were discovered, largely thanks to the 2,039 traps deployed across the area by PPD. As the year progresses, embryo nests will transition into primary nests, marking a critical phase in the hornet's life cycle. Click [\[here\]](#) to read our latest press release calling on the public to be on the lookout for primary nests.



Picture 1: A YLH primary nest.



Picture 2: A Yellow-legged Hornet.

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PPD continues monitoring worker and queen hornets and promptly responding to citizen reports. We sincerely thank the public for their ongoing awareness and support. If you observe any suspected YLH activity—especially in the Savannah area, which includes Chatham County, southern Effingham County, and parts of Bryan County—please report it to yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov.

UPDATE BY THE NUMBERS

New Traps Deployed (since January 1, 2025): 786

Total traps deployed (August 17, 2023 – April 30, 2025): 2,039

Hornets found (April 17, 2025 – April 30, 2025): 12

Nests found & eradicated (April 17, 2025 – April 30, 2025): 0

Total nests found & eradicated (August 2023 – April 30, 2025): 56

- 2025: 4 embryo nests
- 2024: 4 embryo nests, 3 primary nests, 40 secondary nests
 - Total: 47
- 2023: 5 secondary nests

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Yellow-legged Hornet sighting reports can be reported to yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov or submitted only at <https://bit.ly/3Tt2M1u>.



Check out our step-by-step [video](#) guide to help Georgians create effective yellow-

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legged hornet traps using common household materials.



We appreciate your assistance in helping us eradicate this serious threat to Georgia's agriculture, our state's number one industry. For more information, visit GDA's Dedicated Yellow-legged Hornet webpage: <https://agr.georgia.gov/yellow-legged-hornet>.