

Between June 26 and July 9, 2025, PPD captured 20 hornets and confirmed two connected nests—one secondary and one primary—located just 50 feet apart. The secondary nest was first identified on July 2, measuring approximately the size of a cantaloupe. Suspecting nearby primary nest activity, the team conducted further investigation and successfully located the associated primary nest on July 3, which was roughly the size of a volleyball. Both nests were confirmed to be connected and were eradicated on July 9.



Picture 1: The Primary Nest Sandfly found on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Picture 2: An example of a Primary Nest



Picture 3: An example of a Secondary Nest

The updated YLH activity map provides a visual overview of detection trends, using a heatmap to indicate areas with positive trap captures and red squares to mark confirmed nest locations.

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We continue to encourage residents—particularly in the Savannah area, which includes Chatham County, southern Effingham County, and bordering portions of Bryan County to remain watchful. If you spot a suspicious hornet or nest, please report it by email at <u>yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov.</u>or submit online at <u>https://bit.ly/3Tt2M1u</u>.

## UPDATE BY THE NUMBERS

New Traps Deployed (since January 1, 2025): 786 Total traps deployed (August 17, 2023 – May 28, 2025): 2,032 Hornets found (June 26, 2025 – July 9, 2025): 20 Nests found & eradicated (May 15, 2025 – May 28, 2025): On July 2, PPD located a secondary nest approximately the size of a cantaloupe. Suspecting nearby primary nest activity, the team conducted further investigation and successfully Issue 31: June 26, 2025 – July 9, 2025

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Total nests found & eradicated (August 2023 – May 28, 2025): 60

- 2025: 4 embryo nests, 3 primary nests, 1 secondary nest
  - 2024: 4 embryo nests, 3 primary nests, 40 secondary nestsTotal: 47
- 2023: 5 secondary nests

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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 <u>video</u> guide to help Georgians create effective yellow-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: <u>https://agr.georgia.gov/yellow-legged-hornet.</u>