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# YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

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Issue Date Range: Nov. 18, 2023 – Dec. 1, 2023

## **Update by the Numbers:**

Total traps deployed (Aug. – Dec. 2023): 170

New traps deployed or removed: 3 deployed / 1 removed

Traps checked: 170

Hornets found: 9

Total nests found & eradicated (Aug. – Dec. 2023): 5

Nests found: 0

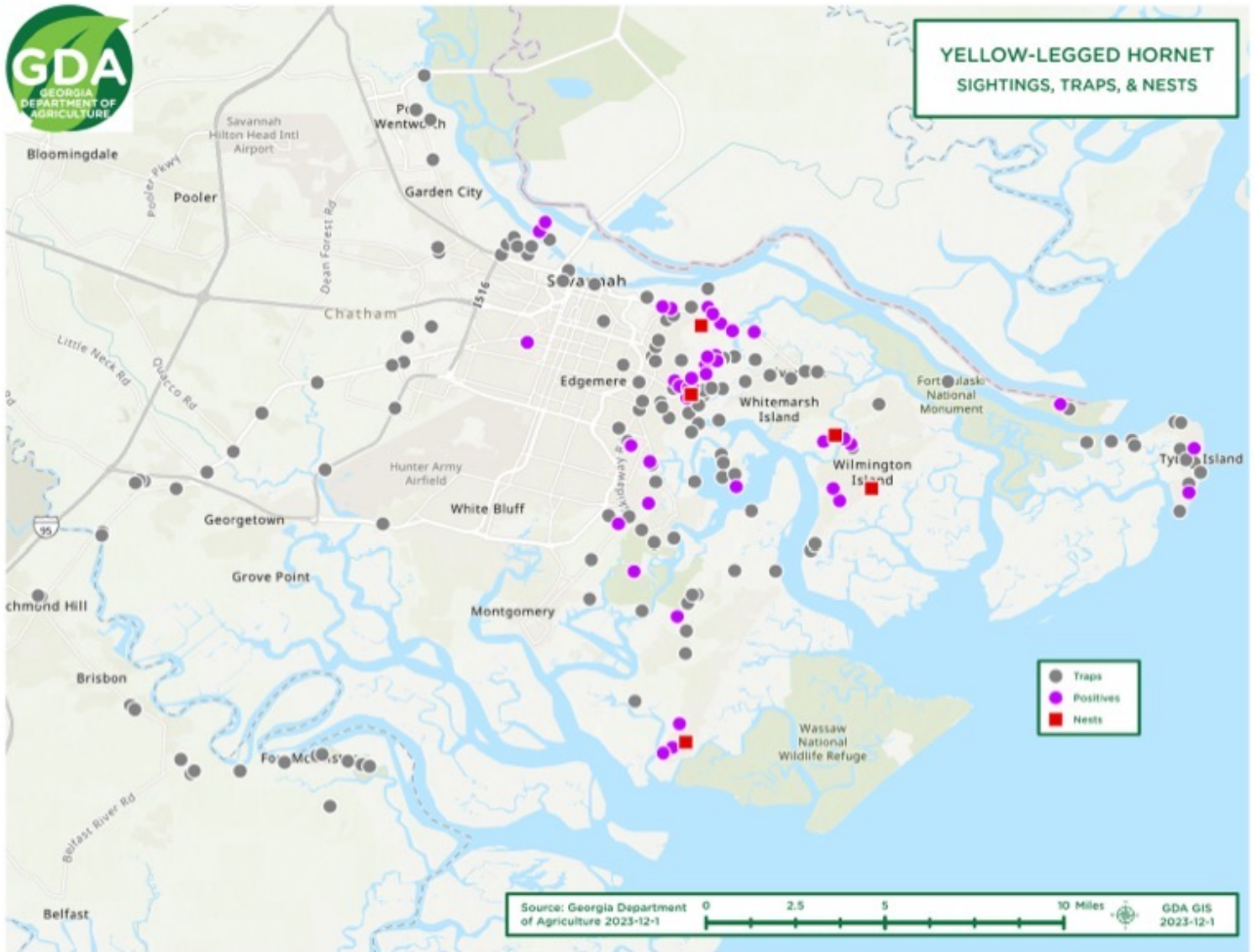
Nests eradicated: 0

## **Reminders/Updates:**

The Plant Protection Division of GDA remains focused on surveying the Thunderbolt area near Savannah, GA, collaborating closely with local beekeepers. As of December 1st, no hawking incidents have been reported between November 18th and the present date. In November, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services identified four hornets as males. This discovery adds valuable insight to our understanding of the hornet population and their behavior.

On November 9th, 2023, a yellow-legged hornet was discovered in Jasper County, SC, close to Savannah, GA. Clemson officials are encouraging anyone who believes they have spotted a yellow-legged hornet to promptly report their observations at [www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-industry/invasive/ylh.html](http://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-industry/invasive/ylh.html).

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We extend our gratitude to USDA APHIS PPQ/Savannah for their invaluable support in checking 39 traps diligently over several weeks. We also thank Clemson University and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for their support. Their dedication and collaboration have been instrumental in our efforts.

**IF YOU SEE A YELLOW-LEGGED HORNET,**

Take a photo and report it by scanning the code to the right or visiting [agr.georgia.gov/yellow-legged-hornet](http://agr.georgia.gov/yellow-legged-hornet)

