

Exotics vs. native pests

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**Today's discussion Asian long-horned beetle** (Cerambycidae, Coleoptera) **Japanese beetle** (Scarabeidae, Coleoptera) Pesticide choice Kills egg laying adult Kills larvae or grub **Biological control (BC)** Classic Augmentation **Conservation BC** 

Native vs. introduced (exotic) pests Adelgids (aphids, scales, adelgids, Homoptera) Hemlock Wolly adelgid, exotic **Euonymous scale, exotic discussed in lecture** Leaf and scarab beetles (beetles, Coleoptera) Elm leaf beetle, exotic discussed in lecture Japanese beetle, exotic Leaf-chewing moths (moths, Lepidoptera) Spongy moth, exotic discussed in lecture Forest tent caterpillar, native **Clearwing borers, native** Leaf-chewing sawflies (sawflies, Hymenoptera) **Birch leaf miner, exotic European pine sawfly, exotic** Yellowheaded spruce sawfly, native

Lady beetles (beetles, Coleoptera) Asian lady beetle, exotic Convergent lady beetle, native

Buprestid borers (beetle, Coleoptera) Emerald ash borer, exotic Two-lined chestnut borer, native Bronze birch borer, native

Cerambycid borers (beetle, Coleoptera) Asian long-horned beetle, exotic White spotted sawyer, exotic Linden borer, native

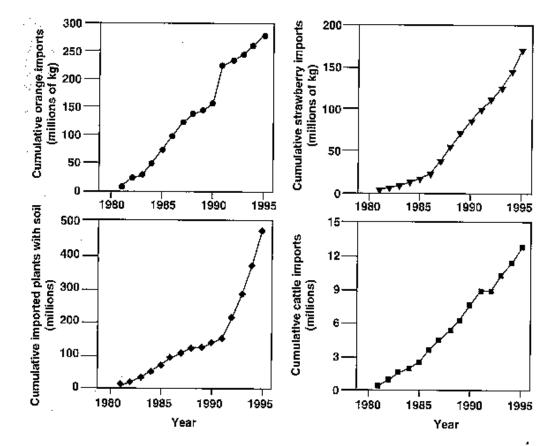
Four stages of invasion

- arrival (accidental or deliberate introduction)
- establishment (reproduction)
- integration (adaptation)
- spread (dispersal)

- How do invasions of exotics occur?
- What makes a species a successful invader?
- Preventing/treating invasions

## How do invasions occur?

#### Import/export of agricultural products





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#### How do invasions of exotics occur? Mobility of people

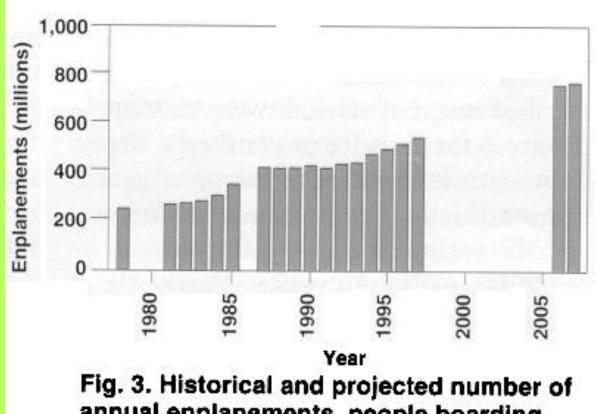


Fig. 3. Historical and projected number of annual enplanements, people boarding aircraft, In the United States (Source: Federal Aviation Administration—data not available for some years.).

## What makes a species a successful invader?

- High population growth rate (r-strategists) (early reproduction, high number offspring)
- High mobility
- Able to tolerate climate, plant resources

**Preventing/ treating invasions** 

Control at borders on import of agricultural products or other products that may harbor pests (APHIS)

#### Quarantine

Quarantine measures may be taken to limit the spread of introduced pests. Usually include a ban on transporting materials that may harbor the pest from infested to non-infested areas.

- Exotic species: over 50,000 present in the US accidental introductions in soil, on plants or other agricultural products, in water ballast
  - ~ 95% of introductions are accidental
- Deliberate introductions for biological control of pests

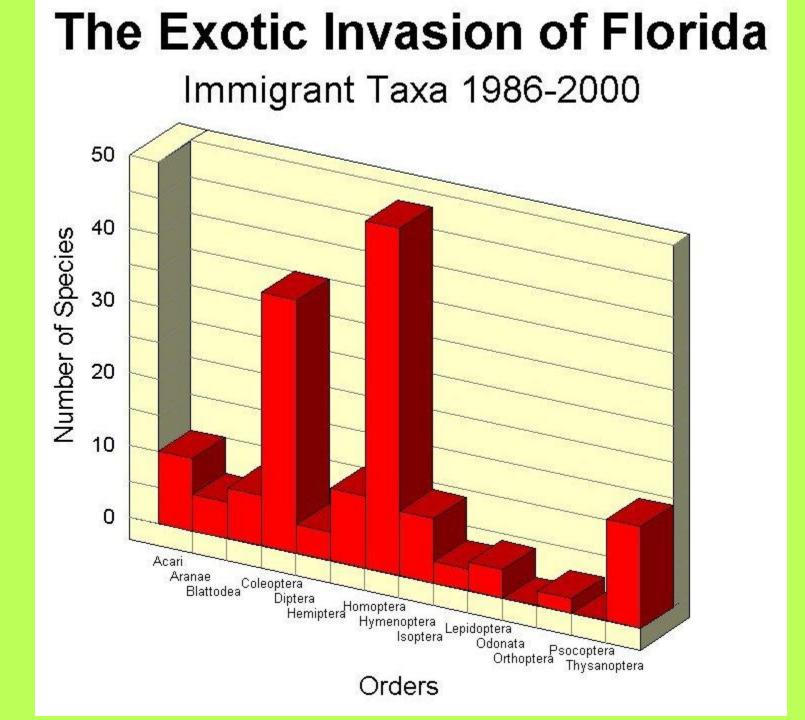
## Why worry about exotic species?

- Damage to native plants
- Damage to food crops/ other products
- Cost of pest control
- Health problems: vectoring diseases

# Number of Nonindigenous Species in North America



Plants 25,000 Microbes/Plant Pathogens 20,000 Livestock Diseases 9,000 Arthropods 4,500 Fish 138 Birds 97 Mollusks 88 Reptiles and Amphibians 53 Mammals 20 Human Diseases ?? Data from Pimentel et al. 1999



Asian long horned beetle, Anoplophora glabripennis (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae) Exotic: Asia



**Adults are glossy** black beetles with about 20 irregular white spots on each wing cover. The antennae are alternately striped white and black. **Adults measure** 20-35 mm long and 6-12 mm wide.

#### Asian long horned beetle and emerald ash borer



Sign of infestation: dieback of the upper third of a tree, followed by a large number of shoots or branches arising below the dead portions of the trunk.



Emerald Ash borer, *Agrilus planipennis* (Coleoptera: Buprestidae)

Native to Asia 1-to 2 year lifecycle Larve feed on phloem Adults emerge mid to late May.

Adults are dark metallic green in color, 1/2 inch in length and 1/16 inch wide.



Larvae are elongate, cylindrical and pale yellow in color, attaining a maximum length of 50 mm.

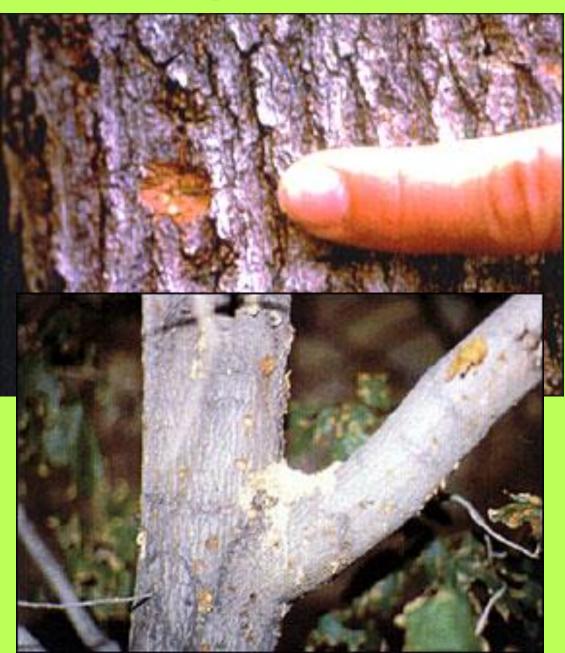
In the United States the beetle prefers maple species (*Acer* spp.), including boxelder, Norway, red, silver, and sugar maples. Other known hosts are alders, birches, elms, horsechestnut, poplars, and willows.



# Asian long horned beetle larva



#### **Emerald ash borer larva**



Round pits chewed out by females to oviposit.

Accumulation of sawdust, produced by the larvae as they bore into the stem.

Also sap flow usually visible.

## **Emerald ash borer**





Larvae are creamy white in color and are found under the bark.

Callus tissue produced by the tree causing vertical fissures.



Exit holes where adult beetles emerged from the tree



Asian long horned beetle



Emerald ash borer larva "D" shaped exit holes on lower part of tree

Adults are weak flyers, but, like other wood borers, ALB can be transported as eggs, larvae and pupae in logs, tree trimmings, firewood and untreated lumber.

Quarantine prohibits movement of these materials from infested areas to non-infested areas

Natural enemies and cultural methods for controlling ALB are recorded from China, but ALB remains a serious pest except where susceptible trees (poplars) are replaced with resistant varieties.

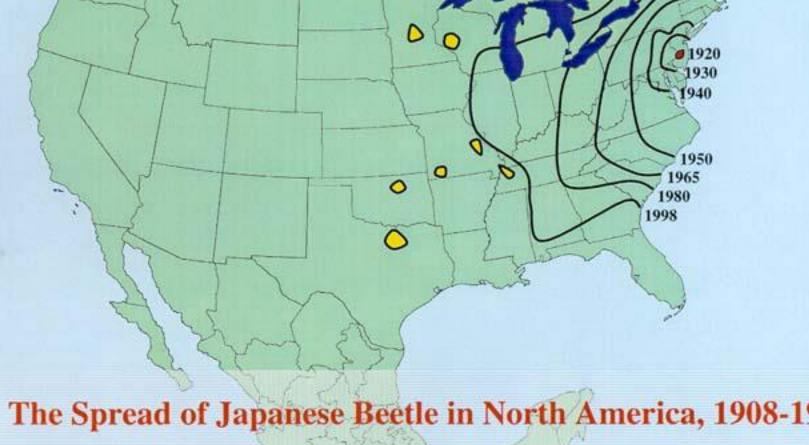
For suppressing populations of ALB in the North American environment, tree removal may remain a primary technique for some time, and chemical controls may become necessary should large scale natural controls remain ineffective.

#### **Identification:**

#### Japanese beetle Family Scarabeidae, Order Coleoptera



The Spread of Japanese Beetle in North America, 1908-1998



#### **Identification:**

The Japanese beetle is an exotic scarab originally established in New Jersey. Japanese beetles are approximately 7/16 inch long. The front of the beetle is dark metallic green and the wing covers are dark tan. There are five small, white patches of short hairs along each side of the dorsal abdomen on the beetle. These white patches are a key characteristic for identification. If it does not have these white hair patches, it is the False Japanese beetle.

Damage, scouting, and management: One of the favored foods of adult Japanese beetles is rose, grape, Norway maple, and linden foliage. Adults feed on over three hundred species of plants. Inspect your plants for skeletonized leaves and the presence of adult beetles.

Larvae feed on the roots of grasses.

Damage, scouting, and management: Pheromone traps use a rose-scented lure to attract the adult beetles and can be purchased in garden centers.





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JAN grub deep in soil	FEB grub deep in soil	MAR grub deep in soil	APR grub root feeding	MAY grub root feeding	JUN pupae	JUL adult egg laying	AUG grub root feeding	SEP grub root feeding	OCT grub deep in soil	NOV grub deep in soil	DEC grub deep in soil

#### **Turf pests**

#### **Pesticides:** *Steinernema glaseri* nematodes, *Heterorhabditis bacteriophora* nematodes,

#### halofenozide, imidacloprid, trichlorfon

# Parasitic nematodes Steinernema carpocapsae Heterorhabditis bacteriophora



Elm Leaf Beetle Pupa Infected With Nematodes

# **Pesticide choice: Preventative**

Imidacloprid - is NOT fast acting, so use as a preventative control, not as a rescue treatment.

Apply imidacloprid after May 15 and before August 15. It has minimal risk to birds and fish.

# **Pesticide choice: Preventative**

Halofenzide - is NOT fast acting, so use as a preventative control, not as a rescue treatment. Halofenzide mimics an insect hormone and is best applied when adults are active and laying eggs from June to the beginning of August. Minimize thatch since it will prevent the insecticide from penetrating to the roots.

## **Pesticide choice: Rescue**

Trichlorfon - is a fast-acting material, but is susceptible to alkaline hydrolysis. Onehalf of the active ingredients will be degraded in 30 minutes at a pH of 9. Trichlorfon can be used as a rescue treatment when damage is observed.

#### **Pesticide choice: Rescue**

#### No longer available for turf. bendiocarb, chlorpyrifos, diazinon, isofenophos, oftanol

AVOID Norway maple gray birch hollyhock black walnut mountain ash

horse chestnut roses linden grapes elm

flowering fruits: crabapple, apple cherry, black cherry, plum

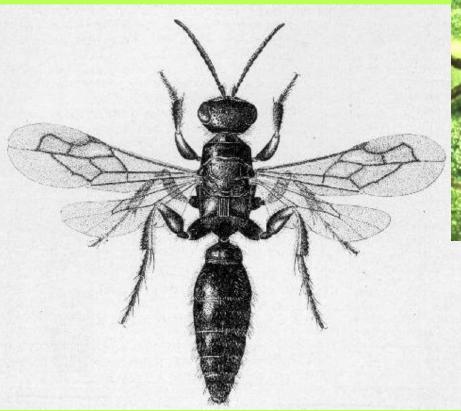
BETTER CHOICE red maple box elder red oak white ash lilac spruce

silver maple white oak poplar green ash euonymus yew

The Japanese beetle parasites *Tiphia vernalis (*Hymenoptera) and *Istocheta* sp., known to be active in Massachusetts and Connecticut, were absent in Michigan.

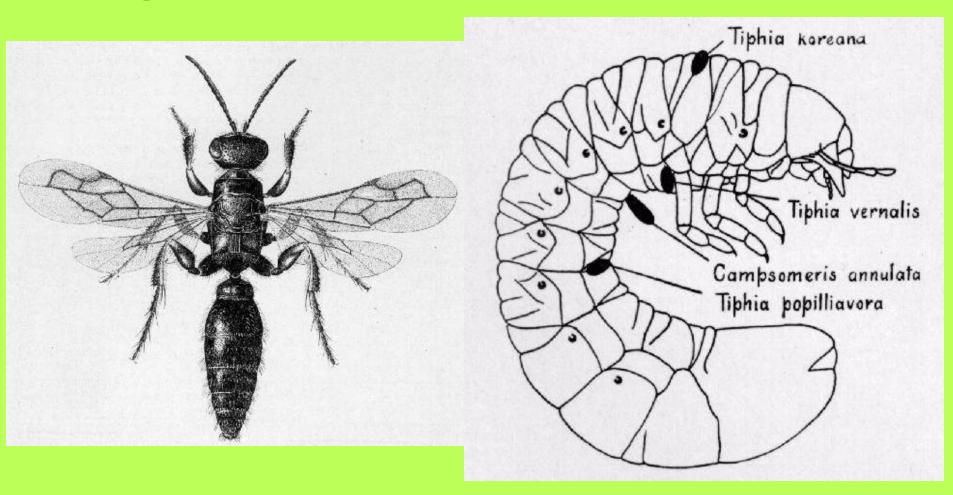
Istocheta aldrichi Tiphia vernalis Ovavesicula popilliae Stictospora sp., entomopathogenic nematodes

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In the northeastern U.S., adult spring *Tiphia* wasps feed primarily on the honeydew exuded from aphids, scale insects, and leafhoppers.

The adult wasps were found feeding on the shaded foliage of maple, elm, cherry, tulip and pine trees, and some broad-leafed shrubs. The wasp will also feed on the nectar of blossoms, such as forsythia, and on the extra-floral nectaries of peonies.

Tiphia vernalis

In China the knowledge of food plants to increase the rates of *Tiphia* parasitization of white grubs to an average of 85%.

#### Isotecha aldrichi tachnid fly



*Malacosoma disstria* Family Lasiocampidae Native pest

Hosts: Alder, aspen, ash, basswood, birch, cherry, elm, hawthorn,



maple, oak, peach, poplar, willow and flowering fruit trees.

Life History: Larvae appear in May and feed gregariously. Pupae and adults occur in summer, and eggs are laid on twigs in late summer. One generation a year.

Overwintering: Black egg masses on twigs. Damage: Shot holes, defoliation. Monitoring: Look for shot holes in May.



Left: Young larvae and hatched eggs Below: Adult male

Oregon State University Extension Service

**Physical Control:** Physically remove egg masses and groups of larvae.

**Chemical Control:** Residual insecticides.

**Biological Control:** *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* for young larvae, several hymenopteran and dipteran parasitoids, nuclear polyhedrosis virus, *Entomophaga maimaiga* fungus.



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### **Biological Control:** Sacrophagous aldrichi,

#### **Friendly fly**



#### *Lymantria dispar* Family Lymantriidae Introduced pest

Hosts: Oak, apple, crabapple, aspen, poplar, basswood, birch, blue spruce, and over 300 other species.





Life History: Eggs laid in masses in July and August, larvae emerge the following spring and pupate in June and July. One generation a year.

**Overwintering:** Egg masses.



Male (left) and female

Female with eggs

#### **Damage: Shot holes, defoliation.**

# Monitoring: Pheromone traps, look for damage and egg masses.



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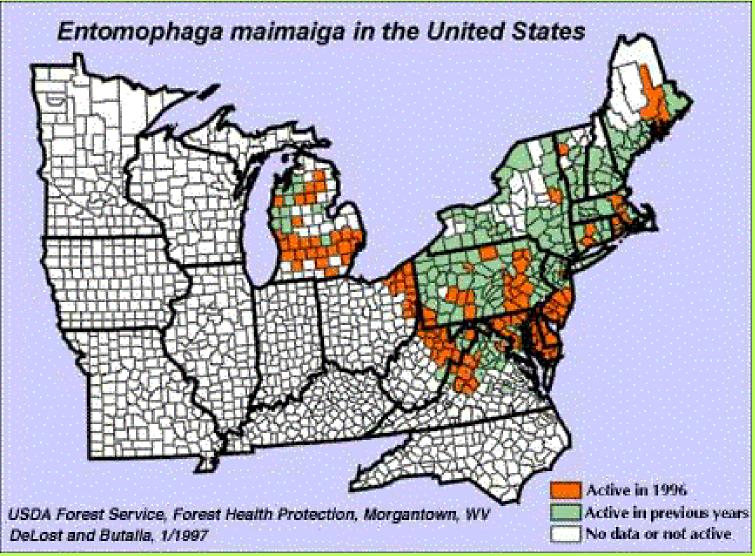
**Chemical Control:** Diflubenzuron in May.

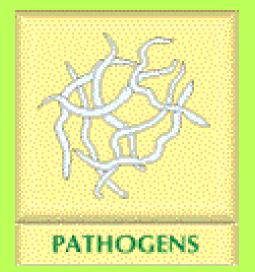
**Biological Control:** *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* for young larvae, several hymenopteran and dipteran parasitoids, carabids, rodents, nuclear polyhedrosis virus, *Entomophaga maimaiga* fungus.

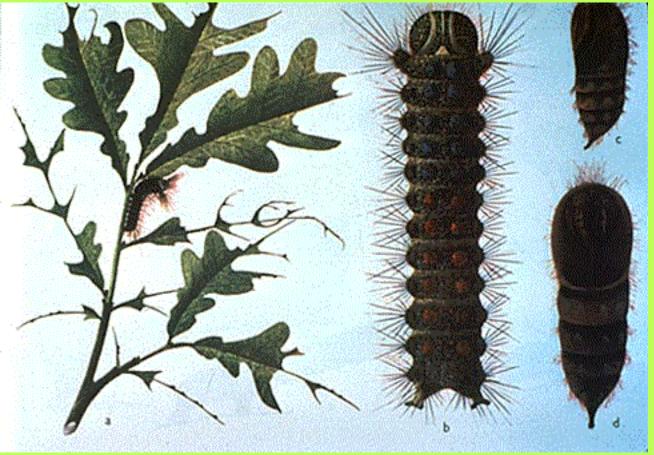
Larva killed by nuclear polyhedrosis virus











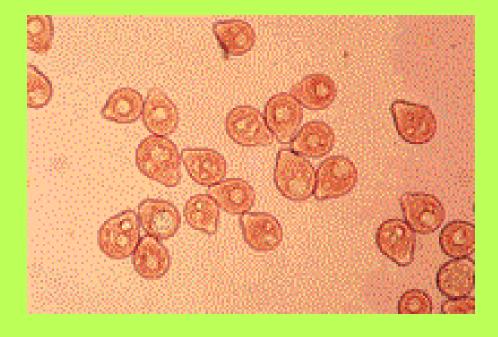
*Entomophaga maimaiga* Entomophthorales: Family

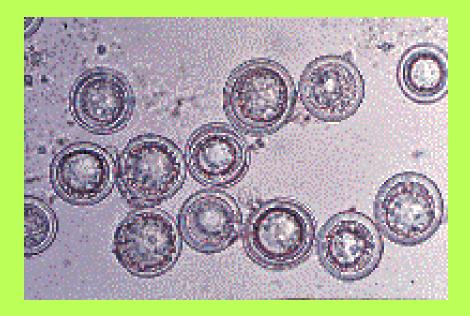


Although Entomophaga maimaiga was introduced in the United States from Japan in 1910 and 1911, its 1989 appearance in **Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont,** northeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, southeastern New York, and Massachusetts is a mystery: If its presence is due to the original introduction, why wasn't it detected during the years between 1911 and 1989?



## Right: *E. maimaiga* conidia





## Left: *E. maimaiga* resting spores



Larva killed by *E. maimaiga* 





**Several species Family Sessiidae Native pests** Hosts: Alder, ash, birch, dogwood, fir, lilac, hawthorn, mountain-ash, maple, oak, pine, poplar, sycamore, viburnum, willow, and fruit trees such as apricot, cherry, peach, and plum.



Life History: Most adults emerge in May and June (banded ash borer emerges in August). Larvae mine sapwood during the summer and pupate in the following spring. One generation

a year. David Laughin Control Contro

# **Overwintering:** Mature larvae in tunnels under bark.

### Damage: Gnarled or rough bark, weakened



Monitoring: Look for frass, tunnels, and pupal skins around tree wounds, loose bark, and cracks. Use pheromone traps.

**Cultural Control:** Avoid damage to trees and minimize tree stress. Do not band trees.

Chemical Control: Permethrin on bark in spring.

**Biological Control:** Several parasitic wasps, nematodes.

Larva killed by nematodes



Adelges tsugae, Family Adelgidae Introduced pest

Hosts: Eastern hemlock, Carolina hemlock.



Life History: Overwintered immatures feed on needles. Two generations a year.

**Overwintering:** Immatures on twigs.

**Damage:** White wax, needle yellowing, needle drop, defoliation, and tree death.

Monitoring: Look for cottony wax masses and damage symptoms.





**Cultural Control:** Choose resistant varieties: Western hemlock, mountain hemlock, and Japanese hemlock.

**Chemical Control:** Dormant oil, horticultural oil or soap, soil applications of imidacloprid



#### **Biological Control:** *Pseudoscymnus tsugae* (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae)



*Fenusa pusilla* Family Tenthredinidae Introduced pest

Hosts: Birch.

Life History: Larvae



pupate in spring, adults emerge in May. Eggs laid in slits in young leaves. Larvae mine in leaves. Two to four generations a year; second generation in June.

**Overwintering:** Mature larvae in soil.

**Damage:** Kidney-shaped mines and brown, irregular, wrinkled blotches; browning of leaves and trees.

Monitoring: Look for adults on new leaves. Sticky traps on terminals. Look for mines.



Cultural Control: Plant resistant species: Betula davurica, B. schmitii, B. costata, B. maximowiczana.

#### **Chemical Control:** Imidacloprid



#### **Biological Control:** Ichneumonids *Lathrolestes nigricolis* and *Grypocentrus albipes.*



#### Yellowheaded Spruce Sawfly

*Pikonema alaskensis* Family Tenthredinidae Native pest

Hosts: White, black, and blue spruces.



Life History: Females lay eggs in current year's needles and larvae feed in loose groups from May to June. Development is complete in July.

**Overwintering:** Prepupae in soil.

#### **Yellowheaded Spruce Sawfly**



**Damage:** Defoliation, first of new needles, then of old needles.

Monitoring: Look for damage and groups of larvae from May to July.

#### Yellowheaded Spruce Sawfly

**Physical Control:** Prune out small populations.

**Chemical Control:** Horticultural oil for young larvae, residual insecticides for aggregations of older larvae.

**Biological Control:** 32 hymenopteran and 9 dipteran parasitoids including the tachinid fly *Bessa harveyi*.

#### **European Pine Sawfly**

Neodiprion sertifer Family Diprionidae Introduced pest

Hosts: Pines.

Life History: Larvae feed from May to



June and pupate in soil. Adults emerge in September through late fall. One generation a year.

**Overwintering:** Eggs in needles.

#### **European Pine Sawfly**

# **Damage:** Defoliation of previous year's needles.

Monitoring: Monitor newly plants and plants in poor health. Look for branches stripped of needles and for larvae.

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#### **Feeding damage**

#### Eggs and oviposition damage

#### **European Pine Sawfly**

**Physical Control:** Remove larvae by hand or dislodge with water spray.

Chemical Control: Insecticidal soap for young larvae.

**Biological Control:** Parasitoids, native birds, nuclear polyhedrosis virus, rodents.

