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YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

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Since our last update, the Plant Protection Division (PPD) has continued its active surveillance and response to Yellow-Legged Hornet (YLH) activity. Between May 1 and May 14, 2025, PPD discovered 13 hornets and found and eradicated one nest. So far this year, they have set 786 traps, bringing the total to 2,032 deployed across the region. Worker hornets remain in the process of transitioning embryo nests into primary nests, a critical stage in the hornet's seasonal development.



Picture 1: A YLH primary nest.



Picture 2: A Yellow-legged Hornet.

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We continue to encourage residents, especially those in the Savannah area, which includes Chatham County, southern Effingham County, and parts of Bryan County bordering Chatham, to report any suspected YLH sightings or nest activity 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 – May 14, 2025): 2,032

Hornets found (May 1, 2025 – May 14, 2025): 13

Nests found & eradicated (May 1, 2025 – May 14, 2025): 1

Total nests found & eradicated (August 2023 – May 14, 2025): 58

- 2025: 4 embryo nest, 1 primary nest, 0 secondary nest
- 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-legged hornet traps using common household materials.

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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>.