



## YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

### Update by the Numbers:

Since our last update, the Plant Protection team has successfully eradicated nine new Yellow-legged Hornet nests, including the season's first primary nest. The remaining eight were embryo nests located in the Savannah area. Between April 18 and May 6, the team also deployed 1,076 new traps and captured 141 Yellow-legged Hornets as part of ongoing monitoring and control efforts.

New Traps Deployed (Since January 2026): 1,076

Total traps deployed (August 17, 2023 – May 6, 2026): 3,187

Hornets found (April 18, 2026 – May 6, 2026): 141

Nests found & eradicated (April 18, 2026 – May 6, 2026): 9

Total nests found & eradicated (August 2023 – May 6, 2026): 143

- 2026: 1 2025 secondary nest; 27 embryo nests found; 1 primary nest
- 2025: 4 embryo nests, 5 primary nests, 53 secondary nests
- 2024: 4 embryo nests, 3 primary nests, 40 secondary nests
- 2023: 5 secondary nests



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The first Primary Nest of the 2026 YLH season. (Photo by GDA)



2026 Embryo nest (Photo By GDA)

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### **See a Nest? Report It to [Yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:Yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov)**

As we approach the summer months, we encourage all Georgians to remain vigilant. If you spot an embryo nest like the one pictured, please report it immediately to [yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov).

Early detection and removal are critical. Eliminating these nests now helps reduce the number of much larger secondary nests that typically emerge from late summer through the winter months.

 **BOLO**   
**YELLOW-LEGGED HORNET**



**Description:** Smooth, paper-like nests  
the size of a ping-pong ball

**Last Seen:** Outside on sheds and porches

**Report a Sighting:** [bit.ly/Report-YLH](https://bit.ly/Report-YLH)

As in previous years, we encourage all beekeepers to keep a close eye on their hives for signs of hawking behavior.

**Important reminders:**

- Monitoring beehives should be ongoing throughout the entire year.
- While hawking can happen at any time, it tends to peak before noon and again after 5 PM.

The more detailed information beekeepers and the public can share—such as the direction the hornets are flying—the faster we can locate and address the nests.

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If you'd like to help, feel free to set up a [DIY trap](#). The bait usually ferments within a day or two and is designed to minimize attraction to bees. Please report any hornet activity detected in Georgia directly to us via email ([yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov)) or [online](#). If you're outside Georgia, contact your state's Department of Agriculture.

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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>.**