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YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

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Update by the Numbers:

New traps deployed: 73

Total traps deployed (August 2023 – May 2024): 383

Hornets found (January 2024 – May 2024): 22 queens

Nests found: 0

Nests eradicated: 0

Total nests found & eradicated (August 2023 – May 2024):

- Nests (GDA): 5 in 2023
- Embryo Nests (GDA): 3 in 2024
- Embryo Nests (Homeowner): 1 in 2024

Updates:

Updates on Yellow-Legged Hornet Eradication Efforts

Since January 2024, 22 yellow-legged hornet queens have been discovered and eradicated. Notably, between May 1 and May 15, 2024, no new yellow-legged hornet embryo nests were found. On Tuesday, May 14, 2024, a hornet, suspected to be a worker, was captured. If confirmed, this would be the first worker captured in 2024.

How to Report Sightings and Nests

If you come across a yellow-legged hornet nest, please take a photo and report it using the online [YLH reporting form](#) or by emailing yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov. It's crucial to ensure that the queen is eliminated if you remove a nest to prevent her from establishing another nest elsewhere. If you're unsure about removing a nest, please contact the GDA for assistance.

Job Alert: Yellow-Legged Hornet Trappers Needed

Our team in Savannah is hiring part-time Yellow-Legged Hornet Trappers for seasonal positions (approximately June – December). These roles support our eradication efforts with a salary between \$15 - \$17 per hour. If you reside in Chatham, Bryan, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, or McIntosh Counties and are interested, please apply [here](#).

Helpful Resources:

Georgia Hornet Watch: Join our Facebook [group](#) dedicated to the yellow-legged hornet in Georgia. Share insights, stay updated on YLH developments, and collaborate on efforts to eradicate this invasive species!

New Identification Guide: Our friends at the North Central IPM Center have created a concise [two-page summary](#) to help Georgians identify, trap, and report sightings of the yellow-legged

hornet.

Yellow-Legged Hornet Characteristics: The yellow-legged hornet isn't entirely yellow. Only the last third of their legs is yellow, and they have a wide yellow band across their abdomen. This informative graphic details YLH characteristics.

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4 Identifying Characteristics of the Yellow-legged Hornet (YLH)

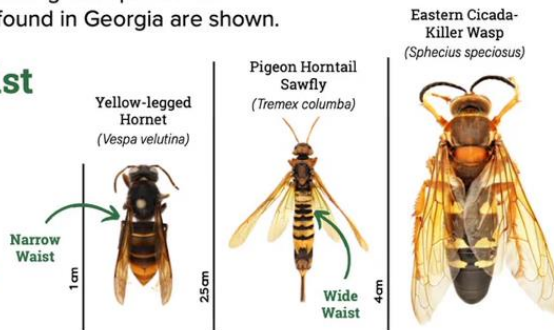


1. Size

Adults are about 2 cm long. Comparison of common look-alikes found in Georgia are shown.

2. Narrow Waist

Look for a narrow waist, more cinched than the sawfly look-alike shown.



3. Yellow legs (bottom half)

The namesake characteristic of YLH is the yellow color found on the bottom half of the insect's legs.



4. Yellow 4th abdominal segment

Look for a strong yellow stripe on the fourth abdominal segment shown here with arrow.

If you spot a YLH, report it by scanning the QR code to the right.

Information courtesy of University of Georgia Extension

SCAN TO REPORT:



DIY Trap Video Guide: Check out our step-by-step [video](#) guide to help Georgians create effective yellow-legged hornet traps using common household materials.



Yellow-legged Hornets in the News:

(5.16) [UGA Extension: The buzz around the yellow-legged hornet](#)

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>.

