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YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE • TYLER HARPER, COMMISSIONER

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Update by the Numbers:

Total traps deployed (August 2023 – April 2024): 310

New traps deployed: 86

Hornets found (January 2024 – April 2024): 21 queens

Nests found: 0

Nests eradicated: 0

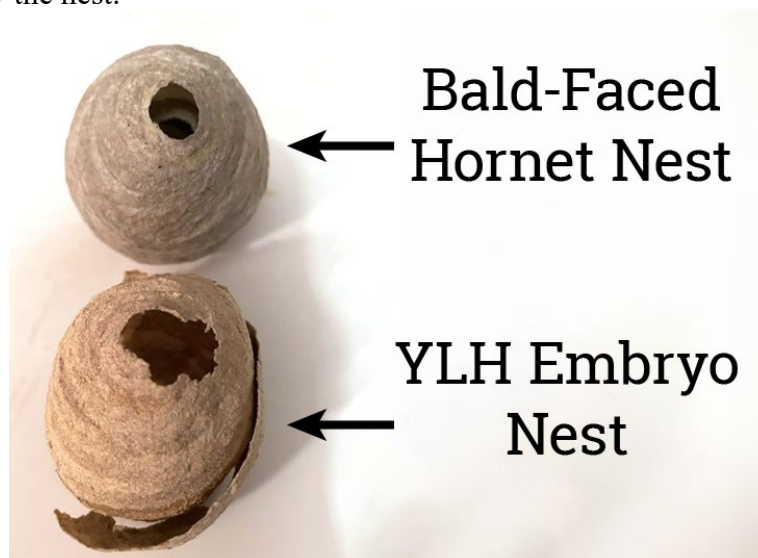
Total nests found & eradicated (August 2023 – April 2024):

- GDA: 6
- Homeowner: 1
- Total: 7

Updates:

21 yellow-legged hornet queens have been discovered and eradicated since January 2024. Between April 16 and April 30, 2024, no new embryo nests were found, however, the Department did receive several reports that turned out to be bald-faced hornet nests. We are grateful for the continued vigilance of residents in the Savannah area.

As a reminder, at this stage of the year, yellow-legged hornet embryo nests closely resemble bald-faced hornet nests in size and appearance, making them easy to confuse. We encourage Georgians to report any small nest you come across rather than attempting identification independently, particularly without the queen present. If you find a nest like the ones pictured below, we ask that you contact us via our [YLH reporting form](#) or [email](#) so that our experts can accurately identify the nest.



(Pictured: A bald-faced hornet and embryo nest comparison.)

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

Helpful Resources

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

Characteristics of the Yellow-legged Hornet infographic: While called the Yellow-Legged Hornet, their legs are not completely yellow, only the last third of the leg is yellow, they also have a wide band of yellow across their abdomen. This helpful graphic explains YLH characteristics.

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

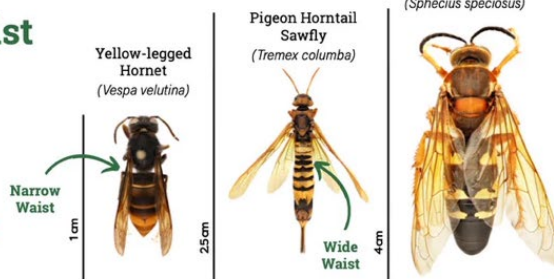


1. Size

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

Yellow leg (bottom half of leg)

SCAN TO REPORT:



[DIY Trap Video Guide](#): Dive into our step-by-step video guide to help Georgians create an effective Yellow-legged Hornet trap using common household materials.



GDA's Dedicated Yellow-legged Hornet webpage: <https://agr.georgia.gov/yellow-legged-hornet>

Yellow -legged Hornets in the News

- (4.16) [Invasive yellow-legged hornet nest spotted in the Lowcountry](#)
- (4.17) [Georgia's Most Wanted: the Yellow-Legged Hornet and how you can help](#)
- (4.17) [3 more invasive yellow-legged hornet nests found in region](#)
- (4.18) [Georgia Dept. of Agriculture needs public help to locate invasive yellow-legged hornets](#)
- (4.22) [State officials work to eradicate invasive yellow-legged hornet](#)
- (4.26) [The buzz around the yellow-legged hornet](#)

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