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Distribution in Asia









Females oviposit in bark cracks or crevices – eggs laid singly approx. 70 eggs per female

Larvae pass through 4 larval instars







Feeding completed by September or October Larvae reach 30-35 mm





Symptoms and Impact



Extensive galleries under bark disrupt translocation of water & nutrients in the tree



Adults emerge from May to August leave D-shaped exit holes





Bark above galleries may split





Foliage becomes thin, ragged & yellow Branch dieback in crown









Epicormic shoots often appear on dying trees Root sprouts can be dense





Ash trees of all species & sizes in urban & forested areas are dying in 1-4 years



Current Situation

- Tens of Millions of dead ash
- Eradication not possible
- Shifting to "slow the spread"
- SLAM (Slow Ash Mortality)
- Early detection, eradication activities on outlier infestations
- Trapping, trap tree effort in border states
- Ash preservation & utilization

EAB Quarantine Zone





Quarantine Activities





Trapping Activities



"In space nobody can hear you scream"



Family: Crabonidae *Cerceris fumipennis*



-native to N. America east of Rockies

-non-stinging

-solitary ground-nesting wasp

-provisions her nest with adult buprestids, including EAB when present

-can be used to monitor for EAB "Biosurveillance"



Asian Longhorned Beetle Anoplophora glabripennis



ALB in North America

- Native of the Far East
- Discovered in Brooklyn in 1996
- Found in Chicago in 1998
- Jersey City, NJ in October, 2002
- Toronto, Canada in 2003
- Carteret, NJ in August, 2004
- Worcester, MA in August, 2008

Host List

- Maple
- Horsechestnut
- Birch
- Willow
- Elm
- Other species

Urban Impacts

- Loss of shade trees
- Aesthetic loss
- Degradation of green space
- Emotional reactions





Economic Concerns

- Timber industry
- Maple syrup producers (~\$30 million industry)
- Tourism
 - Fall colors
 - Camp visitation
 - Park visitation



Ecological Concerns

- Widespread tree loss
- Loss of wildlife habitat
- Facilitation of other invasive species
- Riparian/watershed issues

How You Can Find ALB

Important Biological Characteristics

- Attacks multiple host trees
- Annually re-attacks host trees
- Tree vigor unimportant
- Dispersal may be limited
- Tree mortality due to re-infestation after many years (10?), or failure





Life Cycle & Damage









Recent egg site

Old egg site (2+ yrs)

Fresh egg site with sap



















Exit Holes







Survey Focus

- Egg site
 - Unusual sap flow
 - Foam
 - Chew marks
- Exit holes
 - Pencil sized
 - Round
- Adults (July September)

ALB and Forests

- Serious threat
- Many unknowns
- Could be aggressive tree killer
- Natural controls?





Massachusetts – Forest Types



New Hampshire – Forest Types



Vermont – Forest Types



New York – Forest Types



Approach to Limit Spread

- Aggressive management can keep ALB from spreading into forest ecosystems
- Restrictions on moving wood products, including firewood, are critical
- Increased survey and detection efforts outside of Worcester
- Public awareness



What Can a Community Do?

- Public outreach
- Survey
- Analyze resources
 - Tree inventories
 - Potential impact
- Consider pathways
- Increase tree diversity

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