

Calling all birders: We need your help tracking the emerald ash borer!

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Attend an upcoming workshop

DURHAM, N.H. – A workshop scheduled in March will train birders to look for emerald ash borer (EAB) infested trees. The workshop is sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension, N.H. Audubon Society, and the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Concord. Register at www.NHBugs.org; click on “Get Involved: attend a meeting or order handouts.”

Forest health officials need the help of outdoor enthusiasts, especially birders, in detecting EAB, the most destructive forest pest in North America – now present at N.H. Audubon's McLane Center and Silk Farm Wildlife Sanctuary. You can help us locate this pest by spotting the characteristic bark damage caused by woodpeckers feeding on EAB larvae.

Molly Heuss of N.H. Division of Forests & Lands and Tim Fleury of UNH Cooperative Extension will teach you what to look for and how to report potentially infested trees. They will also discuss the history and biology of EAB, the status of infestations in New Hampshire, the impacts this insect is expected to have on New Hampshire's forests and landscapes, and the steps forest health officials are taking to manage this insect. Phil Brown of N.H. Audubon will discuss the birds that feed on EAB and how to identify them, and will provide a landowner's perspective on management of this forest pest.

Find out more about emerald ash borer and other forest pests at www.NHBugs.org.