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## YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

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Since our last update, the Plant Protection Division (PPD) has remained vigilant and proactive in their efforts. They continued capturing worker hornets much later than expected, with the last one recorded on February 10, 2025. No additional hornets were captured until March 19, 2025, when they began detecting what they believe are emerging queens - 121 have been captured since then.

PPD has also received numerous reports of Yellow-Legged Hornet (YLH) nests. Four of these have been confirmed as YLH. We greatly appreciate the public's continued awareness and reporting efforts. We encourage everyone—especially those in Chatham County and surrounding areas—to report any suspected YLH sightings or nest activity by emailing us at [yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov).

Click [\[here\]](#) to read our latest press release on the four embryo nests discovered between the end of March and beginning of April.

### Recent YLH Embryo Nests Removed



Removed by Yates-Astro on Dutch Island  
April 2, 2025  
GDA removed a second nest nearby



Removed by Georgia Department of Agriculture on Wilmington Island  
April 1, 2025



Removed by homeowner on Wilmington Island  
March 31, 2025



Eradicated by Georgia Department of Agriculture  
March 27, 2025

## UPDATE BY THE NUMBERS

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New Traps Deployed (since January 1, 2025): 782

Total traps deployed (August 17, 2023 – April 16, 2025): 2,027

Hornets found (March 27, 2025 – April 16, 2025): 96

Nests found & eradicated (March 27, 2025 – April 16, 2025): 4

Total nests found & eradicated (August 2023 – April 16, 2025): 56

- January 2025 – April 16, 2025: 4 embryo nest, 0 secondary nest
- 2024: 4 embryo nests, 3 primary nests, 40 secondary nests
  - Total: 47
- 2023: 5 secondary nests

## HELPFUL RESOURCES

Yellow-legged Hornet sighting reports can be reported to [yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov) or submitted only at <https://bit.ly/3Tt2M1u>.



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

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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>.**