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YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

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Since our last update, the Plant Protection Division (PPD) has continued its vigilant monitoring and response efforts regarding Yellow-Legged Hornet (YLH) activity. Between May 15 and May 28, 2025, PPD discovered 27 hornets and found and eradicated one nest. So far, in 2025, the team has set 786 traps, bringing the total to 2,032 traps deployed across the region. PPD is currently capturing worker hornets, though numbers remain low, indicating that embryo and primary nests are likely still in place and have not yet relocated.

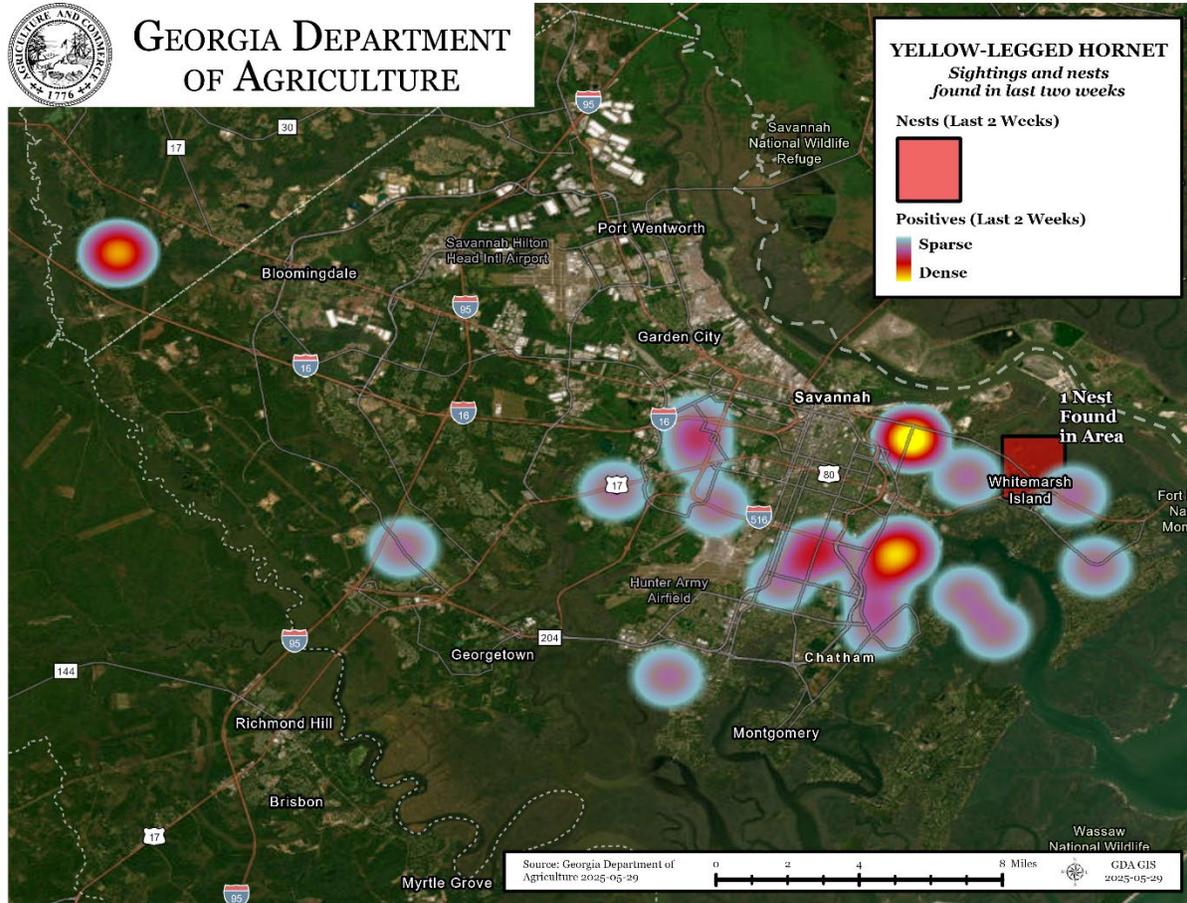


Picture 1: A YLH primary nest.



Picture 2: A Yellow-legged Hornet.

To help visualize areas of concern, we've included a new map showing general locations of YLH activity. The heatmap indicates where positive trap detections have occurred, while large red squares mark confirmed nest locations.



We continue to urge homeowners and residents, especially those in the Savannah area, which includes Chatham County, southern Effingham County, and parts of Bryan County bordering Chatham, to remain watchful for signs of YLH activity. If you observe any suspicious nests or hornets, please report them to yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov

UPDATE BY THE NUMBERS

New Traps Deployed (since January 1, 2025): 786

Total traps deployed (August 17, 2023 – May 28, 2025): 2,032

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Hornets found (May 15, 2025 – May 28, 2025): 27

Nests found & eradicated (May 15, 2025 – May 28, 2025): 1

Total nests found & eradicated (August 2023 – May 28, 2025): 58

- 2025: 4 embryo nest, 1 primary 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 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>.