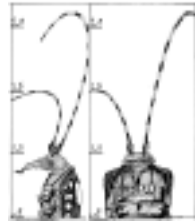


CAN YOU FIND THE LAST ASIAN LONG-HORNED BEETLE (ALB) IN CHICAGO?



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In Illinois, the Asian Longhorned Beetle Cooperative Eradication Program is comprised of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Forest Service, along with the City of Chicago and the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

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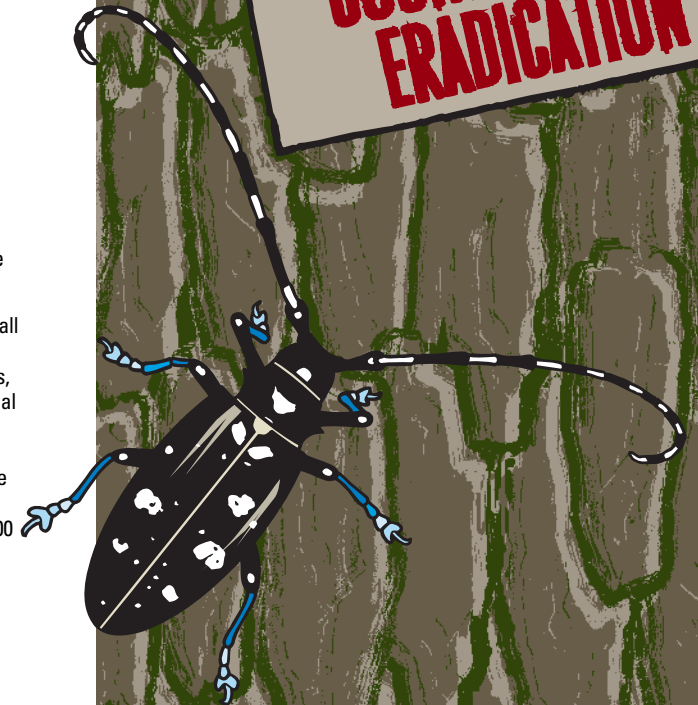


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FIND THE LAST ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE:

COUNTDOWN TO ERADICATION



YOU CAN HELP.

Partners in the Illinois Asian Longhorned Beetle Cooperative Eradication Program have deregulated former ALB quarantine areas but cannot declare Illinois officially cleared of ALB until it is assured that none of these beetles remain in Chicago.

If there is a beetle out there, you can help the ALB Program find it. During winter, look for oozing sap, sawdust-like material (called frass), and 5/8-inch, perfectly round beetle exit holes on tree trunks and branches. During spring and summer 2007, look for frass, sap flows, the round exit holes, and impressions in the bark where eggs have been laid. In summer, look for adult beetles. Searches should take place all over Chicago, not just in and around former quarantine areas.

Search and report the results to the ALB Program. Check out the back panel of this leaflet for a handy search guide and contact information.

WITH YOUR HELP, WE'LL KNOW IF CHICAGO IS READY TO BE DECLARED ALB FREE!

Since the insect discovered in the Ravenswood section of Chicago was confirmed as an invasive ALB in July 1998, Illinois has proved a model for what can be accomplished when government at all levels, along with industry, businesses, educators, advocates, and citizens, work together against an invasive pest.

We are close, but we are not there yet. The ALB will not be declared eradicated in Illinois until the ALB Cooperative Eradication Program is convinced that the chemical tree treatments, ground surveys, bucket-truck surveys, and infested-tree removals have yielded the expected outcome: Every last ALB in Chicago found—and destroyed.

In 2006, the last ALB-regulated area in Chicago was deregulated, allowing free movement of wood, nursery stock, and woody debris throughout the area. This year, ALB Program officials are busy doing final surveys throughout Chicagoland on the hardwood tree species preferred by the ALB. These surveys are intended to ensure that eradication can be declared sometime after the summer of 2007.

FIND THE LAST ALB IN CHICAGO!

→
ALB larva



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ALB pupa with frass

→
ALB near exit hole



BE A BEETLE BUSTER: SEARCH AND REPORT

The ALB is active from spring to fall and prefers hardwood trees, such as all species of maple, birch, elm, horsechestnut, poplar, willow, and ash.

THE ALB IS DISTINCTIVE:

- Large – about 1.5 inches long
- Shiny black with white spots
- Long antennae banded in black and white
- Feet with a slightly bluish-white tinge

LOOK FOR:

- Frass
- Exit holes
- Egg sites

ADULT ALBS CAN BE FOUND ANYWHERE DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER MONTHS, NOT JUST ON TREES.

LOOK ON:

- Light posts
- Park benches
- Car hoods
- Patio furniture
- Walls
- Sidewalks

Whether or not any signs of an ALB are observed, please report the search results on the Web by following the directions at <http://beetlebusters.aphis.usda.gov>. You can also call the ALB Cooperative Eradication Program and report a search at 847-298-4540 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Log onto www.aphis.usda.gov and click on the Asian longhorned beetle under "Hot Issues."