# Emerald Ash Borer Agrilus planipennis



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#### **Emerald Ash Borer**

- Small beetle that feeds on ash trees
- Native to East Asia
- 2002: First detection in U.S. (Detroit, MI)
- Has killed tens of millions of ash trees in U.S.
- Threat to:
  - Forests
  - Landscapes
  - Industry (flooring, furniture, sporting equipment, etc.)
  - Tourism

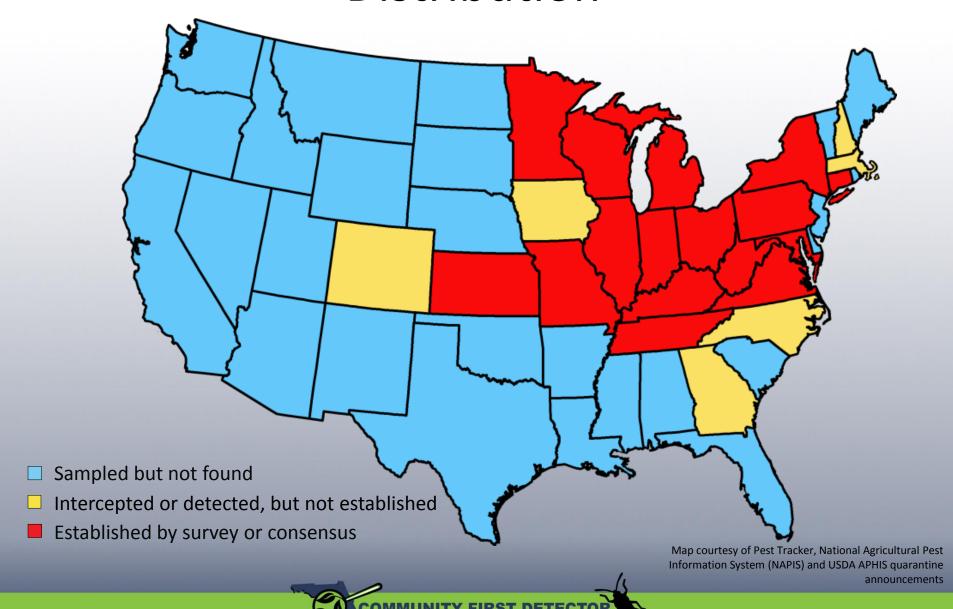


Infested ash tree

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#### Distribution

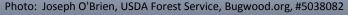


# Susceptible Plants

 Specific to ash trees (Fraxinus spp.), including:

- green ash
- black ash
- white ash
- pumpkin ash
- blue ash
- Kills stressed and healthy trees







# Identification: Eggs

Eggs laid on tree bark



Eggs are white when first laid, then turn amber





Cluster of eggs

Photos: (*Top Left*) - Debbie Miller, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org, #5449381; (*Top Right*) - Debbie Miller, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org, #5449377; (*Bottom*) - David Cappaert, Michigan State University, Bugwood.org, #9009033



#### Identification: Larvae

- White and dorsoventrally flattened
- Visible dark brown mouthparts
- 10 bell-shaped abdominal segments

Dark spines (urogomphi) on posterior tip





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# Identification: Overwintering Larvae, Prepupae, and Pupae



Overwintering "J-shaped" larvae or prepupae



Pupa in pupal chamber in white ash tree



Pupa next to pupal chamber in white ash tree



Maturation of J-shaped larvae/prepupae to adult

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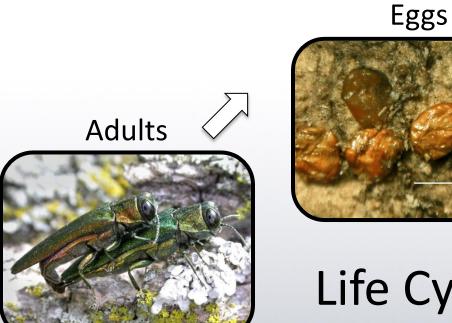


#### Identification: Adults

- Bright, metallic, coppery green color
- Dorsal surface of abdomen is iridescent red
- Serrate antennae, arise from just below the eyes



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Larva







Pupa









Overwintering Larvae/Prepupae

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## Damage

Bark splitting



Crown dieback



**Epicormic shoots** 



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## Damage

Woodpecker damage

D-shaped exit holes

Larval galleries







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# Monitoring and Management

#### Prevention is critical!

- Monitoring:
   Detection of infestation symptoms; use of panel traps
- Cultural control:
   Regulation of movement of ash wood materials;
   removal of infested trees

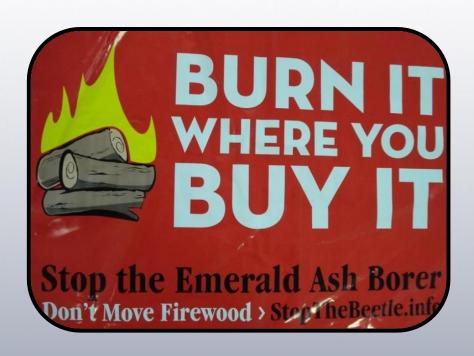


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- Chemical control:
   Use of trunk injections, soil drenches, protective cover sprays being explored
- Biological control:
   Three parasitoid
   species approved for release in U.S.



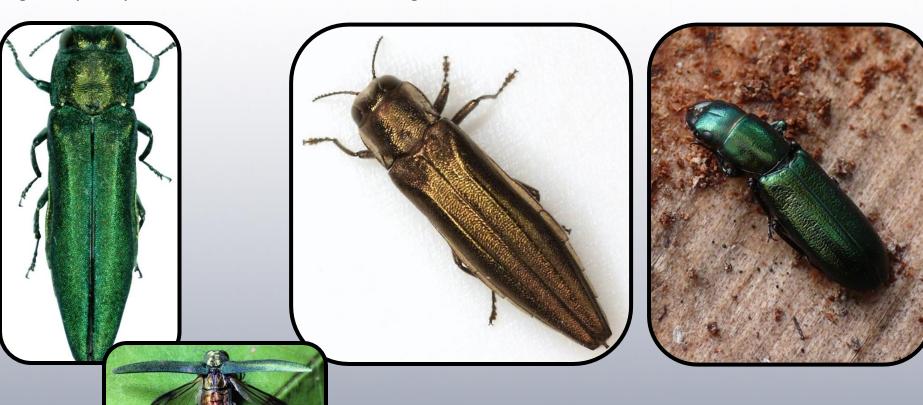
Trunk injection

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# **Look-alike Species**

Agrilus planipennis Agrilus macer Temnoscheila virescens

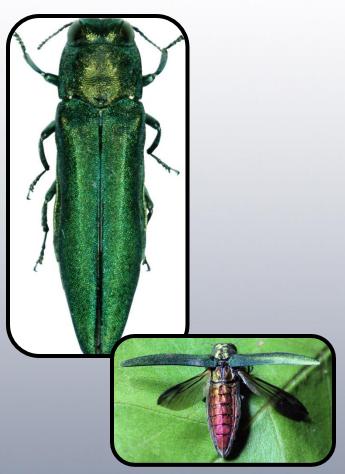


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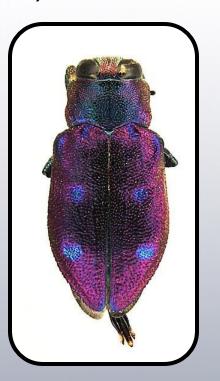
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Buprestis decora



Chrysobothris azurea



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