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## YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

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Issue Date Range: Dec. 2, 2023 – Dec. 15, 2023

### Update by the Numbers:

Total traps deployed (Aug. – Dec. 2023): 170

New traps deployed or removed: 0

Traps checked: 170

Hornets found: 3

Total nests found & eradicated (Aug – Dec. 2023): 5

Nests found: 0

Nests eradicated: 0

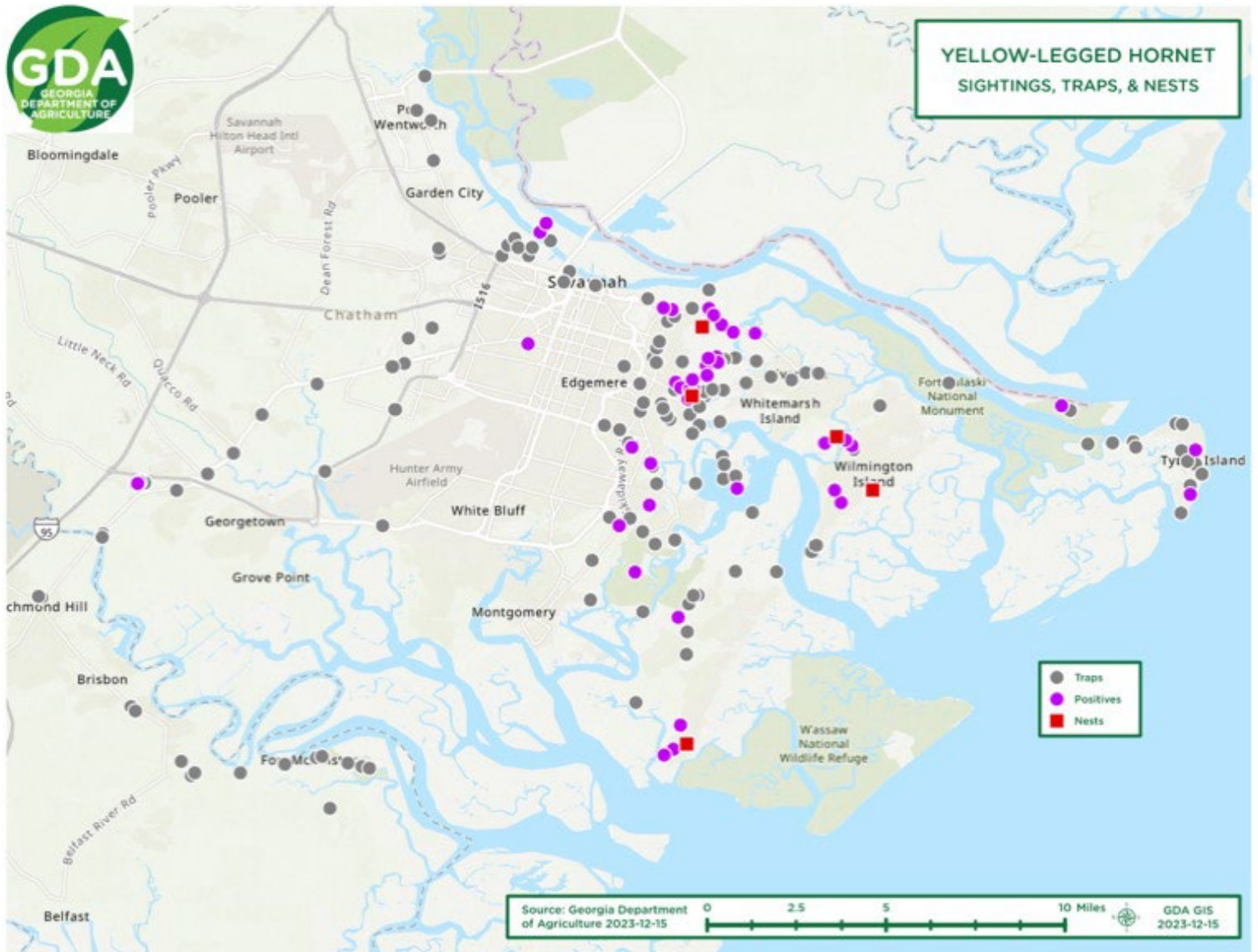
### Reminders/Updates:

As temperatures drop, hornet activity naturally decreases. While we've spotted three hornets since the last issue, they haven't been worker hornets, which is crucial for uncovering additional nests. Through research, we know that all hive members die off over winter except for future queens. We expect this will be the same in Georgia. As a result, this will be our last issue until Spring 2024.

Our Plant Protection Division plans to utilize this period for in-depth research on the yellow-legged hornets. We aim to understand their behavior in Georgia, considering the significant temperature variations compared to their habitat

in Europe, where the YLH has also been observed. We'll maintain regular checks on the traps, and any new developments will be promptly shared.

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We wish you happy holidays and a New Year filled with good health and happiness.

**IF YOU SEE A YELLOW-LEGGED HORNET,**

Take a photo and report it by scanning the code to the right or visiting [agr.georgia.gov/yellow-legged-hornet](http://agr.georgia.gov/yellow-legged-hornet)

