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YELLOW-LEGGED LEDGER

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Update by the Numbers:

As a reminder, you can view our eradication map, [here](#).

New Traps Deployed (Since January 2026): 1,345

Total traps deployed (September 17, 2023 – October 7, 2026): 68

Hornets found (September 17, 2026 – October 7, 2026): 991

Nests found & eradicated (September 17, 2026 - October 7, 2026): 21

Total nests found & eradicated (August 2023 – October 7, 2026): 242

- 2026: 33 embryo nests found | 19 primary nest | 75 secondary nests
- 2025: 4 embryo nests | 5 primary nests | 54 secondary nests
- 2024: 4 embryo nests | 3 primary nests | 40 secondary nests
- 2023: 5 secondary nests



Yellow-legged Hornet nest being eradicated on September 17, 2026. The nest is lit in red light to avoid agitating the hornets. (Photo by GDA)



Yellow-legged Hornet nest inspection in preparation for eradication on September 17, 2026, in Savannah, GA. (Photo by GDA)



Yellow-legged Hornet nest eradicated on September 17, 2026, in Savannah, GA. (Photo by GDA)

Yellow-Legged Hornet (YLH) Eradication Update:

With warm temperatures extending the season, our team continues to encounter Yellow-Legged Hornet (YLH) activity and has eradicated more than 70 secondary nests so far this year. While the increasing number of nests discovered may seem concerning,

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it is an encouraging sign of progress in our containment efforts. Each nest eliminated means fewer active colonies entering the 2027 season. By destroying nests and eliminating the queens responsible for producing future generations, our team is taking a critical step toward slowing the spread of this invasive species and protecting Georgia's pollinators.

How You Can Help:

Public vigilance remains our strongest tool. If you suspect you have spotted a Yellow-Legged Hornet or found a nest, please report the sighting immediately to the Georgia Department of Agriculture at yellow.legged.hornet@agr.georgia.gov or through the GDA's online reporting [page](#).

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>